

Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
April 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Lois Marshall called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. via zoom. Eighteen members were present..

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 25, 2021 annual general meeting be adopted as printed in the 85th Report and on the society website.
Bob Hayes / Carmen Kirkland. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) President - Lois Marshall. See attached
- b) Secretary – Joan Cowan. See attached
- c) Treasurer – Robert Cowan. See attached

Motion: That the unaudited treasurer's report for 2021 be adopted as presented.
Robert Cowan / Domenic Rampone. Carried.

- d) Editor – Ken Mather. See attached

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos – Larry Shannon. See attached
- b) Penticton – Karen Collins. See attached
- c) Summerland – David Gregory. See attached
- d) Kelowna – Margot Pridham. See attached
- e) Vernon – Herb Thorburn (no report)
- f) Armstrong / Enderby – Carmen Kirkland. See attached
- g) Salmon Arm – Linda Painchaud. See attached

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE:

- a) Father Pandosy – Domenic Rampone. See attached

Motion: Speaking on behalf of the Father Pandosy Committee, we wish to thank the Okanagan Historical Society executive for its donation of \$500 and the Kelowna Branch for its donation of \$2500.

Bob Hayes / Margot Pridham. Carried

- b) Student Essay – Diane Ambil. See attached
- c) Website – Lois Marshall (no report)
- d) Index – Joan Cowan. See attached

Motion: That the reports of the Table Officers, Branch Presidents, and Directors-at-Large be adopted as received.

Larry Shannon / Diane Ambil. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Election of Officers – Robert Cowan conducted the election of officers. The following table officers were elected by acclamation:
President – Lois Marshall
Vice President – Larry Shannon
Secretary – Karen Collins; Maggie Ricciardi
Treasurer – Amrita Jawanda
Editor – Ken Mather

Motion: That we appoint the following signing officers for the upcoming year, effective June 1, 2022: Amrita Jawanda, Lois Marshall, and Robert “Bob” Hayes.

Robert Cowan / Larry Shannon. Carried

Amrita Jawanda will bring forward a recommendation for an auditor at the next executive meeting.

b) Diane Ambil - The Salmon Arm Branch has an account for donations with the Shuswap Community Foundation and they recommend the OHS consider doing something similar. Robert Cowan reminded her that the OHS has an account with the Central Okanagan Foundation that is also available for donations. We receive interest from the Foundation each year.

c) Ken Mather - We are three years way from our 100th anniversary, 2025. We should do something special to commemorate the event. Lois suggested we add this to the July agenda and establish a committee to plan the event.

d) Robert Cowan - The OHS received a package in the mail that he has passed on to the Kelowna Branch. Enclosed was the first hand-carved crest of the City of Kelowna; it was donated by the family of the man who created the second crest for the City. It was suggested that the branch retain the crest for the time being while the Father Pandosy Committee negotiates an agreement with the City of Kelowna.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Lois Marshall - Thank you to all of our directors and volunteers for their many years of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next annual general meeting will be held in May in Salmon Arm. The next executive meeting will be held July 10, 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by president Lois Marshall at 10 45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

Notice: All of the reports presented at the AGM may be found online on the society's website: okanaganhistoricalsociety.org.

**Okanagan Historical Society
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Remote/ZOOM
Sunday, April 24, 2022**

President's Message

This last year continued online in order to follow Public Health Orders around the Covid-19 Pandemic. We appreciate our membership is more at-risk than other populations and want to make every effort to keep people free of the virus.

We met remotely using the Zoom platform. I think we are getting better at Zoom meetings, despite initial challenges. I continue to hope for the return to a more "normal" meeting environment, or some form of hybrid model; however, it will be up to the Executive to determine future meeting environments.

The most significant challenge this last year has been filling the roles that will be vacated with the resignation of Bob and Joan Cowan. The Okanagan Historical Society wholeheartedly thank Bob and Joan for their many, many years of service, and wish them a relaxing and happy break. Over the years, their positions grew beyond the two roles of Secretary and Treasurer. As various roles became vacant, they each took on more and more duties and responsibilities to ensure the Society continued. Their resignations forced the board to review all the duties, and to once again separate tasks into more manageable roles.

