

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2015
CANADIAN HEMOCHROMATOSIS SOCIETY
SOCIETE CANADIENNE DE L'HEMOCHROMATOSE
HELD AT RICHMOND CARING PLACE, RICHMOND, B.C.
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. Pacific Time**

MEMBERS PRESENT: RAY FYNES – via phone
IAN HILLEY - via phone
DR. SAM KRIKLER
MARK JORDAN
STEVE MITCHELL – via phone
GORDON SUTHERLAND – via phone
CARLYN VOLUME-SMITH – via phone

MEMBERS PRESENT

BY PROXY:

REV. DUNCAN ABRAHAM
DOUG ANNABLE
E.M. (MAGGIE) BARNETT
S.W. (SAM) BILLICH
JAMES BROWN
LINDA CHRISP
DONNA MARIE CRELLIN
CAROLYN DOW
JOHN DUNCAN
ANTHONY FARRELL
DON FINDLAY
ISABELLE FOLEY
JANE GIBSON
FLORENCE GRAHAM
CAROLLE E. HACHE
PATTY HECKMAN
MICKIE HAYWARD-HUNKIN
NETTIE KEMP
RAYNE KUNTZ

MARY LENNOX
ROGER LOCKHART
MARJORIE LOUNDER
BARBARA MCKAY
MARJORIE MCKINNON
N. PATRICK MCPARLAND
LILLIAN MORIN
DENISE OATES
PHYLLIS PHARO
PATRICK PLUMRIDGE
JAMES B. RAMSAY
BRIAN RINTOUL
WILLIAM SAYWELL
BARRY SINGLETON
DEBORAH STORLIEN-CUNDY
RONALD WALKER
ELSIE WALKER
KENNETH WELWOOD
MARGARET WOODLOCK

ALSO PRESENT:

GARY GREWAL - ADVISORY COUNCIL– via phone
JULIANNA PAVELKA-JOHNSTON – CHAPTER LEADER
– via phone
DAVID SANTI – ADVISORY COUNCIL - via phone
JON SINGH – BOARD CANDIDATE – via phone
LINDA GAO – AUDITOR REPRESENTATIVE
BRENDA OHARA –PROGRAMS & PEOPLE MANAGER
BETTY AINSLIE – RECORDING SECRETARY

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Ian Hilley acting as Chair of the Meeting welcomed all attendees in person and via telephone and called the meeting to order. Betty Ainslie acted as Recording Secretary. The Chair noting those Members present and by proxy declared a quorum of Members present and the meeting properly constituted for the transaction of business. Ian stated that adequate notification of this meeting was sent to all Members.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chair advised that a copy of the Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes were circulated to the Members and were also available on the CHS website.

Dr. Sam Krikler **moved** Steve Mitchell seconded to approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ian Hilley tabled and reviewed his report that had been circulated. He stated that it has been a very challenging year for CHS. Revenue was significantly impacted by not receiving the BC Gaming grant.

Ian shared about a school project by 3 grade 8 students who were inspired by their teacher who has hemochromatosis. Certificates of recognition were presented to these students.

There has been a significant change in staff namely:

- Bob Rogers retired after serving as Executive Director for 8 years.
- Gary Cleave who was a PR consultant ended his work with CHS after providing helpful assistance to Steve Mitchell and Mark Jordan in formulating a plan for "Communications and Resource Development".
- Joanne Wang who did the accounting work in the office has left.
- Linda Carleton, Gary Cleave and Josie St. Hilaire had to be terminated because of lack of finances.
- Brenda Ohara has been hired as a Programs and People Manager and Jasmine Hartwick to help Brenda in the office.

Ian acknowledged the tremendous help received from many volunteers. He specifically recognized Pat Haney, Janine Krikler, and Jasmine Hartwig who have been so helpful during the financial challenges and time of need.

Ian reported on the different areas of outreach. David Wells, Senator in Ottawa, invited his colleagues and MPs to an event to hear about hemochromatosis. The website has about 6,500 hits per month. He recognized the important work of the Chapters in

Ottawa, Montreal, Edmonton, Calgary, Kitchener and Victoria. These are all gateways to building relationships with the Society.

Ian stated that he is confident that we will move forward stronger with a positive optimism.

Ian Hilley **moved** Mark Jordan seconded to accept the President's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REVIEW

Mark Jordan tabled and reviewed the Financial Statements for 2015, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as **TAB A**.

