

The Annual General Meeting for the West Vancouver Historical Society was called to order at 7:03 pm. Rod Day, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were approximately 30 attendees.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Scenery Slater and seconded by Tom Wardell and carried.
2. **Adoption of Minutes:** The minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting were available to members. It was moved that the minutes be adopted. Moved by Barb Hunter and seconded by Marny Peirson and carried.
3. **Introduction of Guests:** Rod introduced and recognized the following members and guests – Francis Mansbridge, author of *Dreamers and Designers*, Jim Carter, past President of WVHS, Scenery Slater, Ambleside Dunderave Ratepayers Association, Paul Hundal, Old Growth Conservancy.
4. **Recognition:**

Michael Barnes Memorial Service: Rod recognized the sad passing of good friend and colleague Michael Barnes and noted Michael's huge contribution to the community of West Vancouver and to the WVHS over a number of years. Michael was Vice President of WVHS in 2018/2019 and is very much missed. The Memorial Service will be held Friday May 24, 2019 at Stanley Park. Those planning on attending were asked to notify Gerri Barnes.

Dave Barker: Rod recognized the extraordinary passion and contribution of Dave Barker, who is retiring from the Board of WVHS after 21 years of service. (See comments below in Presidents Report). Dave was presented with a \$300 cheque in recognition of his service.

Marilyn Rhodes: In the past year, Marilyn continued with her role of Treasurer and took on the added roles of Membership and also managing the WVHS office. In recognition for her "above and beyond" service, Rod presented Marilyn with a cheque for \$300.

Rod noted that a recent negotiation with Shaw on our Internet and telephone rates provided savings that supported the above noted recognition gifts.
5. **Financial Report:** Marilyn Rhodes reviewed the 2018 income and expenses report and thanked the accountants, Baker & Company for filing the Financial Report. Copies of the report were available to members at the meeting. Two motions were made:
 1. It was moved by Marilyn Rhodes that the financial report be approved as read, seconded by Jim Carter, and carried.
 2. It was moved to appoint the firm of Baker & Co to represent WVHS as our accountants for 2019/20. Moved by Scenery Slater and seconded by Dave Barker, and carried.
6. **President's Report 2018/2019:** Rod Day summarized points from the following report, which is also posted on the WVHS website under About Us/Governance.

We have had a busy and productive year. We are very pleased with the success of our book, *Dreamers & Designers*, by Francis Mansbridge and John Moir, published by Harbour Press. It is selling well in local shops, and several are close to being sold out. The book has very good reviews. The book is the third in a series of excellent books put out by the society: *Cottages to Community*, *Arrivals and Departures*, *Dreamers & Designers*.

Dave Barker is retiring from the Board, of which he has been a member for 21 years. He is a past president and has published our excellent newsletter "Memories", for the past nine years. He has also been closely involved in the publication of all of our books. He comes from a pioneering West Vancouver family and has a long record of public service as a teacher and citizen of West Vancouver. We will miss him on the Board, but we are happy that he will continue to be a member of our society and, as always, a valued contributor.

Laura Anderson continues to organize Local Voices and brings in excellent speakers for the sessions, held very few months. The next Local Voices event will be on June 5 at the West Vancouver Memorial Library.

In 2018, we awarded grants to the WV Art Museum for the Fulker/Pullan Archival Project (\$2500), and the WV Library and Archives for the digitization of WV Newspaper, 1926-1933 (\$3800).

We wish to call your attention to our new website. Gail McBride and Laura Anderson have worked very hard to set it up, and Gail maintains and updates the site. Gail also led the development of a new logo for WVHS and we look forward to the launch of that (samples were on display and included in the masthead of these minutes). Gail has also been instrumental in the formulation of a new 3-year Strategic Plan for our society. It is posted on the website, and we encourage you to visit the site and read the Plan. We welcome any suggestions or additions you might have.

We publish four newsletters a year and have four general member meetings with speakers. Mayor Mary Ann Booth will be speaking to our annual meeting May 15. She follows several distinguished speakers: Michael Kluckner in March 2019, and Isaac Vanderhorst in November 2018.

We continue to search for new Board members to replace Michael Barnes and Dave Barker, and also to help with membership. We welcome any volunteers interested in joining our Board.

Our society continues to do well. We have close to 200 members and have good attendance at our general meetings and a great turnout for our barbeque in September. We thank you for your support and your contributions to our society.

7. **Nomination and Election of Board Members for 2019/20:** Rod noted the resignations of Dave Barker, Leane Neufeld and the vacancy left by Michael Barnes. Eight Board members are up for re-election: Laura Anderson, Rod Day, Elaine Graham, Barb Hunter, Gail McBride, Marny Peirson, Marilyn Rhodes and Tom Wardell. Rod called for nominations to the Board three times. Hearing no further nominations, it was moved that the incumbents be re-elected. Moved by Rod and seconded by Barb Hunter and carried.
8. **Guest Speaker: Mary-Ann Booth, Mayor of West Vancouver:** Rod introduced Mary-Ann Booth who spoke about her vision for West Vancouver accompanied by a slide presentation. Her talk was "A Renewed West Vancouver – Livable, Vibrant and Inclusive". The Mayor outlined the District's six strategic goals and gave a number of examples of initiatives underway and she referenced some of the heritage conservation activities. There were many questions from the audience and the Mayor's talk was well received. The Mayor asked members to consider submitting nominations for this year's Community Heritage Awards.
9. The formal meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.