

## PHILATELY, FELLOWSHIP, FUN LANGLEY ANNUAL MEETING ADOPTS OLD SLOGAN TO GUIDE OUR FUTURE

### UNANIMOUS OPINION SAYS 2014 SUCCESSFULLY MET ALL EXPECTATIONS OF THE GROUP

While the numbers were not great, those present indicated they had enjoyed the weekend. “The philatelic presentations were interesting and the social side of things highly enjoyable” was a common thread. The venue at the Hampton Court Hilton was cosy and provided all we needed. Many thanks to Peter Jacobi for his tireless efforts to line up the physical part of the weekend. From the afternoon and evening on the Friday as members arrived and joined those already there in the hospitality room to the final rush to check out Sunday morning things flowed smoothly from event to event. The presentations varied from Jon Johnson’s incredible tales of HMCS Rainbow and WWI and letters and communications from the new naval presence on the West Coast to ...

Jack Wallace and “something Philatelic” - which was much appreciated.



Robin Clarke - who has joined our happy midst - gave us a look at some fantastic mail from the expeditionary force we sent to Hong Kong to get captured in WWII and from their relatives and back to them.





Peter Jacobi showed us covers from the early Kootenay days along the rivers and lakes.



Firmin Wyndells was quite entertaining with his presentation of stampless covers - complete with suitable anecdotes.

Much discussion centred around the dwindling numbers at our annual event. It took some of the oldest members present to open our eyes to what was important - to whit the slogan at the top of the page. We were asked if we were enjoying ourselves - a rousing affirmative was raised - then “would we attend something similar in the future” - again no dissenting votes.

Then “why beat ourselves up trying to fix what doesn’t need fixing” was the comment. “If members feel our meetings have value they will come” said various members. That being said it was decided to have a meeting in Vernon next year - executive members were directed to do their best to not conflict with other events which took members away. Hopefully the four members who were on cruises this year will cruise to Vernon next time.

The date will be announced towards the late fall when we have had time to collect conflicting dates and try and choose the best time. Should members know of dates which could make for conflicts - such as cruises, marathons, or moving plans around the late April time slot next year - please let the executive know asap.

### **Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group of BNAPS held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Meeting opened by Chairman Peter Fralick.

Discussion pursued pertaining to the debt incurred from our gathering this weekend. The amount to be determined. Jack Wallace moved that we pay all the bills pursuant to this weekend meeting from our bank account. Seconded by Tim Woodland. Passed.

Financial Statement presented by Shirley-Ann. A copy is attached to the newsletter. We currently have 47 members; 26 members paid for 2014; 16 paid/partial for 2015; and 6 paid/partial to 2016. The partial being the equalization of dues from \$15/yr to \$10/yr. Follow-up will be done for those members who have not paid their dues for 2014.

Weekend at the Hampton Inn, Langley, BC 2014:

Income Registration	\$810.00
Speaker	100.00
Hampton Inn room usage	666.75
Bus Rental	777.75
Beverages/food/copying/etc	172.06
Fort Langley Entrance fee	65.50
<b>Balance from Funds:</b>	<b>\$971.81</b>

It was agreed that members who do not attend, will not receive refunds on their registration, current and in the future.

Moved to accept the Treasurer’s report by Peter Jacobi, Seconded by Tim Woodland. Passed.

Moved by Peter Jacobi to keep the annual dues at the current \$10.00 per year for the following year of 2015. Firmin Wyndels Seconded. Passed. The Advisory Committee consists of Firmin Wyndels, Tim Woodland and Bill Pawluk. All have agreed to continue for the coming year. Thank you.

Nominated and Moved by Peter Jacobi,  
 Seconded by Tim Woodland, that Peter Fralick  
 continue as President. Carried.

Peter Jacobi agreed to continue as our liaison  
 with the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.  
 Thank you.

Nominated and Moved by Peter Jacobi,  
 Seconded by Tim Woodland, that Shirley-Ann  
 Frick continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Carried.

It was agreed to meet in Vernon, April 2015.

Meeting adjourned. Safe travel to all, and see  
 you again in Vernon!

Discussion pursued relative to advertising via  
 word, posters, etc. our group in other stamp  
 clubs; stamp dealers;  
 newsletters/periodicals/shops; in the hopes of  
 drawing new members.

Respectfully submitted,  
 S.A. Frick

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL GROUP - BNAPS COAST  
 CAPITAL BANK ACCOUNT**

				3899.03	
2013	1-Jun	15.00		3914.03	dues 2013
2013	5-Jun	45.00		3959.03	dues 2012 2013 2014
2013	4-May	100.00		3859.034	Nanaimo Museum, guest speaker
2013	3-Jun		0.09	3859.12	
2013		15.00		3874.12	dues 2013
2013	1-Jul		0.08	3874.20	
2013	1-Aug		0.08	3874.28	
2013	1-Sep		0.08	3874.36	
2013	1-Oct		0.08	3874.44	
2013	1-Nov		0.08	3874.52	
2013	1-Dec		0.08	3874.60	
2014	1-Jan		0.08	3874.68	
2014	1-Feb		0.08	3874.76	
2014	1-Mar		0.07	3874.83	
2014	11-Mar	20.00		3854.837	Northwest Fed/dues for 2014
2014	13-Mar	250.00		4104.83	registration/Langley
2014	13-Mar	60.00		4164.83	dues
2014	1-Apr		0.09	4164.92	
2014	23-Apr	500.00		4664.92	registration/Langley
2014	23-Apr	70.00		4734.92	dues
2014	4-May	100.00		4634.928	Warren Sommers/ speaker
2014	4-May	666.75		3968.179	Hampton Inn rooms
2014	4-May	777.50		3190.679	Bus rental

