

**Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting**

**Schubert Centre, Vernon
April 28, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Larry Shannon, Interim president of the Okanagan Historical Society, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Thirty-eight members and guests were in attendance.

NOTICE OF CALL: Larry Shannon read the Notice of Call as printed in the 82nd Annual Report.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 29, 2018 annual general meeting be adopted as published in the 82nd Annual Report.

A. Lundy; M. Ricciardi. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) Interim President – Larry Shannon
- b) Secretary – Joan Cowan
- c) Treasurer – Bob Cowan

Motion: That the treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

B. Cowan / B. Hayes. Carried

Motion: That Cecil Schmidt be appointed auditor for the next year.

B. Cowan / K. Waldon. Carried.

Motion: That new signing officers for the Okanagan Historical Society be Robert Hayes (Kelowna), Linda Samland (Armstrong), and Robert Cowan (treasurer), and that two out of three be required to sign the cheques.

B. Cowan / D. Ambil. Carried

- d) Editor – Bob Cowan. He introduced Ken Mather as the next editor of the Annual Report.

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos – Gayle Cornish
- b) Penticton – Karen Collins, read by Marylin Barnay

- c) Summerland – George Downton
- d) Kelowna – Bob Hayes
- e) Vernon – Herb Thorburn
- f) Armstrong / Enderby – Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm – Dorothy Rolin, read by Diane Ambil
- h) Similkameen – No report

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- a) Father Pandosy – Lois Marshall, read by Bob Hayes
- b) Index – Joan Cowan
- c) Student Essay – Diane Ambil

Motion: That we put an ad in the fall addition of the *B.C. History* magazine to announce the student essay contest.

D. Ambil / B. Hayes. Carried

- d) Website – No report
- e) Historic Trails – David Gregory, read by George Downton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – George Downton conducted the election of officers for the 2019-2020 executive. The following were nominated:

- President – Lois Marshall
- Vice President – Larry Shannon
- Secretary – Joan Cowan
- Treasurer – Bob Cowan
- Editor – Bob Cowan

The officers were elected by acclamation.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

1. That we thank the Vernon Branch, Herb Thorburn and his committee, for hosting the annual general meeting. *Joan Cowan*
2. That we thank Bob Cowan for stepping in as editor at the last minute. *Diane Ambil*

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Alice Lundy at 11:30 a.m.

Following the annual general meeting, a luncheon was served in the Schubert Centre. Ken Waldon capably moderated the program following the luncheon. Life Members were introduced. Herb Thorburn and Mary Roberts were introduced as new Life Members of the Okanagan Historical Society. A cheque was presented to Jessica Kruger from Trinity Western

University for her student essay on “C.W. Holliday: A Pioneer of the Past.”

Four Okanagan Historical Society members were recognized for receiving awards in 2019 for their contribution to the history and heritage of B.C. Jessie Ann Gamble has been honoured with a B.C. Community Achievement award; she will receive the certificate and medal at Government House in Victoria. Larry and Jan Waldon were given a Spirit of Oliver award for their contributions to the community’s heritage. Ken Mather was nominated for the B.C. Historical Writing Competition for his recent book *Trail North: The Okanagan Trail of 1858-1868 and its Origins in British Columbia and Washington*; the winner will receive the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal during the B.C. Historical Federation Conference in Courtenay.

Guest speaker Michell Loughery, Master Muralist, spoke on the heritage murals that she has created in B.C. communities and told the stories behind the heritage murals in Vernon. She announced her new project, a digital app that will highlight the stories and story tellers behind the murals.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

TABLE OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT - LARRY SHANNON

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Interim President for most of the preceding year. As most of you know, the elected President Tracy Satin resigned for personal reasons at the July 9, 2018 Executive Council meeting. The Society as a whole and myself personally appreciated her leadership and we were sorry to see her leave.

My first official task as Interim President was to chair the Oct. 28, 2018 Executive Council meeting, although I was involved in some discussions relating the Father Pandosy Mission site prior to this meeting.

Issues that the Society has been dealing with during my tenure are:

- 1) Governance of the Father Pandosy Mission Site. I will not get into the details but is a critical issue for our Society with some potentially undesirable consequences. I am happy to report that with continuing good leadership from Lois Marshall, good progress is being made on this front.
- 2) We have had to find a new Editor for our Annual Report. In many ways this is the most important position in our organization. It now appears that we have accomplished this task. Thank you to Bob Cowan for “stepping up to the plate” in working through this obstacle.
- 3) At the Oct. 28th Executive Council meeting we decided to have a “Round Table” discussion on the current state of affairs and the future of our Society at the Feb. 24th 2019 Executive

Council meeting. One reason for this was that we were having difficulties finding individuals to stand for Executive Positions and also some of the individual Branches are having problems attracting new members. In my opinion it was time well spent and it confirmed that we see ourselves as an organization that can make a positive contribution to the documenting of our local history.

I will end my report by thanking Joan and Bob Cowan for the strong support they have given to me.

