

EHS Alumni Foundation

January 17, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Attendees:	Dave Allen	President
	Ryan Richard	Treasurer
	George Copley	Secretary
	Tina Pierik	EHS Principal
	Barry Scott	Director
	Robert Laidler	Director
	Brenda O'Conner	Director

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order Dave

Dave called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

2. Minutes of October 18, 2021 meeting George

The Minutes of the October 18, 2021 Directors meeting circulated prior to the meeting on January 17, 2022 were tabled.

Moved by George Copley that the Minutes be accepted as circulated

Seconded by Robert Laidler.

Carried

3. Treasurer's Report Ryan/Dave

- **Foundation Account– update**

The Foundation bank account as of today had a balance of \$2,509.46. The ledger balance is \$2,469.46 with \$40.00 to be paid out for filing the Annual Report in the Society Registry.

Moved by Ryan acceptance of the Treasurers Report.

Seconded by Barry Scott.

Carried

- **Donation Request 2022 (include in Spring Newsletter)**

As reported in the 2021 Spring Newsletter the Foundation's fund- raising activities were severely curtailed in 2020/2021 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The main source of revenue prior to the restart of Ribfest this September has been donations to support the Scholarship Fund. the Turf Account and general School Activities. Alumni Association members have generously donated over the last year and provided over \$4500 in support of these purposes.

- **E-transfer Process**

Ryan has set up an e-transfer email account for the Foundation to receive funds from members for events, donations to the school and any other fund-raising activities. The email account is ehsalumnifoundation.payments@gmail.com. The payer or donor simply has to set up an e-transfer account with their bank using this email address in order to send funds which go directly into the Foundation's bank account.

Donations to the school have to be handled differently from other funds received by the Foundation through this email account. The donation has to be transferred to the Greater Victoria School Board since they are funds held on trust for the benefit of the students at EHS. For each donation the Foundation Treasurer will pay to the Board the amount of the donation along with the instructions (for example, Scholarship Fund, Turf Account, other school activities, etc.), if any, provided by the donor as to how the funds are to be used. If there are no explicit instructions it should be made clear that the donation is given for the purpose of advancement of education and that it is for the benefit of the students of EHS. This can usually be inferred from a suitably worded Foundation donation form. The Treasurer will provide the Board with the appropriate paperwork so that the Board can issue to the donor the appropriate tax receipt for the amount donated

4. Turf Field Info Dave

- **Donation 2021**

Ribfest was very successful this year taking in \$60,000 at the gate, which was \$10,000 over what was expected, and about \$25,000 from the five participating food trucks. A cheque from the Ribfest organizers for \$40,000 went to the Turf Account this year.

- **Total in Account-** With this year's donation from Ribfest the Turf Account has a balance of around \$314,000 which is mostly Ribfest contributions from previous years and this year along with some individual donations,

- **Meeting Esquimalt Parks and Recreation-** We have met with municipal representatives from Esquimalt Parks and Recreation to reaffirm their support for establishment of a Turf Field at Esquimalt High School. Along with the local First Nations they are looking forward to the prospect of the First Nations hosting the Indigenous Games in 2026 here in Esquimalt which will likely need to use Bullen Park as well as the Turf Field at the school.

- **Next Steps-** We will be meeting with the School Board facilities people who will be involved on behalf of the Board as the Turf Field initiative moves forward. With more funds in hand now there is a better prospect of being successful in attracting grant funding to support the initiative moving forward. We also hope to gain useful information on funding and next steps from the experience of Sooke in funding and installing a Turf Field recently at Edward Milne School. We will also be talking with prospective users of the Turf Field to see who might be willing to advance a funding contribution to guarantee access to use the Turf Field for a number of years.

5. Fundraising 2022

A request for donations should be put in the upcoming Spring newsletter.

6. Adjournment at 8:25 PM

7. Next Meeting - April 18, 2022

