

MINUTES OF THE ABBOTSFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 19, 2009 - Clearbrook Library

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Chris Longley, Acting President, chaired the meeting and thanked everyone for coming out. 30 members present including two new members, the Strongs. Quorum established.
2. **MINUTES** of the AGM Meeting January 15, 2008 were reviewed. **John Herl moved/Judy Phelps seconded the adoption of these minutes.** Carried.
3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Margaret Finniss presented the following financial reports:
 - Financial Report For The Year Ending December 2008: Purchases of computer software, website maintenance, and the provision of \$1,000 toward the library sound system contributed to the low balance of \$424.49 as at December 31, 2008. **Margaret moved/Pat Confrey seconded the Financial Report be adopted.** No discussion. Carried.
 - Proposed Budget 2009: Questions were answered. **Margaret moved/Nora Field seconded the 2009 Budget be accepted as presented.** Carried.
5. **REPORTS FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**
 - ◇ **PAST PRESIDENT REPORT:** Chris Longley reviewed her report from the annual docket. Daytime genealogy classes were begun with Chris and Lorene Lyle presenting topics; she thanked Lorene for her assistance. When Gary Prowse, president, resigned due to ill health, Chris and Lois Martin , 1st Vice President, took over to chair the executive and general meetings. Chris thanked Donna Bohnet for phoning all of the members as part of the Nominating Committee. Chris encouraged everyone to become involved in AGS activities.
 - ◇ **1st VICE PRESIDENT:** Lois Martin thanked the Executive and the membership for their contributions during the year and shared the 2008 highlights in which she was involved. Lois will continue to coordinate the Dave Obee seminar to be held in May.
 - ◇ **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Judy Phelps added that the recent changes to the AGS Constitution have been accepted by the Registrar of Companies in Victoria and our recent amendment is registered.
 - ◇ **CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY:** Fay Hicks continues to email websites to the members and to pick up and distribute the mail. If you do not receive Fay's emails, this means you are not on the email distribution list; please contact Fay. Margaret Strocel will be taking over the library scheduling. Fay encouraged the members to lock into a convenient calendar day; this makes scheduling much easier.
 - ◇ **TECHNICAL SERVICES:** Roy informed the members that the library now has access to ancestry.com throughout the FVRL system from White Rock to Boston Bar; the AGS gratefully acknowledges the FVRL for this level of free access to Ancestry. Presently, the computers in the AGS library are not time limited and hopefully there will be no conflicts due to increased usage of the computers. Also, thanks go out to the Clearbrook Library for installing the new sound system. The proposed new library expansion will bring significant improvements to our AGS library space.
 - ◇ **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Donna Bohnet reported that membership at the beginning of 2008 was 71 and at the end of 2008, is 110 paid up members. New member packets are being improved and she has phoned or emailed all previous members to encourage them to renew their membership. Jim Muirhead is now assisting at the membership table.

- ◇ LIBRARY REPORT: Pat thanked the membership for the bereavement card she received. The CD donations from Ron Taylor and other member donations are being processed. Pat noted the Will Books Index is complete and Roy has put the database on the website. Requests to purchase copies of wills continues to be a source of revenue for the Society. If new members wish to have an AGS library orientation, the librarians are available on Wednesday nights.
 - ◇ CEMETERY COMMITTEE: In 2008, transcription of all the cemeteries was completed and updating begins again in the spring. Eileen Kaufenberg thanked all the members on the Cemetery Committee and encouraged everyone to lend a hand when the weather gets better.
 - ◇ PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2008: Chris Longley reviewed the 2008 Program Schedule.
 - ◇ ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: Just under \$400 was made through the sale of entertainment books. Chris Longley encouraged the members to support their Society by purchasing a book and by taking over as coordinator in 2009.
 - ◇ COMMUNITY EVENTS: Lorene thanked all those who had helped her over the past year and reviewed the 2008 community events. See Lorene's annual report (pages 16, 17, 18) for complete details.
6. **EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOGNITION:** Chris Longley presented certificates of appreciation to the following Executive and Committee members who served in 2008:

1st Vice President - Lois Martin
 Treasurer - Margaret Finniss
 Recording Secretary - Judy Phelps
 Correspondence Secretary - Fay Hicks
 Technical Services - Roy Kelly
 Membership - Donna Bohnet, Lisa Charuk, Ann Corner
 Program Coordination - Christine Lamb
 Librarians - Christine Lamb, Pat Confrey
 Newsletter - Nancy Weber, Judy Phelps, Christine Lamb, Pat Confrey
 Cemetery Coordinator - Eileen Kaufenberg
 PR & Community Events Coordinator - Lorene Lyle, Cheryl Tarbet
 Entertainment Book Sales - Hal Brown
 Library Duty Coordinator - Bonnie Joerger
 Greeter - Trudy Ross

Lois Martin thanked Chris Longley for filling in as President for 2008 and the members gave her a round of applause.

- 7. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Donna Bohnet reported the Nominating Committee had a very difficult time filling vacant positions. Only Fay Hicks and Roy Kelly agreed to let their names stand for office.
- 8. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Margaret Finniss moved/Pat Confrey seconded the motion to elect sole nominees by acclamation.** Carried.

EXECUTIVE: Immediate Past President - Nil
 2009 President - Chris Longley
 1st Vice President - Nora Field
 2nd Vice President - Judy Phelps, Donna Bohnet
 Treasurer - Barb Urquhart
 Recording Secretary - Lois Martin
 Correspondence Secretary - Fay Hicks
 Technical Services - Roy Kelly

<u>COMMITTEES:</u>	Librarians	- Christine Lamb, Pat Confrey
2009	Library Duty Coordinator	- Margaret Strocel
	Community Events	- Cheryl Tarbet, Gail Scollen
	Membership Committee	- Donna Bohnet, Lisa Charuk, Jim Muirhead
	Newsletter Committee	- Christine Lamb, Pat Confrey, Judy Phelps
	Cemetery Committee	- Eileen Kaufenberg, Joanne Jones, Alyss Clark, Judy Phelps, Shannon Reidlinger, Yvonne Miller, Marlene Gray
	Telephone Person	- Donna Bohnet
	Welcome/Greeters	- Trudy Ross, Hal Brown
	Surname List	- Lynn Dick
	Coffee Maker	- Vacant
	Dave Obee Seminar (May)	- Lois Martin

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

AGS Program Schedule 2009: Chris Longley announced the program schedule for the coming months:

February 17	- Family Tree Maker - Lorene Lyle
March 17	- United Empire Loyalists (from Chilliwack)
April 21	- DNA - Laurie Cook, Cloverdale Library
May 19	- Round Table & Show & Tell
June 16	- To Be Determined

Ongoing Education Classes: Beginner genealogy classes start again on February 17th at the Carriage Lane clubhouse. \$10 charge for non-members. Contact Fay Hicks or Chris Longley to express your interest or for further information.

Community Events: Everyone is welcome to these forthcoming community events:

- ◇ January 27 - The Reach Dialogues with Max Wyman; 7 pm at Matsqui Auditorium.
- ◇ February 14 - Literacy Fair at the Clearbrook Library.
- ◇ March 24 - "Women Write" at the Reach.
- ◇ March 7 - Megan Smolenyak seminar co-sponsored by the BCGS and the Cloverdale Library at the Surrey Arts Centre (one block east of King George Highway in Bear Creek Park). Register by February 1st; further details are on the BCGS website. A carpool is being organized.
- ◇ May 2 - Dave Obee Seminar - Watch the AGS website for registration details and seminar topics.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Staples Reward Program:** All members are asked to either give the till tapes for their Staples purchases to the Treasurer or email the numbers on the bar code at the bottom of the tape to the Treasurer. Reward points are earned which helps the Society offset printing costs.
- **Signing Authorities** for cheques: Passed to Executive Committee.
- **New Printer:** Roy has purchased a Brother laser printer for the AGS library which he will be setting up soon.

ANCESTOR DRAW: Won by BARB URQUHART

50/50 DRAW: \$15.50 won by BARB URQUHART

Adjournment of Annual Meeting and Elections: 8:13 PM

Judy Phelps

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 - Family Tree Maker, Lorene Lyle