

Okanagan Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
May 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Lois Marshall called the meeting to order. Twenty members participated in the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 28, 2019 annual general meeting be adopted as corrected in the 83rd Annual Report. The notes following the meeting should read: Larry and Jan Shannon received the Spirit of Oliver Award, Ken and Jan Waldon received the Governor General Sovereign's Medal for Volunteerism.

L. Shannon / H. Thorburn. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a) President - Lois Marshall
- b) Secretary – Joan Cowan
- c) Treasurer – Bob Cowan

Motion: That the treasurer's report be adopted as presented.

B. Cowan / B. Hayes. Carried.

Motion: That Cecil Schmidt be appointed auditor for the next year.

B. Cowan / B. Hayes. Carried.

- d) Editor – Ken Mather

BRANCH REPORTS:

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos – Larry Shannon
- b) Penticton – Karen Collins
- c) Summerland – George Downton
- d) Kelowna – Bob Hayes
- e) Vernon – Herb Thorburn
- f) Armstrong / Enderby – Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm – Linda Painchaud

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE:

- a) Father Pandosy – Domenic Rampone
- b) Index – Joan Cowan
- c) Student Essay – Diane Ambil
- d) Website – Lois Marshall
- e) Historic Trails – Peter Tassie and David Gregory

Motion: That the reports of the Table Officers, Branch Presidents, and Directors-at-Large be adopted as received.

L. Shannon / H. Thorburn. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers – The following table officers are nominated:

- President – Lois Marshall
- Vice President – Larry Shannon
- Secretary – Joan Cowan
- Treasurer – Bob Cowan
- Editor – Ken Mather

Motion: That the officers be elected by acclamation.

B. Hayes / D. Ambil. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by president Lois Marshall at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

TABLE OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT – LOIS MARSHALL

This past year has been one of new beginnings for me. I became president last spring, but with my mother's illness, I did not assume the role until last fall. I'd like to thank Vice-President Larry Shannon, who took over as President, Secretary, Joan Cowan, and Treasurer, Bob Cowan, for all their work and for making my job much easier when I returned.

The Father Pandosy Mission Site governance has been a significant topic for the Executive for a

number of years. The Executive Council recognizes the site for its historical significance to Kelowna and the Okanagan, but we have been concerned that stewardship of the site is inconsistent with the mandate of OHS. In this regard, we received funds from the City of Kelowna to commission a report to review and make recommendations regarding the future governance of the site. That report was completed in the Fall of 2019, and has been accepted by the Executive Council. Please see the Father Pandosy Committee report for further details.

Our Branches continue to be active in their communities, up and down the valley. They support and promote the history of their specific area, as well as the Okanagan, Shuswap, and Similkameen as a whole. I am very thankful for their work and the work of all our volunteers. With our combined voice, the stories of our part of British Columbia continue to be told.

In these challenging times, staying safe is paramount in our minds. We will have stories to tell next year, of how we learned to adapt to social distancing and how technology helped us stay in touch with family and friends, and our membership.

Stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Marshall

SECRETARY – JOAN COWAN

I have carried out all of the duties of the secretary - preparing and distributing agendas, recording and distributing minutes, collecting reports and lists for the annual report, maintaining the membership and subscription lists, and overseeing the mail-out of the report.

We are pleased to announce that OHS Reports #1 - 76 are now online in a new and more easily accessible and searchable format. This is the result of a collaboration with UBC Okanagan Library Special Collections and museums and institutions in the Okanagan and Kootenay regions of British Columbia. The reports can be found on the British Columbia Regional Digitized History website – <https://bcrdh.ca>. Click the Browse button and find the Okanagan Historical Society link. You will be able to view each report in chronological order and turn every page.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

TREASURER – ROBERT COWAN

Please see attached document

EDITOR – KEN MATHER

The fiscal year started out with Bob Cowan as Editor but, early in the spring, Ken Mather agreed to take on the position if Bob Cowan would see the Eighty-third Report (2019) through to completion.

