

SALMO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2020 Annual General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES ~ Tuesday, March 16th, 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Salmo Public Library Association convened at 6:30pm via KLF Zoom account with the following in attendance.

Trustees: Valene Foster, Janet Pierce, Judi Cozzetto, Thomas Nixon, Pat Goulden, Sally Albert, Keith Kemp

Regrets: Hans Cunningham, Jennifer Endersby;

Staff: Taylor Caron, Marianne Hansen, Gayle Jarek;

Community members: Helen Oldershaw, Lori Dunn, Sharry Heighton

1. Call to Order: at 6:35pm by Valene Foster, Chair

2. Approval of Agenda: Approval moved by Judi Cozzetto, seconded by Pat Goulden.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: For 2019 AGM, March 9, 2020. Approval moved by Judi Cozzetto, and seconded by Pat Goulden.

CARRIED

4. Receipt & Approval of 2020 Financial Statements

Financial statements from January 1 – December 31, 2020, were received. Approval of yearend financial statements was moved by Pat Goulden and seconded by Judi Cozzetto.

CARRIED

5. Report from the Chair

Valene Foster presented her final report on Board and library activities for 2020. Marianne Hansen reported on the activities of the Children's Librarian for 2020, and Taylor Caron, Library Director, presented the annual report handout. See attached 3 documents.

- Lori Dunn from Salmo CBAL - Mentioned how grateful she is for the continued partnership and ongoing collaboration between CBAL and the Library.

6. Election of Trustees for 2021

The following people were nominated:

- Valene Foster is continuing for the 1st year of their 4th term (year 7)
- Judi Cozzetto is continuing for the 2nd year of their 3rd term (year 6)
- Janet Pierce is continuing for the 2nd year of their 3rd term (year 6)
- Pat Goulden is standing for the 1st year of their 3rd term (year 5)
- Sally Albert is standing for the 2nd year of their 2nd term (year 4)
- Keith Kemp is standing for the 1st year of their 2nd term (year 3)
- Tom Nixon is standing for the 2nd year of their 1st term (year 2)
- Hans Cunningham and Jennifer Endersby are appointed as RDCK and Village of Salmo reps.

MOTION: It was moved (Valene Foster) and seconded (Pat Goulden) that the slate of nominees be elected to serve as trustees on the Board of Directors of the Salmo Public Library Association.

CARRIED

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7. Election of Officers

MOTION: It was moved (Valene Foster) and seconded (Keith Kemp) that the following slate of officers be elected for 2021:

Valene Foster, Chair
Janet Pierce, Vice-Chair
Pat Goulden, Treasurer

CARRIED

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: AGM adjourned at 6:53pm Judi moved and Sally seconded

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Salmo Valley Public Library

Report from the Board Chair for 2020

Our Vision: The Salmo Valley Public Library is a vibrant, dynamic and engaging community gathering place providing residents with information, education, technology and support for lifelong learning.

2020 started off with adopting our new Five Year Strategic Plan. And then the year none of us will ever forget began. This was the year a world wide pandemic forced the library to totally rethink how to provide our services to the public in a safe way. Despite the changes necessitated by the pandemic, the new plan will continue to be a good framework for planning the future of the library.

Beginning in March, the staff and board began to meet every 2 weeks to try to keep up with all the rapidly changing information coming in from Public Health, Ministry of Education, WorkSafeBC BC, and other libraries and services to try to sort out what action to take.

The staff was amazing. Despite having to physically close the doors to the library for a period of time, they continued to work behind the scenes and came up with many innovative ideas which enabled the library to continue to serve and engage the community. The usage of digital material from the library soared. As information shifted and we learned how to deal with the pandemic, we were gradually able to offer curbside pickup of books and other materials, programs were offered via Zoom, a You Tube channel was established, outdoor programs were held in the summer, and eventually the library's physical doors reopened with safety protocols in place.

It was important to the staff and board to continue to provide local employment opportunities to students and we were successful in having two student positions.

As always, thank you to the staff; Taylor, Marianne and Gayle. You are dedicated, flexible, professional, knowledgeable, innovative and invaluable. And thanks as well to the volunteers – despite not being able to fulfill some of your usual roles this year, things are gradually shifting and hopefully we can have you back in full in the coming year. Irene, thank you for keeping the space clean and safe. As well, we would like to thank Gloria Currie for her many years of providing bookkeeping services to the library. Her expertise and experience were invaluable. We welcome Rebecca Richards who has taken over this task.

We will face many challenges in the coming year. Things will continue to shift as the pandemic unfolds and there are always funding challenges as provincial and local governments grapple with their budgets. But this is the “little library that could” and we thank the community for your patience, understanding and support as we continue to navigate this new world we are all living in.

Valene Foster,
Board Chair, March 2021

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Children's Librarian - The Year in Review 2020

Despite the challenges and the unknowns of 2020, Covid-19 didn't slow down our efforts to keep ourselves engaged and provide services to our patrons and our community.

We closed our doors to the public on March 17. With the support of our board, we were fortunate to keep working our regular hours.

There was a major drive to ramp up our online presence while we were closed to the public and we could not offer in- house programming. To do this I had to step way outside of my comfort zone and offer Virtual Preschool Storytime's. There was a total of 17 You Tube sessions with a break for the summer when we offered Social Distancing Storytime at the gazebo in the park. To enhance this program, we offered Takeaway Craft bags that could be picked up every Friday once our doors were open again. Takeaway Crafts proved to be a huge success! One parent said to me that she felt like Super Mom when she pulled the craft bags out. These have grown from preschool bags to include Elementary, Tween and Teen crafts.

My big achievement for the year was this: While the library was closed for 3 months, I was able to put my attention to a rather daunting and neglected task. Our Junior Non-Fiction selection needed some serious updating. I spent several weeks considering and discarding many outdated books from the collection. This included researching for new information books to replace them that had accurate, up to date information with lots of visual appeal! I put a large portion of my book budget towards building this part of the collection. Sadly, it only covered a portion of the books needed. I was successful in receiving a grant from the Salmo Lions, The Village of Salmo, and the RDCK which gave me \$1300.00 to put towards the purchase of books! I proud to say that I think we have one of the best Junior Non-Fiction collections around!

I was also able to attend several informative Webinars with attendees from all over North America. Top discussions of course were how and what we were doing while dealing with a pandemic. It was quite surreal to realize that the whole world was experiencing the exact same things we were.

Responding to Covid-19 has had its ups and downs, taken its toll here and there but I think we can definitely say we have been here for our patrons and our community. Thank you once again to our amazing board for their support through out that unpredictable year. I will always be grateful to Taylor for being the leading force and always steering us in the right direction.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Salmo Valley Public Library
2020



12,013

VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



119

PROGRAMS OFFERED



1,466

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



24

YouTube Videos



592

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

426

Video views



18,885

WEBSITE VISITS



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Students
jobs created

664

Gale Courses
TRAINING
SESSIONS
by 74
learners



22,344

TIMES ITEMS
WERE CHECKED OUT



1,941

E-BOOKS
CHECKED
OUT



2,459

AUDIOBOOKS
CHECKED
OUT

1388

ACTIVE
Library Cards



55

NEW CARDHOLDERS