

**Present** Helen Edwards, Roger Skillings, Ed Kozicki, Ian McKinnon, Tara Laughlin, Linda Baker, Paul Curtis, Don Kissinger, Fern Johnson. Regrets: Nita Loudon

**Call to Order:** 5:10 PM. Roger Skillings chairing.

**Territorial Acknowledgement:** The Vic High Alumni recognizes and acknowledges the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories we live, we learn, and we do our work.

**Opening Remarks:** Outgoing Chair Roger Skillings highlighted all the hard work done by volunteers over the past few years – legal issues, ongoing consultation with various groups on several projects, and more. Roger thanked outgoing board members and welcomed new directors Paul Curtis and Tara Laughlin.

**Minutes**

Moved and Seconded to adopt minutes of the June 8, 2022 Board meeting. Carried.

Moved and Seconded to adopt minutes of the June 20, 2022 Board meeting. Carried.

Draft minutes of the June 28, 2022 AGM will be posted on the website with additional post-adjournment comments and corrections as discussed.

**Seismic Update – Ian**

SD 61 has called a meeting of funding stakeholders for July 5, including City of Victoria, Bays United FC, James Bay Athletic Association, and the Alumni. All-in cost of field/stadium changes is projected to be in excess of \$6 million. The province does not fund track/field areas of schools, that’s up to the community. There is an estimated shortfall of \$750k to get the track/field/stadium area to ‘lit’ status, which would be required for Bays United to make their donation. Lighting infrastructure is included in the projected cost. It’s hoped this will be the final meeting, and details about this area will be made clear.

Ian will prepare a chronology of the Alumni’s actions regarding the track/field/stadium area. Our involvement started formally in 2003, with an Options Report prepared by Ian. There are issues still to be resolved, particularly who will manage/co-ordinate bookings by various users. SD 61 has made it clear they will not be adding a full-time staff person to manage this.

Once the chronology is prepared, Linda will draft content for the website, which will make it clear what work we’ve done, and that at no time were any commitments or promises made to the Alumni regarding this area. Draft content will be reviewed by Directors, and posted on the website with link from the following newsletter once it’s finalized.

**Elections:** Elected or volunteered to fill Board officer positions:

Chair: Helen Edwards

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-chair: Roger Skillings

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair: Tara Laughlin

Secretary: Linda Baker

Treasurer: Fern Johnson

Moved and Seconded to appoint as Signing Officers: Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Carried.

**Board Meeting Schedule:** Confirmed (subject to Aaron Parker's agreement), 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 3:45 PM, Vic High Library.

**Merchandise Program:** Mary Anne Skill (VHS 1975) and Shannon Edgar (VHS 1975) presented the proposed Alumni Merchandise program, as circulated ahead of time and appended below, including samples of most items. The goal is to leverage the program to build relationships with alumni and raise funds, and to launch the program in the mid-September newsletter.

Moved and Seconded to adopt the Alumni Merchandise program as circulated and presented, with a target cost budget of \$12,000. Carried.

Moved and Seconded to budget \$500 for marketing materials for the Alumni Merchandise Program. Carried.

Linda will work with stakeholders Mary Anne, Shannon, Paul, and Fern ASAP to draft timeline and process steps to implement the Program:

- Purchasing, receiving, storing inventory
- Online sales via our website
- Order fulfillment
- Marketing & promotions
- On-site sales at reunions

**Adjournment:** Moved and Seconded to adjourn at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baker,

Secretary