

## BCHA AGM minutes 27 Apr 2014

Present: 29 members

Called to order 10:32 am

Adoption of agenda Sue moved, Gord seconded, carried

Adoption of last year AGM minutes chloe moved, seconded, carried

Mission discussion

**Jakob:** Current projects: improvements to website, external public meetings, development of provincial organization Global orientation? Question from the floor raised international issues focus. Sue: Baby steps, will meet with Humanist Canada at INR4. Jakob: Affiliation with AAI renewed. Multiple inquiries from Vancouver Island and the interior. Need to help organize those.

**Marty:** Sue really stepped up when JB resigned. Riotous applause! ☺

ED liason report:

Selected Jesse from 30 resumes. When Jesse left, went thru that list and picked Jakob from that to avoid gap. Jakob will be working on increasing social media exposure and membership growth.

Chaplaincy at Kwantlen. 3 campuses. Marty is on Richmond campus. May be invited to Surrey Campus where there are more locally based students, Richmond is more a commuter campus. Prospects good to include more humanism into multifaith as well as other religions beyond christianity. Joanne stepped in for Marty when he was on vacation. Problems with visibility at Richmond campus. Have added secular and non-faith belief systems into the Multifaith group. Tension with faith based groups. Need to tread lightly. Conrad considering setting up a SSA at Surrey KwantlenCampus.

Humanism course at SFU downtown: 77 attendees on Marty's course at SFU of 55 registrants. Good reviews predominated. Bad reviews tended to be about atheist orientation. Maybe it will become a 300 page ebook. Will look into how we could get some revenue from publishing this.

**Jakob** Executive Director Report Speech Masters resuming, book club is ongoing, Website: outdated news articles cleaned up. Security issues dealt with. Obsolete accounts blocked. Passwords updated.

Outreach with Surrey Interfaith, attended a vigil, will participate in Pride Parade. Participated in talk radio show. Visible presence -- tables at Universities, Darwin day proclamation was very easy to get. Secular school campaignis continuing. TWU issue seems to be going better, two provinces now refusing to allow TWU accredited lawyers to practise... Ontario and Nova Scotia. Outreach to donors, hosting events in GVRD possibly with local universities. Will distribute survey re meetings desired by members. New meeting information system based on google calendar coming to replace broken system on Joomla.

Partnerships with social justice organizations. After INR4 will focus more on that. Carpooling for INR4 - contact Jakob

Darwin resigned, not running for the board again at this time.

**Chloe:** Treasurer's report. Now moved from TD to Vancity, getting much better service. Organization is debt free, but no gaming grant and increased expenses. Harami support continuation -- need to contact Lauren re this.

Nominations for the board:

Sue, Marty, Ullrich staying on from old board. Those 3 board members were nominated for re-election by Colin.

Marty nominated Helen Cruz and Joanne Robertson

Sue nominated Lee Chernoff and Annette Horton will be member at large with limited ability to fully participate due to medical issues.

Marty advocates pushing Murray to join board.

Kirsten Brawn volunteered to be board member at large with limited ability to fully participate.

Nominations closed. Acclaimed to the board were

Sue Hughson  
Marty Shoemaker  
Ullrich Fischer  
Helen Cruz  
Joanne Robertson  
Annette Horton  
Kirsten Brawn  
Lee Chernoff

Sue will determine a time for the first meeting of the new board asap.

Adjourned 11:57am