Respectfully submitted,

SECRETARY - JOAN COWAN

I have carried out all of the duties of the secretary - preparing and distributing agendas, recording and distributing minutes, collecting reports and lists for the annual report, maintaining the membership and subscription lists, and overseeing the mail-out of the report.

We have seen a drop in memberships and in subscriptions to the report over the past two years. We have received fewer requests for information and for copies of specific articles in the reports, largely a result of the reports and index now available online in connection with the UBC Library digital collection.

I am pleased to announce that we have agreed to partner with Digitized Okanagan History, a digital repository based at UBC Okanagan Library in Kelowna. The site is a collaboration of museums and institutions in the Okanagan and allows access to archival and historical materials relating specifically to the Okanagan. UBCO proposes to upload our reports from 1925 to 2013 to DOH, under the Okanagan Historical Society logo, with the understanding that the reports will enhance and enrich the original material on the site. We are also hoping that the search capabilities for the reports will be enhanced on this platform.

Respectfully submitted,

TREASURER - ROBERT COWAN

Please see attachment

EDITOR - ROBERT COWAN

Since taking over the editor's responsibilities at the October Executive Council meeting, I have held two branch editors' meetings, one in early November and another at the end of March.

At the November meeting we discussed the possibility of a new format for the book. Basically

the division of the book would be by branches or communities instead of topics like World War I or Biographies. The branch editors agreed to this new format. I asked each branch to submit a very short history of their community with a picture. To date I have received and approved these short histories for every branch. These short histories will lead off their section and articles that come from their area will be in this one place in the book. The lead off section will be Salmon Arm and then proceed southward to Osoyoos. The other sections will remain as they have in the past. It is hoped that this revision will improve the accessibility of the Report. Our most recent branch editors' meeting went over this new format and again confirmed the branches commitment to this project. I will be having another branch editors' meeting at the end of September to go over the 83rd Report and prepare for the 84th Report.

On our return from the March branch editors' meeting, we stopped in at the Vernon Branch AGM. Ken Mather gave an excellent presentation on the cattle trails from Oregon and Washington to the Okanagan. Afterwards, he agreed to become my assistant editor for the 83rd Report, and I agreed to be his assistant for the 84th Report.

The deadline for submissions for the 83rd Report is today. I will accept articles after this date, but they will be placed in the 84th Report. There is a good collection of articles for the book for this year. It must be mentioned that if a branch does not submit any articles for a given year, I will find a suitable article in the 82 past volumes and reprint it. This will ensure that every branch will have at least one article in the book.

I anticipate the book will be out by early September.

Respectfully submitted,

BRANCH REPORTS

OLIVER / OSOYOOS – GAYLE CORNISH

Our AGM was held on April 7, 2019. Rather than have a guest speaker, locals were invited to come and share their stories of old Osoyoos. Various questions about place names and other subjects made interesting and enjoyable listening.

As part of OHS activities, Larry Shannon lead a hike to the old Tinhorn Creek Stamp mill mine site for the 50th graduation reunion in Oliver, and will be leading another one this June. He is also taking a group of high school photography students on a tour of local heritage sites for an exhibit to be displayed at the Oliver Museum.

Larry and Jan Shannon and Ernie Dumals have been keeping up the Fairview Kiosk site. Ernie generously mows the grass and weeds with his tractor, while Larry and Jan drive by frequently to keep it litter free.

Last year our annual picnic was cancelled. This year we plan to attend the Gristmill as the beautiful grounds and atmosphere are ideal for picnics and playing bocci.

Kara Burton, ED/Curator of the Osoyoos Museum, reported good progress with the move to the new location on Main street. They celebrated a recent \$100 K grant from BC Gaming to prepare for the move and have received other significant grants including one for two years of research in partnership with the Okanagan History Digitization Project lead by UBCO.

The future of our branch was discussed. No one was willing to stand as president, so Larry Shannon will remain vice president. Gayle Cornish agreed to stand as secretary and Mary Roberts will remain as treasurer. Jessica Murphy has agreed to be branch editor for us in a limited way. Fred Wiley conducted the elections.

As our branch continues to dwindle, we agreed to hold one meeting per year and to participate in an annual picnic. We will continue to exist as a branch but seem to suffer what so many other organizations are facing: less involvement and competing interests in the community.

Thanks to everyone who has helped to support our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

PENTICTON – KAREN COLLINS

Other than a short break in the fall of 2018 our branch has hosted a continuous display in a vacant retail unit at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre since Heritage Week 2018. We have been able to share with the public, a variety of story board displays as well as photos and artifacts provided by Penticton branch members and our partner, the Penticton Museum.

In June our branch was a sponsor of the Penticton Indigenous Day celebration which was held on the grounds of the Shatford Centre for a third year. The celebration, a partnership between the Okanagan School of the Arts and the En'owkin Centre, included a mini Pow-Wow, traditional storytelling and indigenous artisans.

At the request of the Penticton Museum the Branch gave the first presentation for their fall Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series in September. Our topic was The History of Penticton High School. As there were two High School Reunion celebrations at the Shatford Centre within that time frame (Class of '58 and Class of '68) our presentation focused on the history of Pen-High and memories of alumni from those years. As an additional activity for the reunions I led two walking tours from the Shatford Centre to the north end of Main Street that retraced the footsteps of the students of Pen High coming and going along Main Street.

