

Okanagan Historical Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
27 September, 2026
Summerland Waterfront Resort
13011 Lakeshore Drive S, Summerland, BC V0H 1Z1

1. "Notice of Call". 22 members attended. (8 guests)
2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting were distributed and posted on the Okanagan Historical Society website.

MOTION: That the minutes of the September 19, 2025, annual general meeting be adopted as displayed on the Okanagan Historical Society website.

Moved: Craig Jones. Seconded Clint Evans. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes: None.
4. Correspondence (included in Secretary's Report).
5. Reports of Table Officers as Submitted
 - a) President - Lois Marshall
 - b) Secretary/ Treasurer – Karen Collins

Anja Hoffrichter provided an overview of the Okanagan Historical Society Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2025.

 - c) Editor – Gwyneth Evans
6. Branch Reports as Submitted
 - a) Oliver / Osoyoos - Larry Shannon
 - b) Penticton - Karen Collins
 - c) Summerland – David Gregory Verbal

The Cartwright house, one of Summerland's oldest Heritage Homes was completely destroyed in the Bald Range Wildfire which forced the evacuation of the entire community of Summerland.

 - d) Kelowna – Cathy Jennens
 - e) Vernon – Clint Evans
7. Committee Reports
 - a) Father Pandosy – Dale Kermode Verbal

Through a motion presented at last year's AGM, the membership voted to terminate the Father Pandosy Mission lease and return the Father Pandosy Mission site back to the Church, giving them 6 months required notice. In July, Dale Kermode and Craig Jones, representing OHS, negotiated an extension (at \$1500.00 per month) for the Caretaker, of about 20 years, and family to find alternate living arrangements. In August, the well for the Caretaker's home ran dry and the family was forced to move sooner. The financial arrangements between OHS and the Church are at an end but the family will be able to continue to remove their belongs.

In answer to a question about the future of the Father Pandosy Mission site, Dale pointed out that it is now up to the Church as legal owner of the property.

b) Essay Contest – Gwyneth Evans for Kaitlyn Dhesi Verbal

Gwyneth presented a copy of Okanagan History, the OHS 90th Report and a cheque for \$1000.00 to Jeff Diekert, the 2026 Essay Contest Winner. Dale Kermode urged Jeff to fill out the Membership Card inside the book.

c) Website – Clint Evans for Kaitlyn Dhesi Verbal

A meeting of the combined Website/Membership Committees met to discuss options and provide a recommendation to the Board by evaluating options for improving the organization's website platform and membership system, with a focus on cost, functionality, sustainability, and ease of management. Taking cost into consideration, some members felt they could make the needed changes to our current platform without the expense, however, for personal reasons we have lost Kaitlyn and now need to look for someone else to complete the project.

d) Index – Gwyneth Evans for Joan Cowan Verbal

Gwyneth mentioned with her Editor's Report that Joan Cowan and Faith Hudson have committed to index the report this year. (90th Report)

e) Membership – Clint Evans for Avery Ivens Verbal

In an effort to bring the OHS into the modern era, the Membership Committee has been looking into other ways of accepting members. We have been looking into Canadian membership software that would be able to organize this through our website. We have voted on using Membee, be able to make sure that all branches have an up to date membership list of both their own and other branches. Using Membee we'll also be able to offer corporate memberships and offer tax write offs.

8. Unfinished Business: None,

9. New Business: None

10. Election of the Board: Dale Kermode conducted the election of officers. The Board had called for Expressions of Interest in joining the Board including through the OHS Newsletter. Dale called for nominees from the floor. No one expressed interest.

MOTION: To accept the names presented as our new Board of Directors for the coming year.

Moved: Clint Evans. Seconded: Susan Wort.

The following Directors were elected:

Lois, Marshall

Dale Kermode

Karen Collins

Craig Jones

Anja Hoffrichter

For personal reasons, Chris Hives resigned from the Board of Directors but will remain on committees.

11. Complimentary Resolutions

The Board would like to extend a thank you to all attendees and to thank the Summerland Branch for hosting at such a lovely venue.

Thank you to Gwyneth Evans for an excellent job on the latest OHS Report.

12. Announcements

a) Life memberships: Lois Marshall presented a Life Membership to Mary Trainer, Summerland Branch. Since 2011 Mary has been a Director, representing Summerland and has consistently been a part of the OHS Editorial Committee. Mary has been Branch Editor, author and a proofreader for the OHS Okanagan History Reports as well as being key to the writing of the Okanagan Historical Society Style Guide.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

A brief meeting of the newly elected Directors was held immediately following the adjournment.

Officers for 2026-2027 are:

Dale Kermode, President

Craig Jones, Vice-President

Karen Collins, Secretary

Anja Hoffrichter, Treasurer

Lois Marshall, Past-President