

AGM BCHA Minutes May 1, 2016

Intro by Joann Robertson, President

Agreement to have Ian chair the meeting

Minutes of 2015 AGM accepted

ED's report- Ian Bushfield: Acknowledges Musqueam ownership of the land we're on.

Referenced strategic priorities submitted to a prior board meeting.

50 people in 2015 pride parade. Will do it again this year including a literature table at the end of the parade.

Kwantlen Secular Student's group and UBC Free thinkers set up and re-established respectively.

Gord is working on getting a Surrey Humanist group going.

Social media reach increased during the period from Sept 2015 to Apr 2016 from 1000 to 1400. Bigger than Humanist Canada and neck and neck with CFI.

Women in Secularism conference in Vancouver 2017 Nov in alliance with CFI is coming no date or speakers yet, but is in planning stage.

Book Club

Sunday Meeting program

Podcast of Sunday meetings gets about 50 listens per episode.

Looking for a new venue for Sunday meetings.

Working on updating affiliate agreements with other local humanist groups.

Fellowship – Solstice dinner, picnics, small family friendly events

Service – Blood drive, Light the night, coat drive, refugee sponsorship (\$25k collected, working on getting a family settled in Canada)

Ceremonies – Ian officiated a friend's marriage with Lorrie Williams as the official document signer. Working on getting our own officiants under the sponsorship of BCHA. Officiant course coming next weekend (ending 8 May 2016). Especially important for funerals for atheists who really don't want clergy.

Working on getting humanist marriage officiants recognized legally with a pro bono paralegal in Victoria.

Humanist chaplains at universities and colleges

Public advocacy against incursion of bible distributions and the like in public schools.

Secular options to AA

Trinity Western fight to not accredit their law school

Change words to O Canada to get rid of references to God.

Fund raising 152 separate people gave us money this past year.

New bylaws may be needed for the new BC Society Act

Privacy policy on the website is implemented and available on the site.

Need to continue to expand the board in terms of numbers and capabilities

Communications policy adopted. All external contacts go through Executive Director, complains about Ex. Dir. Go to president.

Membership is now officially from date of payment to one year after that. Automatic renewal reminders will be sent out by Nationbuilder.

President's report – Joann Robertson

VanCity board meeting room (free) works great.

Board still running Sunday meetings to free Ian up for other tasks.

Need to concentrate of secular issues instead of spreading charity around. Discontinued Harambi support in favor of supporting a secular school in a third world country

Clothing drive will continue. Picnic at Peace Arch discontinued.

Solstice dinner – considering changes, different venue, soliciting suggestions re this from members.

Family friendly activities. Summer Solstice, family picnic? Secular holiday celebrations?

Multifaith office on Kwantlen – Secular chaplain, so far only Christians and Humanists are involved.

Lee Chernov is in multifaith office as secular chaplain and involved in the Secular Student's group.

Writing policy manual for multi-faith office to ensure secular inclusive terms are used there.

Treasurer's report: Colin Crabbe.

Revenue up significantly from last year. Ran a small loss last year. This year we're \$4k ahead of expenses for the year. Figures in report are as of 31 Dec 2015. See report below for details.

Looking at better accounting software.

We are not financially involved nor exposed to expenses with INR6.

Canada Helps is the optimal way to give us money. Automatic tax receipts sent out by them.

Paypal is for event admission payments, Canada helps is optimal for donations in order to minimize accounting workload for Colin. Event admissions and any other payments for which the payer receives "something" are not eligible for charitable contribution tax deductions receipts.

British Columbia Humanist Association Balance Sheet 2015-12-31

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Banner C\$83.63

Projector C\$403.18

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Total Cash C\$13,391.48

Inventory C\$1,026.24

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British Columbia Humanist Association Profit & Loss For Period Covering 2015-01-01 to 2015-12-31

Revenues

Net Revenue after Fees

Revenue Before Collections Fees

<u>Foreign Exchange</u>	C\$36.85
<u>BCHA Memebership</u>	C\$4,180.00
<u>Donations - Canada Helps</u>	C\$5,828.04
<u>Donations - Tax Receipted</u>	C\$1,505.00
<u>Other Donations</u>	C\$1,293.33
<u>Revenue from Events</u>	C\$1,623.36
<u>Collections - Sunday Morning</u>	C\$6,156.95
<u>Sales</u>	C\$1,880.00

Collection Fees

<u>Fees Canada Helps</u>	C\$(333.16)
<u>Fees - Paypal</u>	C\$(174.93)
<u>Fees - Eventbrite</u>	C\$(67.48)

Other Revenue C\$130.03

Interest Revenue C\$6.82

Total Revenue

C\$22,064.81

Expenses

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<u>Advertising and Promotion</u>	C\$309.39
<u>Bank Service Charge</u>	C\$27.00
<u>Cost of Good Sold</u>	C\$562.60
<u>Donations</u>	C\$600.00
<u>Dues and Subscriptions</u>	C\$60.00
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>	C\$40.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	C\$75.81
<u>Office Supplies</u>	C\$228.77
<u>Payroll Expense</u>	
<u>Canada Pension</u>	C\$373.30

<u>Employment Insurance</u>	C\$236.90	
<u>Wages and Salaries</u>	C\$9,000.00	
<u>Workers' Compensation</u>	C\$28.80	
<u>Postage and Delivery</u>		C\$532.83
<u>Program Costs</u>		
<u>Event Participation</u>	C\$1,705.71	
<u>Sunday Morning Other Costs</u>	C\$216.55	
<u>Sunday Morning Room Rental</u>	C\$3,000.00	
<u>Website and Internet</u>		C\$754.01
Total Expenses		C\$17,751.67
Net income for Period		C\$4,313.14

Vice President's Report: Gord.

Working on setting up a Humanist group in Surrey. Working with Tarksheel Sikh group which has its own hall in a building. Working on various events with them. Had a table at the Vaisahki event. Calling his group Mid-Fraser Humanist group. Wants to have it be family oriented, not just a place to have talks. Wants to provide some of the services normally done by churches. So far about 5-7 people show up at meetings at Waves Coffee house. Tried renting the Tarksheel hall but found attendance dropped off. Membership on facebook and in meetup group slowly growing. Aiming for meeting once a week, so far only once a month.

Working with Surrey Interfaith. A lot of the language is couched in religious terms. Interfaith food ministries – hot meal to needy people in Whalley. Focused on common community service goals.

28 May 2016 Hawthorne park Surrey Interfaith picnic.

Faith groups working on further restrictions to Dying With Dignity law.

Participating in blood drive (research only)

Will be manning the table at INR6 for HC and mid-fraser humanists.

No connection developing with the CFSM

Research blood donation is possible for those who can't otherwise give blood due to some cautionary ineligibility.

Election of Board.

Anna D'Archangelo (annadarchangelo@shaw.ca) and

Dan Hanna (dan_hanna@telus.net)

Were unanimously added to the board by a show of hands.

Kirsten Brawn resigned from the board. A vote of thanks for her service was approved.

Joann Roberson, Colin Crabbe, Ullrich Fischer, Gordon Leslie are staying on for another year.

Unanimous vote to accept the new board was taken by a show of hands.

Joann Robertson is starting the first year of her 2nd two-year term on the board.

Colin Crabbe is starting the 2nd year of his first two-year term on the board.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am for brainstorming of ideas for the new board to consider.

First meeting of the new board will be 10 May 2016, 7pm. Ullrich to confirm that Vancity Community room has been booked or book it if it is not.