Mark advised that financially it has been a challenging year but some good opportunities did arise. He reported the following:

- Revenue was higher than 2013.
- Expenses were well managed which resulted in a surplus of \$12,974.
- There was a large decline in revenue from corporations.
- A generous donation was received from the Greenshield Corporation.
- Public support continues to be strong.
- It was a big loss to not receive the BC Gaming Grant.
- The average donation is over \$100 which is higher than 2013.
- Focus was put on cost control to be able to provide uninterrupted service.
- Joanne Wang, accountant, left at the end of March which was a great loss. It will be tough to replace her.
- Financial Statements were prepared by Dickson Stojak Huang who issued a Review Engagement Report.

Discussion ensued on what opportunities are available for generating revenue from other resources.

Mark Jordan **moved** Steve Mitchell seconded to accept the Financial Statements for 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. RETIRING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Ian Hilley advised that Mark Jordan and Dr. Sam Krikler both indicated that they wished to retire as Directors of CHS. However because of a change in his family circumstances Mark has consented to withdraw his resignation and will continue to serve for a short period of time. Dr. Krikler stated that he will continue to be available as a medical advisor as needed.

Ian thanked Dr. Krikler for his long standing service as a member of CHS. He has been a valuable member providing medical advice. Good wishes and thanks were extended to Dr. Krikler by all.

Dr. Krikler said that his participation was a labour of love and that he enjoyed working with the Society. He stated that he will continue to be supportive of CHS and help give referrals to other physicians who treat hemochromatosis.

6. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Pat Haney, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Ian Hilley gave the following report:

- Steve Bromley, Board Director, resigned in January 2016 because of business pressures.
- Board should consist of 6 members, with a quorum being 4.
- The BC Gaming grant requires that 4 Board members are to be from BC.
- Because Mark Jordan has consented to remain on the Board only 2 people need to be elected.
- Candidates for election are: Jon Singh and Ray Fynes who are both from British Columbia which would complete the requirement of having 4 Board Members from BC.

Brief Bio by candidates:

Jon Singh – was an elementary school teacher for 5 years but then decided to study to be a lawyer. He was called to the bar in October 2015. He is a family friend of Pat Haney and saw the posting for Board Director and declared his interest.

Ray Fynes – was born in Ireland but immigrated to Canada after finishing medical school in Belfast. His career has been in pharmaceutical research, formerly in clinical research but moved into research management as his career progressed. He was VP of Scientific Affairs for the Canadian subsidiary of a multinational pharma company but then accepted an international assignment as Regional Medical Director for Asia, working out of Singapore and then Shanghai. His final assignment was in Sweden before he retired to White Rock, BC 8 years ago. He was diagnosed with hemochromatosis 3 years ago and is now successfully de-ironed.

Because there are only 2 nominations for the 2 Board vacancies Ian Hilley **moved** Mark Jordan seconded that both Jon Singh and Ray Fynes be appointed by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

Ian Hilley congratulated Jon and Ray and welcomed them to the Board of Directors.

The current Board consists of the following:

Ian Hilley, Ontario – President
Carlyn Volume-Smith, Alberta – Vice President
Mark Jordan, British Columbia – Treasurer
Steve Mitchell, British Columbia
Ray Fynes, British Columbia
Jon Singh, British Columbia

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Mark Jordan stated that Linda Gao, accountant with the firm Dickson, Stojak, Huang and their staff were very helpful and patient during the time of our staff transitions.

Mark Jordan **moved** Dr. Sam Krikler seconded to reappoint Dickson, Stojak, Huang as auditors for fiscal year 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The question was raised if we have considered doing further research on hemochromatosis. Discussion ensued with the following comments made:

- A retired engineer through homeopathic treatment using diet and nutrition was able to reduce his need for phlebotomies to only 1 a year.
- We would need a grant to support this research and we are too small a society to generate interest for that.
- Could we pay people to participate in a survey?
- We don't have the infrastructure to work with that. We would need to have enough individuals in the survey to produce proper evidence.
- Heather Boone is interested in homeopathic medicine – perhaps she could be contacted to see if she would be interested in this endeavour.
- We should to work through universities.
- There are legalities that the Board would require to protect themselves.
- All studies in Canada need ethical oversight and approval.
- Currently we do not have the man power or the financial resources to undertake research at this time but perhaps this is something that could be done in the future.

The report on the Grade 8 students' project was very impressive. Is this something we could encourage others to do to bring attention to hemochromatosis? This may be a matter to consider in the plan for 2017 under the topic of education.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Ian Hilley **moved** the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Pacific Time.

President

Secretary