2014	21-May	40.00	3230.67	registration/Langley
2014	21-May	10.00	3240.67	dues
2014	21-May	20.00	3260.67	registration/Langley
2014	21-May	10.00	3270.67	dues
2014	21-May	65.50	3205.17	Fort Langley entrance fees
2014	21-May	172.06	3033.1110	beverages/foods/photocopy/frames
2014	21-May	24.28	3057.39	balance of dues from Mowat 2013

## Warren Sommer Enjoyed by Banquet Attendees

The annual banquet at the annual meeting was held, as usual on Saturday evening. This time at Elizabeth's Chalet in Langley - a venue which the members heartily enjoyed. We tried the a la carte system and that also was a hit with members as the service was efficient, prompt and courteous. Your chairman was so impressed he took family members there on Sunday evening.



We were entertained by Warren Sommers, well known author and historian in Langley. His presentation on "Langley, Then and Now" held the attention of the group from start to finish - that sort of thing should be shown to our youngsters who will never see an actual tree the size shown by Mr. Sommers. As the various little centres grew together and the necessary changes resulting from this began to happen the current Langley was explained.

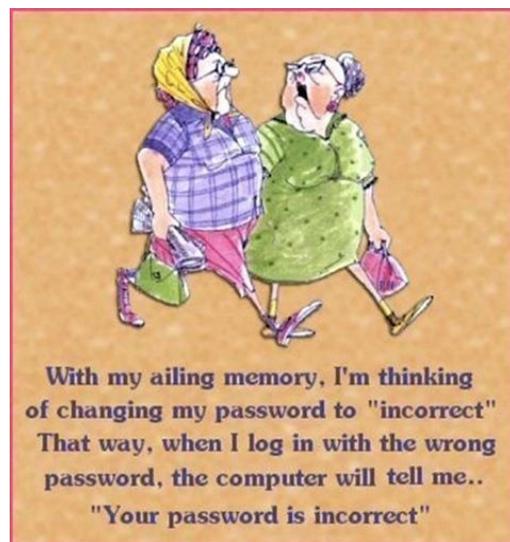
Many thanks to Mr. Sommers and to Peter Jacobi for locating him and arranging for his presentation.

## Members help with meeting production

Tim Woodland made the meeting run smoothly by making sure we had the requisite bits and pieces of electronic stuff required for the presenters and ensuring it all worked when needed - this is beyond the technological skill set of the Chairman.

Firmin Wyndels was instrumental in advertising and recruiting members - Robin Clarke being a prime example.

He also provided the amber ( or were they green?) bottles containing the liquid refreshment enjoyed by many.



## **NO CHANGE IN EXECUTIVE FOR ANOTHER TERM**

The current executive was returned to office - for another year.

Chairman is Peter Fralick, Secretary-Treasurer is Shirley Ann Frick,

and the Chairman will continue to edit the newsletter- although members were nice enough to ask if he had got Paula's permission. Peter Jacobi will continue as the liaison with the Federation of Northwest Stamp Clubs - Pipex etc.

The advisory committee was returned to office as well - contact any of these members for information etc. Bill Pawluk, Firmin Wyndels, Tom Watkins, and Tim Woodlands.

## **VERNON THE NEXT VENUE FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The executive was requested to begin planning for the next meeting to be held in Vernon - time to be arranged when conflicting event times are known - but generally sometime in late April. People expressed satisfaction with the Village Green Hotel and all things - particularly those with \$ in front of them being equal said it could be the venue. Gary Fisher, a Vernon member, volunteered to help with the on site legwork, always a big chore in arranging the meetings.

More information will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

## **MEMBER INPUT SOUGHT**

Members are being asked to offer ideas for improving service, communications, or anything they can think of which may enhance the viability of the group - all of those present in Langley expressed opinions stating the value of the past Group activities and the desire to continue.

Please let the executive know of any items - small or large which you think we may be able to do.

## **DUE DUES DOING DISMALLY**

Dues for 2014 are now due and payable to the treasurer, Shirley-Ann Frick - at \$10 a year a bargain. At the moment we have only four paid up members. Please look after this oversight ASAP. Some members have paid ahead. If you are unsure if your dues are owing you can contact Shirley-Ann. The contact info is below.

## **PRAYER FOR GRANDPA**



Dear God, please send clothes for all those poor ladies on Grandpa's computer.

Amen

## **Want Ads**

We are thinking of having a members only Want Ad section in the next issue of West Coast Express. If you have anything you want advertised let the newsletter editor, Peter Fralick, know. No business ads, personal ads only.



At Fort Langley - photo Robin Clarke

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Goats at Fort Langley - photo Robin Clarke

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