The 85th Report was released summer 2021. Articles include the Riddle of the Summerland Cannonballs, Enderby's Great Bridge Debate, and the Shatford Brothers: Entrepreneurs and Civic Leaders. We are now preparing for the 86th publication. I look forward to reading about new stories of heritage and local history. Please see the Editor's report for further information.

A Heritage Reconciliation Pledge was brought forward this year for discussion. A working committee was formed to review and modify a pledge that reflects the OHS mandate. We look forward to further discussions with this committee and a finalized pledge for next year's AGM.

The Father Pandosy Mission Site governance continues to be important for the Executive. Domenic Rampone, as OHS representative, has taken on the role of "facilitator" to bring about the transition of the site to the City of Kelowna. With the pandemic and the horror of the residential school situation, the Diocese of Nelson has been very busy this last year. The City, the Church and Dom met again recently, to re-initiate the conversation around the site transition to the City. While the buildings were again closed this past year, other Father Pandosy Mission initiatives continued. The Father Pandosy Committee were successful last year with a federal grant, the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) grant, in the amount of \$78,158. Digby Heritage Services began a two-year conservation and preservation project on some of the buildings. While this grant is important for the preservation of the site, funding general operations continue to be a great concern. Thank you to the Kelowna Branch of OHS for their contribution to site operations this year. Thank you to the FPC for their work, and thank you to Domenic for working with the City and Diocese. We all hope the site will transition soon, and OHS can step back from this heritage property. Please see the Father Pandosy Committee report for further details.

Many Branch activities were curtailed or cancelled again this past year due to health concerns. However, our members continue to support and promote the history of their specific area, as well as the Okanagan, Shuswap, and Similkameen as a whole, where and when they can. We had media coverage with our support of the BCRDH project, digitizing historical Okanagan photographs. We were also highlighted as part of the BC Historical Federation centennial, with an article by Mark Forsythe in BC History. I am very thankful for everyone's work as we continue to tell the stories of our people and our part of British Columbia.

I believe succession planning for the OHS will be on the minds for many of our branches and the Executive in the coming years, as we continue to work to make Okanagan history, and the OHS relevant to younger generations, and our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Lois Marshall

Secretary's Report
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This year I have attempted to complete all of my duties and additional responsibilities to the best of my ability.

In recent months I sorted the many historical society records Bob and I have collected over the last 32 years and prepared them to pass on to our new directors-at-large and table officers. We also have approximately two boxes of archival records, including an editor's journal from 1989-1997 and numerous photographs, that will be passed on to the Archives of the Greater Vernon Museum.

I would like to thank Karen and Maggie for taking on the roles of Recording and Corresponding secretary and Carmen for taking on Membership Director and Mail Distribution.. Thank you to everyone for your support over the years.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

Okanagan Historical Society
 Annual Financial Statement
 January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020
Memberships & Sales		
Armstrong/Enderby	2,106.00	2,574.00
Kelowna	3,240.00	2,376.00
Oliver/Osoyoos	360.00	378.00
Penticton	1,440.00	3,780.00
Salmon Arm	396.00	720.00
Summerland	720.00	820.00
Vernon	720.00	820.00
Treasurer	<u>3,345.00</u>	<u>3,575.00</u>
	12,327.00	15,043.00
Other Receipts		
Index sales	35.00	
Postage & handling	1,327.00	1,302.00
U.S. Exchange	22.23	17.80
GST Rebate		699.62
Insurance recovery		1,138.07
Donations, General	1,115.00	1,470.00
Donations, Branches	100.00	492.00
Interest, Okanagan Foundation		630.88
Total Receipts	14,926.23	20,793.37
Less Disbursements	17,731.88	21,333.79
Balance	(2,805.65)	540.42

DISBURSEMENTS		2021	2020
Expenses Regarding Sales	Printing	9,069.34	9,136.94
	Postage & Handling	1,396.01	1,248.91
	Editor's honorarium	3,000.00	3,000.00
Executive	Secretary stipend	300.00	300.00
	Treasurer	600.00	
	Editor (photos)	72.98	125.58
Rentals	Room Rental	189.00	189.00
	Post Office Box	185.85	181.65
Donations & Transfers	Branches	100.00	492.00
	Father Pandosy		699.33
Office & Square charges		12.54	153.98
Insurance		1,715.00	1,708.00
Auditor		890.00	870.00
B.C. Registrar		40.00	40.00
Website & Internet		11.16	1,888.40
Student Essay Contest			1,000.00
Memberships		150.00	
Total Disbursements		17,731.88	21,333.79
 CURRENT ASSETS			
	Chequing	1,958.34	
	Savings	18,324.23	
	Term Deposits	<u>20,068.56</u>	
		40,351.13	

NOTE: This is an unaudited report. The interest income from investments is not included.

