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Minutes of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association 2023 AGM Monday Nov. 20, 2023 – 7:00 pm EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

Robert Laidler, Moderator

Robert Laidler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Welcome from the school

Chris Koutougos, Vice-Principal

Vice-principal Chris Koutougos welcomed the members of the EHS Alumni Association on behalf of Principal Sarah Garr, who was unable to attend due to a family illness. Chris thanked the EHS Alumni Association executive for their work on behalf of the school.

3. Introduction of 2022 Scholarship winners

Brenda O'Connor

Brenda O'Connor presented scholarships to the three 2023 grads who each won a \$1000 EHS Alumni Scholarship. The three winners will receive their scholarships once they have enrolled in their chosen post-secondary program.

The first winner, **Luca Costi**, plans to pursue a Bachelor of Philosophy with a minor in social work at either UBC or UVic. He has been accepted at both institutions. He was a member of both the Challenge and French Immersion programs, and along with making the honour roll every year, Luca won the Keith Cooper Major Service Award a year ago. He loves to train and perform circus arts, and he organized a school Circus Club to share his passion. Luca has also volunteered with Gender Generations Project, and is an active board member and youth leader. Luca's parents accepted on his behalf.

The second winner, **Sydney Jackson**, enjoys all aspects of Fine Arts, and she hopes to take a gap year before she attends film school. Her interest in film began at a very young age when she made a YouTube video. She wrote and directed her own play a year ago, and was proud of the standing ovation it received. She plans to build her artistic portfolio during her gap year. Sydney was present to collect her scholarship

The third winner, **Sophie LeRoy**, plans to study psychology at UVic. She has maintained a high GPA throughout high school, but is most proud of her involvement in various community fund-raising initiatives such as Cycle for Change. She has helped to raise support and awareness for girls' education in Guatemala. Sophie was present to collect her scholarship.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Robert Laidler

Cathy Wong moved that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Brenda O'Connor. Carried.

5. Approval of Minutes from 2022 AGM

Marilyn McCrimmon

Marilyn McCrimmon moved that the 2022 AGM minutes be approved as posted on the EHS Alumni website. Seconded by Cathy Wong. Carried.

6. President's Report

Cathy Wong for Barry Scott

Cathy Wong presented the President's Report on behalf of Barry Scott, who was unable to attend the meeting. The President's Report is included with the minutes.

7. Treasurer's Report

Ryan Richard

Ryan Richard presented the 2022/2023 Financial Statement and Review of Books. He also presented the 2023/2024 Budget, Signing Officers and Person to do Review, and he also reported on the Scholarship Fund. The full Treasurer's Report is in a separate attachment, included with the minutes. Ryan moved the following five motions:

Motion #1

Move that the October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 *Financial Statements* be received and recorded in the minutes.

Motion #2

Move that the *Financial Review* report by Gary Moser be accepted.

Motion #3

Move that the *Proposed Budget* for 2023/2024 be approved.

Motion #4

Move that the Association appoint Gary Moser to perform the financial review for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Motion #5

Move that the Association approve the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer as signing officers of the Association and the Association continue to use *Coast Capital Savings* for banking.

Motions were seconded by Robert Laidler. Motions were all carried.

8. Director's Reports**Ryan Richard**

Currently we have over 500 active members on file with dues paid. When we receive word of a reunion or get together for class years we email off a copy of our membership form to the organizer.

Currently with emailing out our newsletters we do have a lot of emails that are being returned, not able to be sent as many members have possibly passed away or have changed their email addresses. We have been reaching out to those members for the updated information.

We are hopeful to get more members from classes from the 70's, 80's, 90's and the 2000's.

9. Elections of Officers**Marilyn McCrimmon**

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

1. Barry Scott (President)
2. Ryan Richard (Treasurer)
3. Dave Allen (Director of Heritage)
4. Brenda O'Connor (Director of Scholarships)
5. Cathy Wong (Director at Large)

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

Marilyn invited nominations for the two Director-at-Large positions that are currently open. There were no nominations.

10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment**Robert Laidler**

Robert asked for a motion to adjourn. Brenda O'Connor moved adjournment of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next AGM is November 18, 2024.

NB: The EHS Alumni Foundation AGM followed this meeting.

President's Report- EHS Alumni AGM

Delivered by Cathy Wong

Good evening and welcome to our AGM.

At the outset I am pleased to advise the Alumni group continues to maintain a close and strong relationship with the school.

We fully support their goals of HEALTH, WELLNESS, CONNECTION, BELONGING and MEANINGFUL LEARNING opportunities. School principal Sarah Garr attends all our meetings to keep us up to date on all important student activities, including requests for financial assistance when required.

Once again and in keeping with our respect for all military personnel who served throughout past global conflicts

and wars, I had the pleasure on behalf of the school to lay a wreath in their memory at the Esquimalt Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

The highlight of the year was our group's very successful participation in RibFest. Under the very capable direction of Dave Allen, volunteers from our group, EHS leadership class, Rainbow Kitchen and others worked out of a large tent selling langos, water, pop, and clothing over a very busy 3 day opening.

A new computer program developed by our staff was introduced to better manage and reconcile all transactions processed and allow clients to utilize debit/credit cards for any purchases.

Alumni staff continue to publish two wonderful newsletters annually in the Spring and Fall. Interesting articles feature distinguished graduates/citizens, local programs of interest and special student/school activities. The newsletters can be viewed on our website at: <https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/alumni/> and are worth a read.

One of our main goals this year is to undertake a program to reorganize the operation of the school archives. Currently, Alumni staff have been cataloging all items including yearbooks, pictures and recorded historical student events etc. Once this task is completed the plan is to seek volunteer(s) to manage the ongoing operations of this facility.

With revenue generated from operations, our Alumni is again able to award 3 - \$1000.00 education scholarships to deserving students selected by the school.

Over the past 2 years we have lost the services of two very experienced and valued directors to retirement leaving our group short staffed. We have an immediate need to fill these positions so that our Association can continue to offer quality support to our school and students. Please consider your involvement with our Alumni group. We meet 4 times a year with further assistance requested for special projects.

In closing, I want to thank and express my gratitude to each one of our directors for their commitment and valuable service to the Alumni Association.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the program.

Barry Scott
EHS Alumni President