In October Randy Manuel gave a presentation on the history of Marron River Watershed .and the people who lived in the area. Portions of his presentation included information presented

in an article on the Marron Valley co-written with Suzanne Schmidden that is found the 76th Report.

Our final meeting of 2018 was held on Sunday November 25th at the Shatford Centre with long-time member Dave Morgenstern giving a presentation on his father, Emil. Dave presented his story of coming to Canada, from a hard life in Germany to becoming a successful orchardist in Penticton.

Our fall book sale which was held at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre Saturday November 17th and Sunday November 18th, 2018 included a display of various businesses, buildings and events that would bring back memories for visitors to the OHS space. Once again, we had lots of opportunity to visit with old friends and new comers, we learned some interesting new facts and of course we sold books.

Based on this year`s Heritage Week theme the Penticton Branch encouraged people to visit Penticton Museum & Archives, the Shatford Centre, the SS Sicamous Inland Marine Museum, and our many other historic sites and cultural centres to connect with others in learning about and celebrating local heritage.

We provided two different walking or driving tours within the city, maps relating to the KVR trail and sites such as the rock ovens, a map of the Green Mountain Road, Marron Valley and early Highway 3A, city maps and to encourage families, a Scavenger Hunt with a prize of a behind the scenes tour of the Museum.

Randy Manuel shared his artwork of historical sites and his amazing knowledge of local people, places and events. Penticton Museum & Archives provided a great window display in a 4 foot by 8-foot map with past businesses locations shown. We also had photos, provided by the Archives, of many of these businesses on display. For the second year, Bruce Baptiste, a member of Penticton Indian Band, provided a beautiful display of beadwork by his family.

We also had the South Okanagan Genealogical Society on site. They not only tell visitors about themselves and encourage family history but with their accumulated knowledge and laptops they are able to provide on-site research.

To make Heritage Week complete we had our old boys with old toys. Dave Morgenstern showed his love of laundry with his display of wash boards, irons and early wringer washer machines while Herb Allen provided a display relating to early autos.

Respectfully submitted,

SUMMERLAND – GEORGE DOWNTON

2018 was a slow year for the Summerland Branch. We have since had an increase in Interest and 2019 looks to be a productive year.

The Summerland museum has decided to go its own route , separate from the heritage end of things. Our local branch, therefore, has voted to take on those duties. We will now be responsible for selecting items for heritage week, such as a heritage site, tree, and home. Every year a pen and ink sketch is done of the selected home and then it is framed and placed at the museum.

At this year's AGM David Gregory gave a powerpoint presentation showing 65 photos of Summerland's heritage homes, showing both original photos as well as some in their present state. This year our editor Mary Trainer will be submitting three articles for this year's report and we look forward to seeing some in this year's book.

The gas pump from the museum has been totally restored, thanks to many contributors, and will be temporarily housed at the Summerland Credit Union.

David Gregory has compiled photos of many heritage homes and will be producing a book of these in the near future.

We had 66 guests at our AGM and talk on March 30th. We hope to have regular speakers, to help raise awareness as well as funds for our group. Thank you to the Vernon Branch for hosting the 2019 AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

KELOWNA – ROBERT M. “BOB” HAYES

It is my pleasure, as the recently-minted and reconstituted President of the Kelowna Branch, to present this report of our branch's activities. It has been another busy year, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our executive, directors, and members.

On July 15, 2018, the Kelowna Branch held its annual picnic in the Cottage Garden at the historic Benvoulin Church. This year, the OHS (Kelowna Branch) worked alongside the Central Okanagan Heritage Society (COHS), to co-host this popular event. Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (1914-1918), the picnic was well-attended, with guests enjoying good company and refreshments under the cooling shade of the trees behind the church. A display about World War I– provided by the Okanagan Military Museum – documented the centennial of the end of the war. This year's picnic will again be held at the Benvoulin Church and will be co-hosted by the Kelowna Branch and COHS. Held on Sunday, July 14th, it will celebrate the history of agriculture in the Okanagan Valley.

On October 27, 2018 the Kelowna Branch hosted its Fall Social and Light Lunch at Missionwood Retirement Resort, Kelowna. Tea and light refreshments were enjoyed by all, while entertained by musician Roland Quest and heard Sharron Simpson recount the history of Kelowna General Hospital.

On December 7 and 8, 2018 the Kelowna Branch held its annual pre-Christmas book sale at the local Rona store. Sales of the “82nd Report” and “Kelowna Street Names – Their Origins” were pleasing, as shoppers picked up books for that “someone special” on their Christmas shopping lists.

The Kelowna Branch Annual General Meeting was held at the Parkinson Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 13, 2018. About 125 people were in attendance, as the Kelowna Branch celebrated another year of operation. Guests enjoyed a tasty hot supper, business meeting, and then heard Sam Samaddar give an excellent and informative presentation about the history of the Kelowna International Airport. Election of officers was held and the Kelowna Branch is now set to meet the challenges of the year ahead.