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Editor's Report**

Last year's 85th Report was well received and is selling well, with only a few copies remaining. After the report was printed, Kettle Valley Graphics, that had done the layout and printing of the last ten reports, was sold. I decided to look for a new printer and requested a quote from Get Colour Copies Ltd. a locally owned printer in Vernon. After finding that their quote was about \$3000 less than last year's printing costs, the Executive Council, at the February 27 meeting, approved a motion: "That we change the publisher from Kettle Valley Graphics to Get Colour Copies." I will be undertaking the layout of the report prior to printing, something that has usually been done by the printers.

This year's report is proceeding well, with 33 articles so far. I am happy to report that we received several entries for the Student Essay contest and have picked two essays to include in this year's report. In light of the fact that we did not give the award last year, the Executive Council approved awarding both essays prize money.

The Branch Editors met on March 20. Mary Trainor has stepped down as the Summerland Branch Editor and has been replaced by David Gregory. After some discussion, the Branch Editors agreed at their meeting that the "Lives Remembered" will continue to be included in the report.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Mather

Oliver Osoyoos Branch Report to the Okanagan Historical Society April 24, 2021 Annual General Meeting

The Branch has not had any meetings recently but we continue to have a presence in our communities and promote awareness of local history. Branch members were involved in the creation of official Canada Post commemorative stamps that are associated with the celebration of Oliver's first 100 years. O.H.S. members also made contributions to a book that was written to acknowledge the 100-year anniversary of Oliver and celebrate the people of Oliver and the Osoyoos Indian Band. Kenneth Favrholt, a former member of the Oliver Osoyoos Branch was a co-editor of this book.

The Branch continues to act as guardians for the O.H.S. Fairview Townsite property and the Fairview Kiosk. We also distribute the O.H.S. Annual Report in Oliver and Osoyoos.

One project that we are currently working on involves improvements to the Kiosk Structure. The murals that are on display in the Kiosk are interesting, informative and valuable. The Kiosk was built in 1996-97 and is now showing its age. The pine shake roof definitely requires replacing and other parts of the structure should receive some maintenance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Shannon
Oliver Osoyoos Branch

Penticton Branch Report
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For the past two years the Penticton Branch had paused most in-person activities but happily we have been more active since fall 2021. With the ease in COVID restraints and social distancing Cherry Lane Shopping Centre was able to return to their community engagement program and allow groups to host displays in the mall.

Since September we have had three successful book sales at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre. Along with a selection of back issues of the "OHS Report" we had a considerable number of books on local history available for sale thanks to the generous donations of families of past branch members.

We held two sales in the fall. On the weekend of September 18th -19th we had a highly successful book sale for the release of the 85th Report followed by our pre-Christmas book sale on November 13th -14th both with displays relevant to the articles in the current OHS Report.

On February 19- 21st the branch had a display and book sale in support of Heritage Week. A display of automotive memorabilia by Herb Allen, photographs of Penticton garages beginning in 1920 and artwork by Randy Manuel added to our display of photos relating to the 85th.

The events were well received and gave us a chance to visit with the public, share local history and promote the OHS.

The Penticton Museum and Archives Brown Bag Lecture series returned September to early December for the fall session and mid- January to the beginning of April for the spring. Four members of our branch gave presentations.

The Dragon's Den on Front Street also continues to sell the OHS publications on behalf of our branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Collins

Summerland Branch Report

This year, the Summerland Branch received \$6500 to develop historic signage for our new Waterfront Heritage Park. The goal of the park is to celebrate our significant indigenous history and the early history of Summerland. We hope to finish the project for Victoria Day, Monday May 23 2022.

Since 1987, for Heritage Week, the community has chosen an historic building, site and tree. For Heritage Week this year, the community has chosen the Badminton Hall, built in 1934. This building is one of two in Canada that is a “stand alone” badminton facility. The selected heritage site is the 1910 Baptist Church. The reason for this selection is that the branch has the goal of installing an interpretive sign at this location. The selected tree for 2022 is the Kitson maple trees in Trout Creek. Three maple trees were planted close together in 1960 and the net result is an explosion of colour each Fall.

