

**Minutes of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association
2021 Annual General Meeting
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

Mon. Nov. 15, 2021

1. Call to Order at 7 pm

Gary Moser, Moderator

Attending members were invited into the Zoom meeting via a link established by Tina Pierik. Gary welcomed all those in attendance. He noted that due to power outages, both Barry Scott and Dave Allen were not able to attend.

2. Welcome from School

Tina Pierik, Principal

Tina opened by acknowledging the Songhees and Esquimalt territories where EHS sits, but noted that she was actually Zooming from her home. She thanked the Alumni Association on behalf of the school, and commended the wide range of support from the community of Esquimalt. Tina also welcomed the three scholarship winners.

3. Introduction of 2021 Scholarship Winners

Lorna Reid/Dana Bjornsen

Alumni Association Scholarships were virtually presented to three 2021 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: Lassah Johnson, Sarina Brooks and Olivia Woods.

Dana Bjornsen, Scholarship Advisor at EHS (and EHS grad), presented the lists of accomplishments for each of the three students, all of whom were in attendance via Zoom. Dana read one letter of recommendation after each student's citation, and she also invited each of the three winners to say a few words.

Lassah Johnson is currently enrolled at the UVic Gustavson School of Business. Lassah was a member of the SD 61 Superintendent's Advisory Council, Youth Eliminating Stigma, Student Leadership, Esquimalt Youth for Change and Inclusion, Rotary Youth Club (Interact), ESCAPE (environmental/peace club) and she was a volunteer at the AMICA seniors' home. She maintained honour roll grades, won top leadership awards in grades 9 to 12, and found time to play soccer and hold down a part-time job.

Sarina Brooks is currently enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at Camosun College. Sarina's leadership was on display through her sports involvement. Basketball and rugby are her chosen sports. She won an Excellence Award in Athletics for grades 9, 10 and 11. She plays rugby on the UBC Youth team, Celtic Barbarians and Tide Rugby. Sarina graduated with a dual Dogwood (English and French Immersion) and is in fact, trilingual. She was an invaluable volunteer at the sports tournaments and was also a Superkid Camp volunteer.

Olivia Woods is currently enrolled in Applied Psychology at Bishops University. Olivia is the founding president of Youth Eliminating Stigma, and a member of Esquimalt Youth for Change and Inclusion, and the Rotary Youth Club (Interact). She has volunteered for RibFest for 7 years, and has been a member of ADDA (Ancient Order of Doers Anonymous) for 8 years. Olivia also volunteers at the AMICA seniors' home. She is a French Immersion student who consistently maintained a position on the Honour Roll, and won top Leadership Awards in grades 9 through 12. She also won a citation certificate for the LORAN award, a highly competitive and prestigious national scholarship.

Dana concluded by thanking the Alumni for the support and the fund-raising. Gary thanked Dana for her efforts and commended the three winners on behalf of the Alumni Association.

4. Approval of Agenda

Gary Moser

Gary Moser acknowledged that in the absence of any contrary information, that the agenda was approved. He noted that we had a quorum and could proceed with the AGM.

5. Approval of Minutes from 2020 AGM

Marilyn McCrimmon

Marilyn McCrimmon moved that the 2020 AGM minutes be approved as posted. Seconded by Robert Laidler. Carried.

6. President's Report

Barry Scott

Barry Scott was unable to attend the Zoom meeting due to a power outage at his home. Gary noted that Barry would email his President's Report and that Marilyn would attach it to the minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Ryan Richard

Ryan Richard presented the treasurer's report, which included a letter from Kristin Morrison confirming that the financial records were in good order, a 2020/21 Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Operations, Scholarship Account Statement, and a Proposed Budget for the 2021/22 Fiscal Year.

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. George Copley seconded the motion. Carried.

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

8. Director Reports

Membership

Ryan Richard

Ryan reported that membership numbers are down, likely due to the absence of any reunions over the past year. He expressed his hope that we can get some reunions organized this coming year, and push memberships at those events. He reminded us that the membership fee is only \$10 for a lifetime.

9. Elections of Officers

Marilyn McCrimmon

Four directors agreed to let their names stand for another two years:

Barry Scott for President, Ryan Richard for Treasurer, Dave Allen for Director of Heritage and Brenda O'Connor for Director.

One director agreed to let his name stand for a new position:

Robert Laidler for Vice-President (he will also continue as Director of Reunions).

Marilyn called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared these nominees to be elected by acclamation.

Marilyn called for nominations from the floor for the two vacant Director-at-Large positions, but there were no nominations.

Marilyn acknowledged Gary Moser who has stepped down from the Alumni Executive and his role as Vice-President. She thanked Gary for his service to the Alumni Association and the community, and wished him well in his future activities.

Gary thanked the Alumni Association and reminded the membership that he would still be available to volunteer with Alumni activities.

10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Gary Moser

Gary closed the meeting at 7:45 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

He prepared to open the next meeting, that of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Foundation.

The 2022 AGM will be held on November 21, 2022.