Other Kelowna Branch offerings and activities include:

- Kelowna Branch newsletter: published twice a year, informing our members of what the Branch is doing, as well as other history-related activities happening in the Central Okanagan
- submission of six articles and 18 obituaries to the upcoming “83rd Report”
- weekly local history articles in the “Courier” newspaper: now totalling more than 1,100 articles, dating back to 1994, and covering a wide variety of topics
- OHS “Report” Sales: sales have been brisk, with the Kelowna Branch selling or consigning 170 of the 200 books which the branch took possession of in 2018
- two bursaries presented by the Kelowna Branch to local secondary students
- partnering with local organizations: connections have been made with other organizations, through tours of Kelowna’s Pioneer Cemetery (Kelowna Museums), downtown tours with international Rotary students, and presentations to the Society for Learning in Retirement (SLR), Parks Alive, Chartwell / Chatsworth Retirement Residence, and Van West College
- partnering with UBC Okanagan and Okanagan Regional Library (Kelowna): to support a Community History Digitizing Scanning Station, located at the UBCO Innovation Library and available to the public to create digital copies of their personal historical photographs and documents
- Father Pandosy Mission: Kelowna Branch has assumed responsibility for the Father Pandosy Mission Committee, meeting regularly to deal with needs of the mission site. On Saturday, April 27, 2019, the Kelowna Branch helped with the annual mission site clean-up, organized by the Kelowna Branch. Kelowna directors focused their efforts on cleaning the historic Christien house, while other groups concentrated on cleaning up the grounds and structures. The Mission is now ready to host the many local residents and tourists who visit this important site
- Website: the Kelowna Branch has both a website and a Facebook page: various events will be posted on these sites, as we continue to reach out to a broader range of the public

I acknowledge the dedication and effort of Lois Marshall, who capably served as our Kelowna Branch President, these past three years. I am pleased that Lois will remain on our Board, serving in various capacities. I also acknowledge three long-time Kelowna Branch directors who will no longer be on our Board: Dorothy Zoellner, Colleen Cornock, and Ann Bostock. They have

all worked diligently, serving the Kelowna Branch, while promoting the cause of local history. Thank you for your hard work.

I give tribute to two Kelowna Branch Directors who passed away these last few months. Director Don Ford, known for his warm smile, wicked sense of humour, and willingness to help in any way needed, died on Christmas morning 2018. Doug Ablett, our quiet, conscientious, and very capable Director from years gone by, recently died in Kelowna. Don and Doug both were valued members and supporters of the OHS Kelowna Branch and they will be missed.

I look forward to a busy year ahead, working with our Executive and Directors – and welcoming new Directors Lynne (Dillon) Scott, Sheri (Stone) Keller, and Vicki (Jennens) Karogiannis to our Board – knowing that another busy year is in store for the Kelowna Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON – HERB THORBURN

Over the past year since the last Valley AGM the activities of the Vernon branch have continued on an uneven course. Our paid-up membership of couples and singles stands at about 50 but the attendance at general meetings is usually about half of that, depending very much on the presentation topic and speaker. The executive has been diminished with the resignation of our Vice-President and the illness of our secretary. At our Spring General meeting we gained two directors to join the usual re-elected suspects. Our good news is that we now have a branch editor who will encourage and assist the membership in submitting articles for the OHS Reports. Vernon Branch continues to issue a newsletter to advise the total membership of upcoming events and promote the sale of any new publications.

Our first activity of the year was our 15th annual Pioneer Picnic held on the 11th of August in Coldstream Park. The weather forecast for the day of the picnic could not have been worse with the sky threatening thunder storms and rain at the time of the picnic. But none of that happened and it turned out to be a decent day. The forecast had been so dire, however, that only a total of 20 people attended, compared to 48 last year. Lunch was again a “bunwich” self assembly line with salads and cake provided by Jan and Ken Waldon. Lively, pre-luncheon music was provided by the “Chilly Creakers”. This year we heard some great stories and many facts from our raconteur, Jim Ritchie, who is a long-time gold seeker and miner from Cherryville and is currently Vice-President of the Cherryville Museum and Historical Society.

Our fall general meeting was held on the 18th of November when we had a presentation entitled “Silver Star Mountain Museum – Memories, Mysteries and Momentum”. For the 30 members and guests it seemed appropriate to have a talk about snow and skiing because the Schubert Centre furnace had broken down and the meeting room was cold. Our presenters, Linda Peterat and Elaine Gruenwald, both long-time volunteers, shared highlights of summer and winter events, acquisitions and on-going research. Silver Star Mountain Museum is a

satellite of the Greater Vernon Museum and was opened four years ago with a contribution from the Vernon Branch.

At our branch AGM meeting held on 31st of March at the Schubert Centre we had our executive elections which was essentially a repeat of the previous year except that we did get two volunteers for director. For our presentation we were pleased to have Ken Mather who is a retired curator and manager of the historic O'Keefe Ranch and author of many articles and books on early ranching in British Columbia. His presentation was based on his most recent book Trail North: the Okanagan Trail of 1858-68 and its origins in British Columbia and Washington.