Since 1987, on an annual basis, a pen and ink drawing of each selected heritage building was done and today we have a large display of these drawings on the northern wall of our museum.

The Summerland museum had now completed the digitization our Summerland newspapers from 1908-1929 and then again in 1946-1967. For historians who use this source of information, this is a major step forward. During those missing years of 1930-1945, hopefully the Penticton newspapers will be digitized and readily available to the public. We encourage other OHS branches to promote these digitization projects.

Other Summerland branch projects include an expansion of our “virtual tour of the cemetery”. The branch is trying to keep up with Bob Hayes from Kelowna, and it’s not easy ! Also the branch is just starting to update our “Street Names of Summerland “ and our Heritage Homes book. Busy times.

Two years ago, Summerland Municipal Council’s Heritage Advisory Commission folded and the Summerland Branch of the OHS took over the commission’s responsibilities. Although it was a little confusing in the beginning, the Branch has provided recommendations to Municipal Council and receiving funds for the Waterfront Heritage Park is a good sign.

Respectfully submitted

George Downton

Branch President

Kelowna Branch Presidents Report

I wish to acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx people whose proud history in this area dates back more than 11,500 years. It is our wish that the Kelowna Branch forges a stronger relationship with the local Indigenous people, as we together strive to record and promote the history – pre and post-contact – of this beautiful part of British Columbia.

Over the past year the Kelowna Branch has had several “Zoom” executive meetings including our recent AGM, which has allowed us to move forward with some of our activities which include: Kelowna Branch annual calendar which sold out and brought in \$4000 for the branch.

Branch bursaries which we are waiting for the recipient announcement for both. The Buckland Bursary has been increased to \$1000 this year from \$500.

The Kelowna Pioneer Cemetery Signage Project continues with the addition of four more signs this year recognizing “Ranching”, “Cemetery History”, “Agriculture” and “Japanese Heritage” to the two already installed for “Chinese Heritage” and “Francophones”.

Father Pandosy Mission site is having much needed restoration work done to some of the buildings by Robin Digby, heritage restoration expert.

The Kelowna Courier newspaper column has continued to run weekly with a variety of interesting stories about the people and places in our area.

COVID has not prevented the Kelowna Branch from continuing its mandate to research, record and promote our local human and natural history. When COVID restrictions are lifted, we anticipate doing even more, including some of our traditional in-person events, such as our Annual General Meeting, the summer picnic, the annual Tractor Show (at the historic Pandosy Mission site), and our fall social. Until we have the full “go-ahead”, we will continue to limit our activities to ones which are safer in nature.

The Central Okanagan is growing at a rapid rate. Recent news tells us that Kelowna is the fastest growing city of its size in all of Canada. At the time of this writing, changes are occurring in our city and environs. Neighbourhoods are being rezoned for multi-family and densified development. Historic buildings and their surroundings are in danger of disappearing in the face of this rapid development. There are concerns about how this development will impact on our precious supply of life-giving water. These questions and many more remind us of the importance of our natural and human history and the role that the Okanagan Historical Society plays in preserving this history. Working alongside other like-minded organizations - the Central Okanagan Heritage Society (COHS), neighbourhood associations, local museums and archives, the Kelowna & District Genealogical Society (KDGS) and the Kelowna Tree Protectors, to name but a few – the Kelowna Branch is working to ensure that our history, in its many and varied forms, is not lost to rampant development and the destruction of our precious Okanagan natural water and landscapes.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Pridham, Kelowna Branch President

Once again the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic has precluded our branch from holding any meetings since November 2019, nor were we able to host the Society's AGM again this year. 'Three times the charm' certainly did not hold true for us and we sincerely wish the Salmon Arm branch more success in hosting the society's AGM in 2023.

Should we be able to hold in person meetings in the fall, Len Gamble has kindly offered to give his long awaited presentation of the A.L.Fortune School Fire of 1975.

In March our branch received an email from a woman named Jennifer Grainger. Although living in Ontario, she is currently writing a novel set in B.C. during the 1880s. Jennifer stated that she has found lots of useful information in our digitized OHS Reports and thinks that they are a "wonderful source" of information about the Okanagan area. One of her characters is a twelve-year-old child who is making a steamboat journey between Lambly's Landing (Enderby) and Sicamous and was wanting an approximate cost, or at least an educated guess, of what that fare would be around the year 1885.

