

Minutes of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association
2020 Annual General Meeting
 EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road, Esquimalt, BC and via Zoom
 Monday November 16, 2020

1. Call to Order at 7 pm

Gary Moser, Moderator

Gary welcomed both the “masked” members in the theatre, and the members who were attending the meeting via Zoom. He acknowledged what a different year this had been due to the COVID virus. He thanked the Alumni Executive for their efforts and he declared that there was a quorum present.

2. Introduction of 2020 Scholarship Winners

Lorna Reid

Alumni Association Scholarships were presented to three 2020 Esquimalt graduates who made a positive impact on the school community while demonstrating commitment to their studies. This year’s winners of \$1000 each were Sheyda Shams, Megan van Campden and Nathaniel Hope Tucker.

Lorna did a virtual presentation and read the citations as prepared by Dana Bjornsen, Scholarship Advisor at EHS.

Sheyda Shams is currently enrolled at the University of Waterloo in the faculty of Engineering. This very talented grad has a passion for music which includes being an accomplished pianist and vocalist in classical voice, choral and musical theatre. She managed straight A’s and volunteered with younger students in a variety of ways.

Megan van Campden is currently enrolled at Concordia University in the faculty of Urban Studies. This future urban planner was an honour roll student who was involved in the school community through leadership, clubs and coaching.

Nathaniel Hope Tucker is currently enrolled at the University of Ottawa, studying Environmental Economics. His long-term goal is to enter law school or complete an MBA, but his dream is to make a global difference, especially for climate change. He maintained straight A’s at the same time as putting many hours into volunteering and participating in extra-curricular activities.

Citations are attached to the minutes.

3. Welcome from School

Tina Pierik, Principal

Tina opened by recognizing the Songhees and Esquimalt territories. She reported that the school is doing well, but that things are very different at EHS this year. She thanked the alumni for their financial backing of last year’s grad parade (Grad 2020). The donation was used to provide gift bags containing gift cards for local Esquimalt businesses for each grad, thus supporting the grads and local businesses. She described the school community as being vibrant and diverse as the students attend classes on a quarter system. Tina reported that the students were adapting well to the changes such as: wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and eating lunches in classrooms, all while remaining in their assigned cohorts.

4. Approval of Agenda

Gary Moser

Gary Moser moved that the agenda be approved. Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes from 2019 AGM

Marilyn McCrimmon

Marilyn McCrimmon moved that the 2019 AGM minutes be approved as posted. Seconded by Dave Allen. Carried.

6. President's Report

Barry Scott

Barry Scott presented the President's Report. A copy is attached to the minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Ryan Richard

Ryan Richard presented the treasurer's report, which included a 2019/20 Financial Statement and Review of Books, a proposed budget for 2020/21, and a Scholarship Fund update.

Each page was projected onto a screen for the live and Zoom audiences to follow. Ryan invited questions about each report, but there were none.

Ryan presented a list of five proposed motions, and moved that they all be passed. Barry Scott seconded the motion. Carried.

A copy of each of the reports as well as the five proposed motions are attached to the minutes.

8. Director Reports

a. Membership

Ryan Richard

Ryan reported the current status of membership records: 1175 names on file, 502 active memberships, 130 paid members with no current address, 419 who have not paid and 124 deceased.

Applications are available online and applicants can E-transfer their dues.

b. Heritage and Distinguished EHS Alumni

Dave Allen

Dave reported that the process for both the Heritage and the Distinguished EHS Alumni programs are moving slowly due to COVID, but he hopes both will get underway in the spring of 2021.

Dave has collected information from other schools re their distinguished alumni programs.

He also mentioned that alumni members are invited to donate any memorabilia to the Heritage Committee for the EHS Archives.

9. Elections of Officers

Robert Laidler

Three directors agreed to let their names stand for another two years. One director agreed to let his name stand for a new position. The following names and new positions were put forward:

George Copley for Director for two years

Robert Laidler for Director of Reunions for two years

Marilyn McCrimmon for Secretary for two years

Lorna Reid for Director of Scholarships for two years

Robert called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, he declared these nominees to be elected by acclamation. The position of Director is still vacant.

Gary Moser acknowledged Trish Best, who has stepped down from the Alumni Executive and her role as Director of Scholarships due to health concerns. He thanked her for her service to the Alumni and the EHS community.

12. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Gary Moser

Gary closed the meeting at 7:35 pm, after thanking people for attending – live and via Zoom - and he stated that he hopes that more alumni members attend next year's AGM via Zoom. He prepared to open the next meeting, that of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Foundation.

The 2021 AGM will be held on November 15, 2021.