Book sales have continued to be slow. To date we have sold or have on consignment 52 copies of OHS Report #82. Pioneer Routes, the history of Vernon street names, sold 22 copies this year. Sales of the second printing of Peter Tassie's book on the history of irrigation in the Vernon area have reached 47 of the 100 copies printed.

Once again this year Vernon Branch has made a donation of \$300 to the North Okanagan Optimist Club in support of their 9th Heritage Fair held on 12th of April at the Schubert Centre, with some of our members acting as judges.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG / ENDERBY – CARMEN KIRKLAND

Two branch meetings have been held since my report of last year. The first was our fall general meeting which took place in the Armstrong Museum on November 4, 2018. In light of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI, our program topic was the long-ignored internment of people considered enemy aliens by the Canadian government from 1914-1920. These included many Ukrainians, who had previously been invited to move to Canada to farm the prairies, Germans and people from the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires.

Our first speaker was Andrea Malysh of the *Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund*. She is also a member of the *Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association*, Secretary of the *Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation* and Artistic Director of the *Sadok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble* of Vernon, BC. She began her presentation by telling her family's personal story and how she gradually became drawn into bringing this issue to light for everyone to become aware of. Her presentation was accompanied by many documents describing a variety of experiences endured by these so-called 'aliens'.

Our second speaker was Lawrna Myers who is currently working on several projects associated with WWI, among them are: 'Project Roll Call' which is endeavouring to identify all of the survivors of Canada's first national internment operations, as well as their descendants; 'Project 107' which is endeavouring to locate and document the men, women and children who died in these internment camps; and on compiling a book about the Vernon Internment Camp. Lawrna gave more specific

information about local internees and her PowerPoint presentation was augmented with photos of forced labour building the road around Mara Lake provided by the Enderby and District Museum and Archives.

Our AGM took place in the Enderby Museum on April 14, 2019. Sadly two directors chose not to stand again this year, one of these being Rob Dale who has given many years of service to the OHS. The remaining slate of officers were returned by acclamation for the coming year.

Our program topic for the afternoon was the Enderby and District Lions Club "Past, Present and Future". John Pavelich, who has been a very active member of the club for 52 years, spoke first of the challenge they faced of keeping track of the club's many projects and accomplishments and of how Joan Cowan had stepped in and created fonds of these records. He gave great credit to the generosity of the citizens who have responded to the Lion's fundraising events and, as an example, stated that they have raised \$725,000 since 2004 from the sale of donated items at their Lions Club Garage Sales.

The building of the 120' x 50' gazebo, complete with kitchen area and washroom facilities, at Riverside Park was particularly noteworthy of community support. When word got out about what the Lions were planning one of the local businesses immediately donated the lumber to get the project off the ground. New volunteers stepped up at each stage of the project and by the time the gazebo was completed, membership in the Lions Club had grown from 25 to 75 in number. It is now the largest Lions Club in its zone and includes 25 women who are full members. The fun and the spirit of involvement in the community were identified as the key to the success of the Enderby and District Lions Club.

Elmer Halvorson spoke about: attending his first meeting at the age of 17 and taking over the secretarial duties at his second meeting; of building the swimming pool; taking his turns driving the ambulance; the comradery and of how proud he is to still be a Lion. Current president, Dennis Morgan, spoke of his 7 years with the club and how they are looking to the future with a possible project at Tuey Park which is located on a bend in the Shuswap River at the north end of Enderby. The extensive photo display chronicling some of the club's various activities was created by Peter Vander Sar, Linda Samland and Joan Cowan and garnered much interest.

I have two announcements to make. The first involves the *British Columbia Achievement Foundation*. This independent foundation was established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia in 2003 to celebrate excellence and achievement in British Columbia. The recipients of the 2019 *B.C. Achievement Community Award* were announced at the beginning of this month and Jessie Ann Gamble is among the 25 people being honoured this year. She will receive her certificate and medallion at a formal presentation ceremony at Government House in Victoria on May 1st. A condensed bio on the foundation's website states: "Jessie Ann Gamble leads the crusade to preserve her community's history. A founding member of the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum & Arts Society, she has served as its president and become the 'go-to-person' for local historical information. Armstrong-Spallumcheen's 2003 Citizen of the Year, Jessie Ann is a life member of the Okanagan Historical Society ensuring that future generations do not lose the treasures and stories of the past. Her efforts to educate all community members are an extension of her teaching career and reflect her passion for documenting history."

My second announcement is to invite you all to Enderby for the next Okanagan Historical Society Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2020. The event will take place in the Enderby & District Senior Citizens Centre, located a block and a half north of the museum, and our featured speaker for

the afternoon will be Len Gamble who will speak of the notorious old Fortune School building fire. Bob Cowan is planning a guided walking tour for the day before the meeting, which will be of particular interest to those of us who will need to spend the night in order to attend the AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

SALMON ARM - DOROTHY ROLIN

Our Salmon Arm branch of the OHS has put in a very busy year since April of 2018.

After purchasing two second-hand filing cabinets and moving them into the new Montebello museum archival vault we were notified a detection of rust was discovered on them and they had to be removed. Through the help of Deborah Chapman at the museum, a newer pair of filing cabinets were located and donated to OHS and moved into the vault.

May was our last general meeting at which time we still did not have a recording secretary. However, my plea for one during that meeting brought forth a new member Linda Painchaud, who kindly volunteered for the position. OHS didn't hold a meeting in June. Instead we opted for a wind-up lunch on June 24th at the RJ Haney Heritage Park. 15 people were in attendance and all enjoyed the meal and visit within the parks lovely setting.

During the summer months a committee prepared our OHS display for the Salmon Arm Fall Fair in a section called Memory Lane. As well, arrangements were made to use one of our free- standing OHS displays in Piccadilly Mall in September.

This year the Fall Fair asked OHS to include a focus on local Indigenous and Metis people. Searching past OHS Reports we found several write-ups had been done and we showcased five people with large photos accompanied with a write-up. These were well received by the public. Book sales at the Fall Fair were down from last year but interest from people viewing the display was rewarding.

OHS members Chuck Mobley and Gail Burkitt held an extensive video interviewing workshop in October for those members who are keen on conducting interviews. Four members of the South Shuswap Historical Society also attended. This past year Chuck completed an interview with Gavin Paterson and Gail has been working on a lengthy interview with Alf and Edna Peterson.

Four members were met by curator Deborah at the Salmon Arm Museum where we were given a tour of the vault and storage area in the lower part of the newly built Montebello building. We were able to store some of our OHS archival materials in our acquired filing cabinets in the vault section.

In November - our two-day book sale at Piccadilly Mall was very successful.

December 4th saw a turnout of approximately 50 people attend our annual Christmas Gathering. Retired resident Don Huntington, former City of Salmon Arm Road and Maintenance Operations Manager, put on a power point presentation entitled "The Roads of Salmon Arm" where he related some road history and humorous encounters with residents. Books and memberships were sold, a successful raffle was held consisting of various donated items. One item included was a painting of the Art Gallery when it was cloaked in Virginia Creeper, which was donated by local artist Denice Apeldorn. The afternoon

concluded with refreshments, food and visiting.

For Heritage Week held in February at the Piccadilly Mall, our branch put together a back-to-back photo standing display of local history on a variety of subjects such as: agriculture, logging, First Nations, schools, transportation, and streetscapes, to name a few. Added captions reflected the theme, "Heritage: The Ties that Bind."

We have received numerous requests for searching of relatives on our branch website found through our parent body site Okanagan Historical Society.org/. Our email address is okhistorysa@gmail.com

April 7 -33 people attended our AGM. Linda Painchaud is our new president and secretary. She grew up in Salmon Arm and is the daughter of pioneer Harper and Honey families. The remainder of the executive stays the same with 8 Directors. Our featured speaker was Maureen Shaffer who gave a power point presentation on the Col. Bernard Scott family, highlighting their tulip farm and house called Dilkusha, which became a favourite dining place until demolished in 2017. Thank you to OHS members, the Cowan's and Gambles who drove up and joined us.

This marks the end of my three- year reign as President of the Salmon Arm branch. Prior to that I was 9 years as vice president, 2 years as editor and I attended the OHS Executive Council meetings for 11 years. I am very dedicated to supporting this worthwhile organization and will continue to do so as a volunteer member.

That concludes my report, but I'd like to remind you there will a dedication of the new museum vault in the Montebello building, at the R.J. Heritage Village named in memory of our OHS past president and Salmon Arm Museum volunteer, Rosemary Wilson, on Tuesday May 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FATHER PANDOSY – K. LOIS MARSHALL

Since the 2018 OHS AGM, the Father Pandosy Committee has been reinstated as a Committee of the OHS parent body, under interim chair Lois Marshall, past president, Kelowna Branch.

Committee Membership is:

Lois Marshall, interim Chair
Charley Adam, Treasurer
Domenic Rampone, Kelowna Branch representative
Bob Hayes
Chris Jennens

Bishop's representative, Father Wayne Pfliger
Caretaker: Chris Fabbi

Summary notes for the OHS Executive:

- The Committee has met four times since the AGM (August, September, October, 2018, April 2019). Notes are on file if needed. The Caretaker reports for September, October and April are also on file.
- The Committee engaged Shannon Jorgenson to write grant applications for the site.
- The first application related to the governance of the site. The Committee was successful in the City of Kelowna governance grant application. Wayne Wilson was hired as a consultant, with funds from the City of Kelowna grant, to review the governance of the site and write a report over the winter months (due spring 2019). The report has not been finalized as of the date of the OHS AGM. Once available, it will be presented to the Executive. I am confident the review will provide future direction to OHS Executive for the site.
- Shannon prepared a successful City of Kelowna operating grant application, with funds to be used for the 2019 site operations.
- Shannon is in the process of submitting a Gaming Grant application for programming on the site.
- Charley, Bob, Chris and Domenic have been working with Chris Fabbi to ensure the site is well taken care. There have been some costs associated with tree falls and animal damage.
- The site closed for the 2018 season on October 31. There were many successful events help on the site. A full list is on file.
- Volunteers from the Kelowna Branch, the Antique Power Club, and the Central Okanagan Heritage Society spent time on Saturday, April 27, 2019 with the spring clean up. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for a lovely volunteer lunch. The site will open May 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