Joan Cowan took on the research locally and, although able to confirm that the sternwheeler SS Spallumcheen and the side-wheeler Lady Dufferin were the two boats regularly traveling that route during the time period in question, she was unable to locate a single mention of price anywhere; not in advertising, recollections of old-timers nor in the Enderby Museum's records. Joan then reached out to a local historian, Jim Cooperman, to see if he had run across any prices. The only example he had closest to that time period was from 1913 when passengers were charged four cents a mile to travel from Celista to Kamloops. Joan and Jim made an educated guess that the fare Jennifer was looking for likely would have cost between 25 and 50 cents. Taking into consideration the fact that the most common Dominion of Canada bank note circulating in the 1880s was the 25-cent bill, commonly called a 'shinplaster', it was suggested to Jennifer that she would be quite close to the truth if she used a fare of 25 cents for her young character.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Kirkland, Branch President

Salmon Arm Branch Report April 2022

Returning to in person meetings has been a welcome change from Zoom meetings during COVID.

During this past year, we had a display for sign up week in September, held a book sale in November, and set up an unmanned display for Heritage Week in February. At Christmas time, our various publications and Report #85 sold well in the bookstores. Both our bookstores reported a slow but steady number of sales, as well as interest in any local history publications. It seems with our expanding population; newcomers are keen to learn more of our area.

We have been expanding our display capacity, as well as working to organize and improve our display materials.

We have begun researching local WW1 veterans, so their names are not forgotten. Our Cenotaph remembers those who lost their lives for their country, but we are trying to preserve the names of those who returned from the Great War, including the women and Indigenous members of the Armed Forces who served. Identifying the returned veterans has been a learning experience, as local communities were much smaller and remembered their veterans in different ways.

Our Walking Tour is quite popular as our Tourist Board and Economic Development Commission are actively promoting the tour, so we have been improving signage to highlight the various stops on the tour.

The Fall Fair this year promises to be a major event on the calendar, as it has been a victim of Covid cancellations for the past two years.

Our group has begun interviewing 'Old Timers' again in the hope of preserving more oral histories.

Planning has begun for the Valley AGM to be held here in 2023. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Respectfully submitted

Linda Painchaud

Father Pandosy Mission Site update, April 24th ,2022

Restoration progressing very well, we are in a 2 week pause as the Project Manager 102 year mother passed away, even at that age it is still sad.

Fantastic news on Wednesday April 27th we are beginning negotiations between the City of Kelowna and the Bishop of Nelson Dioceses. I will be present to facility and make sure that all parties stay on track.

Please stay tuned

Respectfully submitted

Domenic Rampone

Student Essay Contest

Apr. 24, 2022

The Student Essay entries this year were of much better quality, and topics were more varied than usual. The committee agreed that two were worthy of the prize. After consulting with Bob Cowan about the financial aspect, and with Ken Mather about inclusion in the Report, I made a motion that:

As no award was made last year, and the funds are there, for this year only, we have two co-winners of the OHS Student Essay contest, each to receive a \$1000.00 prize and publication in the Report.

The motion passed with no dissent. As a result, the two co-winners are:

“They remember the heat and the dust and the rattlesnakes”: Battle Drill Comes to Vernon, 1939-1945 by Megan Hamilton, a student at the University of Waterloo

and

Rapid Descent: The Rise and Fall of Outdoor Waterslides in the Okanagan Region by Jillian Pearson, a student at the University of Northern B.C.

As we are unable to meet in person this year, Bob will be mailing the awards to the two winners after today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Ambil

Student Essay Contest coordinator

Index Report
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Thankfully we haven't had any issues with our online index and database since we moved the historical society website last year to a server hosted by Checkmate Consulting. We were able to complete the indexing of the 85th report and enter the entries into the online database by February of this year. We have also made some additions and corrections to the index, which is now completed for Reports 1-85. We have no plans to print the Index in the near future.

Special thanks go to Faith Hudson for volunteering to do this important work for the OHS. Faith has been involved in this project since the index committee initiated the online version in 2006. I have agreed to remain as Director-at-Large for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan