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BCITRA 2018 AGM Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2018 @ 10:15 am

Building SE2, Town Square D, Burnaby Campus

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am with 33 members present. Gordon Farrell chaired. All remaining current board directors were present, to wit Brian Antonson, Larry Dea, Donna Foster, Derek Knox, Randy Robinson, Bob Wagner and Gabriel Yam.

B. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Brian Antonson to adopt the agenda.
Passed.

C. Special Presentation by Mark Angelo, “From Guichon Creek to River Blue”.

Gordon introduced Mark . Mark presented a historical perspective of the issue of pollution and management of rivers starting locally with Guichon Creek and finishing globally with the impact of fashion.

He was inspired in the seventies to try to restore the creek to its earlier glory. With the ongoing help of BCIT this goal has nearly been completed. A trout population has been established and a salmon focus is now underway. The complete connectivity of the creek

pathway is ongoing and hopefully spawning of salmon will occur in the near future.

The fashion industry is the second most polluting industry in the world. The goal of the movie “River Blue” is to make improvements to abate this pollution using new denim techniques, eco certifications and close questioning of manufacturers of clothing. The film has garnered worldwide praise and is proving effective in the modification of a number of product lines. We are all urged to pay more attention to our selection criteria and change our habits to value a more user friendly manufacturer ethic.

The presentation was succinct, relevant and thought provoking. Gordon thanked Mark for his efforts.

D. Introductory remarks by Gordon

Gordon summarized some of the highlights of the past year that have been accomplished by the board. These included many process improvements such as a more effective electronic communication style for newsletters and eblasts , easier payment methods and BCIT wifi access. He also summarized activities during the year and urged members to take a more active role in the organization.

E. Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes from March 15, 2017.

It was moved by Larry Dea that these minutes be approved. Passed.

F. Business Arising from the Minutes – nil

G. Correspondence – nil

H. Executive Board Reports

1. Treasurer – Randy Robinson

Randy distributed and presented a five page summary of financial position, income, cash flow, supporting documents and notes as of December 31, 2017. The organization is in good shape. The revenue drop is due to a shift in funding of events which used to be paid for ahead of time to self funding on the site of the event such as the breakfasts and luncheons. The current bank balance is \$2,647. Contributions to the BCIT endowment fund in the BCITRA name continue to flourish, currently nearing the \$60,000 mark from inception.

2. Fellowship – Brian Antonson

Brian gave a talk on some of the activities we have offered this past year and also spoke of his personal experience as a first time director.

3. Membership – Randy Robinson

Randy reported on membership figures. We are slightly behind our statistics from last year but a number of people have been paying extra beyond the base fee this year. Randy encouraged people to pay outstanding dues. Six people paid their dues at the AGM which bolstered the numbers.

4. President’s Remarks – Gordon Farrell

Gordon thanked BCIT for its support during the past year, swag gifts for this AGM and for the luncheon to follow. He also thanked Ted Marchant for his dedicated volunteer work and all of the Board for their efforts. He talked about the future plans for BCITRA, including the intent to look into becoming a society and changing bylaws in the coming year. He also hoped to broaden the support of BCIT.

I. At this point the flow of the business meeting was interrupted in order to allow special non member speakers to talk.

1. Kathy Kinloch, BCIT President

Kathy thanked everyone for attending. She spoke to BCIT’s strategic plan progress, the campus development plan (specifically the new Health Sciences Building), Guichon Creek, the reappearance of PD day activities (including BCITRA participation), changes in membership of

the BCIT Board of Directors and plans for new signage at Willingdon and Canada Way.

2. Kimberley Harmsen – BCIT Foundation

Kimberley updated the audience with statistics related to the BCITRA Endowment Fund which stands currently at \$59,445 and has awarded a total of 32 bursaries for \$17114. In 2017 3 bursaries were given out for \$2978.

3. Leslie Courchesne – Alumni Association

Leslie will be the new official liaison between the BCITRA and BCIT. She talked about the possibilities of cross linkages between the retirees and the alumni. A number of attendees indicated they are BCIT alumni. The BCITRA was invited to attend the alumni AGM June 11 at the downtown campus and the awards dinner October 22.

4. Mark Costales – Johnson Insurance

Mark spoke about insurance products offered by Johnson including travel and home insurance.

J. Nominating Committee Report – Derek Knox

Derek reported that all current directors were willing to stand for reelection. This being only eight members additional nominations were solicited from the attendees. None were

forthcoming. The current directors will elect their executive at their first regular board meeting.

K. Adoption of Reports

It was moved by Larry Dea that the reports presented be adopted. Passed .

L. Door prizes

Draws were made for a total of eighteen door prizes, all but one of which were donated by BCIT. The other came from Johnson.

M. Adjournment

It was moved by Derek Knox that the meeting adjourn at 12:22 pm. Passed.