INDEX - JOAN COWAN

As requested by members, we have printed a new Index to Reports 1-81. The cost to print was almost double that of five years ago, so we have been forced to charge \$35 each. Interest in the printed index has dropped – ten years ago we printed 125 copies, five years ago we printed 75, and this year we printed 65 copies. We still have about 10 copies left, and they are available today at the book table. We will be looking for your input as we reach our next five-year mark and attempt to determine if the interest is still out there.

It has been over ten years now since we created and built the online index. It has proven to be extremely popular and well used. It is also showing its age - we have had a great many

problems in the last year and a half, including a few heart-stoppers when the index completely disappeared for a short while, and then when bits and pieces started to drop off. Our technical guru Eric Hudson has been extremely supportive and has updated the software. Our volunteer Faith Hudson continues to work diligently to keep the index up to date with each new report. I wish to thank them both for ensuring this important project continues.

Respectfully submitted,

STUDENT ESSAY – DIANE AMBIL

The contest was advertised as usual in the 82nd Report. In addition, I distributed posters to secondary and post-secondary institutions. I also placed an ad in BC History magazine. I would like to submit an ad to them again for the Winter issue, to be issued in December. The cost for a 1/4 page vertical ad (3 3/8" x 5") is \$80. As usual, the essay entries were reviewed and evaluated by three judges. This year the judges' evaluations were almost equal, so their placement of the entries was the same.

This year's winner of the Essay Contest is Jessica Kruger. She is a first-year student at Trinity Western University, enrolled in their Bachelor of Arts program with a major in Psychology with a Human Services Certificate. The title of her essay is 'C.W. Holliday: A Pioneer of the Past', about Okanagan Valley pioneer and photographer C.W. Holliday. Jessica writes,

Over the summer I worked at the Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum and Art Gallery, which sparked a curiosity of Armstrong's history in me. The Museum and Art Gallery was where I was made aware of C.W. Holliday and as well as this opportunity with the Okanagan Historical Society.

I believe it was Jessie Ann Gamble who told Jessica about the contest and encouraged her to enter.

Respectfully submitted,

HISTORIC TRAILS – DAVID GREGORY

Preservation of the historic fur brigade trail has focused on one section of the trail from Priest Camp Historic Park (Summerland) to Peachland. This section is the most scenic of the entire trail. The Trail of the Okanagans Society has similar goals and the two groups have been working together to improve the trail. On May 26th both groups will be hosting the 4th Annual Tea on Top which celebrates the history of the Brigade Trail.

Respectfully submitted,

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

FINANCIAL POSITION

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Cash		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 31,458.23	\$ 32,609.53
Investments	40,356.41	44,916.56
Land	1.00	1.00
	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>	<u>\$ 77,527.09</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>	<u>\$ 77,527.09</u>

OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

RECEIPTS		
General Account		
Memberships	\$ 11,226.00	\$ 11,332.00
Other	6,882.21	4,079.87
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		
Grants	-	3,000.00
Donations	14,858.64	12,586.19
Other	769.87	4,015.90
	<u>33,736.72</u>	<u>35,013.96</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
General Account		
Okanagan Historical Society Reports	13,202.90	11,869.56
Other	5,869.73	6,635.31
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		
Program operations	20,375.54	22,099.30
	<u>39,448.17</u>	<u>40,604.17</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	(5,711.45)	(5,590.21)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	77,527.09	83,117.30
NET ASSETS, ENDING	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>	<u>\$ 77,527.09</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018**

ASSETS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		
Operating	\$ 31,458.23	\$ 32,609.53
Investments	40,356.41	44,916.56
	<u>71,814.64</u>	<u>77,526.09</u>
 PROPERTY		
Land (Note 2)	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>	<u>\$ 77,527.09</u>

NET ASSETS

INVESTED IN PROPERTY	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
 UNRESTRICTED		
Balance, beginning of year	77,526.09	83,116.30
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements:		
General	(964.42)	(3,093.00)
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	(4,747.03)	(2,497.21)
	<u>71,814.64</u>	<u>77,526.09</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>	<u>\$ 77,527.09</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

_____ Director

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>Okanagan Historical Society General Account</u>	<u>Father Pandosy Mission Committee Account</u>	<u>Total 2018</u>	<u>Total 2017</u>
CASH, JANUARY 1				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 1,323.15	\$ 31,286.38	\$ 32,609.53	\$ 38,553.50
Term Deposits	<u>44,916.56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,916.56</u>	<u>44,562.80</u>
TOTAL CASH, JANUARY 1	<u>46,239.71</u>	<u>31,286.38</u>	<u>77,526.09</u>	<u>83,116.30</u>
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS:				
General Funds	<u>(964.42)</u>	<u>(4,747.03)</u>	<u>(5,711.45)</u>	<u>(5,590.21)</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 45,275.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,539.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 71,814.64</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 77,526.09</u></u>
 CASH AS AT DECEMBER 31 CONSISTS OF:				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 4,918.88	\$ 26,539.35	\$ 31,458.23	\$ 32,609.53
Investments (Note 3)	<u>40,356.41</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,356.41</u>	<u>44,916.56</u>
TOTAL CASH, DECEMBER 31	<u><u>\$ 45,275.29</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,539.35</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 71,814.64</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 77,526.09</u></u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

RECEIPTS	2018	2017
Memberships & Sales		
Armstrong-Enderby	\$ 2,016.00	\$ 640.00
Kelowna	3,024.00	2,411.00
Oliver – Osoyoos	306.00	300.00
Penticton	792.00	864.00
Salmon Arm	396.00	864.00
Similkameen	-	-
Summerland	680.00	952.00
Vernon	207.00	1,096.00
Treasurer	3,805.00	4,205.00
	11,226.00	11,332.00
Other Receipts		
Index Sales	1,525.00	50.00
Postage and Handling	1,372.00	788.00
U.S. Exchange	143.02	20.47
G.S.T. Rebate	370.84	611.76
Insurance Recovery	700.00	400.00
Donations From:		
Father Pandosy Mission		
Committee	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
General	1,250.00	1,225.00
Branches	2,451.00	636.00
	3,701.00	4,361.00
Interest		
Central Okanagan Foundation	1,081.50	630.88
Term Deposits	418.18	351.41
Savings Account	21.67	2.35
	1,521.35	984.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,559.21	18,547.87
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS – Brought Forward	21,523.63	21,640.87
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (964.42)	\$ (3,093.00)

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

DISBURSEMENTS	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	
Expenses				
President	\$ 300.00		\$ -	
Secretary	300.00		300.00	
Treasurer	<u>433.52</u>	\$ 1,033.52	<u>552.49</u>	\$ 852.49
Expenses Regarding Sales				
O.H.S. Reports:				
Editor's Honorarium	2,000.00		3,000.00	
Printing	8,040.54		7,819.84	
Printing Index	1,901.76		-	
Shipping	<u>1,260.60</u>	13,202.90	<u>1,049.72</u>	11,869.56
Donations and Transfers to Branches				
Branches	2,451.00		636.00	
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	<u>-</u>	2,451.00	<u>2,500.00</u>	3,136.00
Annual Meeting Fee		60.00		500.00
Advertising		80.00		80.00
Essay and Video Contest		1,000.00		1,000.00
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		-		500.00
Insurance		1,639.00		1,614.00
Internet and Website		439.40		544.40
Memberships		150.00		-
Office and Bank Charges		171.36		296.37
Professional Fees		840.00		850.00
Rentals - For Meeting	189.00		183.75	
Rentals - Post Office Box	<u>177.45</u>	366.45	<u>174.30</u>	358.05
Sundry		<u>90.00</u>		<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 21,523.63</u>		<u>\$ 21,640.87</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FATHER PANDOSY MISSION COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2018		2017	
RECEIPTS				
City of Kelowna	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	
Okanagan Historical Society General Account	-	\$ -	<u>500.00</u>	\$ 3,000.00
Donations				
On Site	5,858.64		4,586.19	
Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson	<u>9,000.00</u>	14,858.64	<u>8,000.00</u>	12,586.19
Interest		56.87		42.33
Utility recovery		-		1,011.04
ICBC payment		-		2,264.84
G.S.T. rebate		<u>713.00</u>		<u>697.69</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>15,628.51</u>		<u>19,602.09</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
Advertising		378.00		378.00
Grant meetings		411.82		-
Insurance		1,713.00		2,368.00
Membership		-		189.00
Professional fees		-		784.57
Rentals		1,664.25		2,007.60
Repairs - general		4,582.49		2,416.35
Repairs - buildings and grounds		6,142.50		6,561.66
Office		339.06		-
Supplies		1,030.62		3,247.74
Utilities		<u>4,113.80</u>		<u>4,146.38</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>20,375.54</u>		<u>22,099.30</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ (4,747.03)</u>		<u>\$ (2,497.21)</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

NOTE 1 STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Society is a not-for-profit society registered under the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue Recognition

The Society operates on the cash method of accounting.

Property

The land was donated by the Presbyterian Church in 1970 for the consideration of \$1. It consists of two lots in the old Fairview Township near Okanagan Falls and is maintained for the benefit of the community and tourism. The land and improvements (including a kiosk) are exempt from property taxes.

NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

2018

The investments consist of the following:

Term Deposits:

Investment certificate 1.20%, due March 31, 2020	10,658.05
Investment certificate 2.25%, due April 5, 2021	6,629.55
Investment certificate 1.40% due March 15, 2019	10,860.15

Savings Account

12,208.66

\$ 40,356.41
