



Canadian Hard of Hearing Association British Columbia Chapter

**2020 Annual General Meeting CHHA-BC
MINUTES
September 24th, 2020
Held Virtually through Zoom
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order:

President Ruth Warick called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum had been achieved with 13 voting members present.

2. Approval of Agenda:

RESOLUTION: That the agenda for the 2020 CHHA-BC Annual General Meeting be approved.

MOVED BY: Charles Laszlo
SECONDED BY: Bowen
CARRIED: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 CHHA-BC AGM:

RESOLUTION: That the minutes of the 2019 CHHA-BC AGM be approved.

MOVED BY: Gael Hannan
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Dahl
CARRIED: Carried

4. Joint President and Operations Manager Report: Ruth Warick, Henry Kutarna

A written report was submitted and a PowerPoint presentation was given that provided highlights for the last year.
There were no questions, comments or concerns.

RESOLUTION: That the 2019-2020 joint President and Operations Manager report be accepted.

MOVED BY: Ruth Warick
SECONDED BY: Jessica Niemela
CARRIED: Carried

5. Financial Report: Mike Phelan

There were no questions, comments or concerns.

RESOLUTION: That the 2019-2020 Financial report be accepted.

MOVED BY: Mike Phelan
SECONDED BY: Charles Laszlo
CARRIED: Carried

6. Branch Reports:

Abbotsford: Jerry Gosling

- Submitted written report
- Branch has not been meeting because of Covid
- Jerry delivered speechreading classes in the spring

Vancouver: Rosalind

- Submitted written report
- 10th annual Walk2Hear being held virtually on September 27, with special videos and Virtual Video Challenges.
- Marilyn asked for clarification on start times.

North Shore: Hugh Hetherington

- Submitted written report
- A normal year for CHHA North Shore branch, with many meetings, speakers, and donations to CHHA, including scholarships
- Have added Ron Chapman to the Board

Comox: Jean Shepherd attending on behalf of Comox branch.

- Written report submitted. No verbal comments.
There were no other questions or concerns.

RESOLUTION: That the 2019-2020 CHHA-BC branch reports be accepted.

MOVED BY: Elwood Major
SECONDED BY: Jerry Gosling
CARRIED: Carried

7. Report from the Youth Peer Support
Written report submitted by Bowen Tang

RESOLUTION: That the annual report of the Youth Peer Support Program be accepted.

MOVED BY: Bowen Tang
SECONDED BY: No seconder
CARRIED: Carried

8. Appointment of Auditor (Peer Review):

RESOLUTION: That Miron Gazda be appointed to conduct a peer review of the 2020-2021 annual financial statements of CHHA-BC.

MOVED BY: Mike Phelan
SECONDED BY: Jerry Gosling
CARRIED: Carried

9. Appointment of External Accountant:

RESOLUTION: That the accounting firm of Michael Waldkirch & Company, Vancouver be appointed to prepare the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 year-end accounting statements, annual report, and filings as required by the CRA and BC Societies Act.

MOVED BY: Mike Phelan
SECONDED BY: Elwood Major
CARRIED: Carried

10. New Business

Ruth Warick presented on Future Plans for CHHA BC, based on its four pillars:

a. Advocacy:

- Accessibility Committee to define recommendations provided to the Ministry in November 2019
- Continued COVID-19 Advocacy work regarding covered face masks and promoting a range of accessible approaches
- Hearing Aid Committee to explore options for affordable hearing instrument devices for BC residents

b. Communications, Awareness and Education

- Update the Hospital Kit
- Celebrate World Hearing Day of March 3, 2021,

- Work with CHHA National on nationwide mentoring program
 - Update our website and social media
- c. **Representation:** ensure CHHA BC representation on various committees, with CHHA National and BC government, Seniors Advocate
- d. **Membership, Administration and Finance**
- Develop fundraising sources
 - Work with CHHA branches in BC
 - Grow members

Ruth thanked Mike Phelan for his wonderful work as Treasurer and welcomed Elwood Major as the new Treasurer.

11. Motion to adjourn:

RESOLUTION: That the 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting of CHHA-BC be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Jerry Gosling
SECONDED BY: Charles Laszlo
CARRIED: Carried

A successful Town Hall followed the AGM, lasting approximately an hour.