At the Executive Council Meeting held on July 14, 2019, Interim Editor, Bob Cowan reported on progress. "The Report #83 is in its last stages; there has been a lot of back and forth with Kettle Valley Graphics and way too many final proofs. The cover will be a brightly-colored painting by Linda Franklin of the Dilkusha tulip fields, to accompany the first branch article in the book."

At the same meeting, it was moved by Cowan and seconded by D. Ambil: That after September 1, 2019, when the 83rd Report is published, Ken Mather be made Editor of the Okanagan Historical Society Report. Carried.

A Branch Editors meeting held at the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce meeting room on November 2019 with Ken Mather in the chair. Among the various agenda items discussed were a review of the Eighty-third Report, establishing submission guidelines and the need for a revised Style Guide. A committee consisting of Ken Mather, Mary Trainor, Suzanne Schmidden, and Joan Cowan was established to revise the Style Guide. This project took place throughout the winter months and a Revised Style Guide was completed by the end of February.

On March 15, 2020, a meeting of the Branch Editors was held at the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce with seven members present. Protocols were confirmed for the process of receiving, editing. The Editor will work with branch editors on each article and determine layout of report. The text will be proofread before the Editor works with the printer to decide on layout and formatting. Mary Trainer will help the Editor proof the final layout from the printers. Submission guidelines were also discussed, as were the details of this year's report.

Work is now well underway on the Eighty-fourth Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Mather

BRANCH REPORTS

OLIVER OSOYOOS – LARRY SHANNON

It has been a relatively quiet year for the Oliver Osoyoos Branch. The Covid 19 Pandemic has

limited some of our activities.

We do not have a President. Larry Shannon continues to serve as Vice-President, Mary Roberts is our Treasurer and Gayle Cornish is our Secretary.

The Branch had a picnic at the Keremeos Grist Mill site on Sept. 22, 2019. There was lots of activity as this was the same day the Grist Mill was hosting their Fall Fair.

Our Branch continues to maintain the Fairview Kiosk site. With existing funds from our Branch and a \$500 donation from the Okanagan Archive Trust Society, we have initiated a project to have the Fairview murals restored. We have removed them from the site and they are currently in the possession of Mr. Glenn Clarke, the artist who created them in 1996. He is finishing the final details of the restoration. We expect to take possession of them soon and re-install the murals at the Fairview Kiosk.

Our Branch was involved in the organization of a hike to the historic Tinhorn Creek stampmill site located near the old mining community of Fairview, with the Oliver and District Heritage Society. This was going to be part of the Meadowlark Festival, a large group of events, which promote the natural history of the South Okanagan. However due to Covid 19 issues, all of the 2020 Meadowlark Festival events have been cancelled.

We continue to offer support to the Oliver and District Heritage Society, the Fairview Heritage Townsite Society, the Osoyoos Museum Society and the Keremeos Grist Mill and Gardens.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Shannon, vice-president

PENTICTON – KAREN COLLINS

In June our branch was again a sponsor of the Penticton Indigenous Day celebration which was held on the grounds of the Shatford Centre for the fourth year. As both a representative of the Okanagan Historical Society and the Okanagan School of the Arts, I sit on the planning committee. The event which began as a partnership between the Okanagan School of the Arts and the En'owkin Centre continues to grow with added sponsorship from the community and more participation by school children.

The day included a mini Pow-Wow, emceed by Levi Bent with host drum Highwater, the

Terbasket family drum group from the Lower Similkameen Band. Students from Outma Sqilx'W Cultural School in Penticton and Osoyoos Indian Band SenPokChin school gave song and drum demonstrations. Gus Timoyakin shared traditional cultural stories and dancers dressed in regalia made for a wonderful celebration of the culture and traditions of the Syilx (Okanagan) people.

Branch members, including local authors, Dave Morgenstern, Maggie Ricciardi and Randy Manuel volunteered for our annual fall book sales at Cherry Lane Mall, which we held on two Saturdays during November. The opportunity to visit with old friends, make new friends and share stories while selling books is a favourite way to spend some time for us. Our display included various orchard photos, some from Dave Morgenstern's article about his father's orchard, which is found in our latest report as well as a selection of photographs of the SS Sicamous over several years.

Suzanne Schmiddy, a member of our Branch Editorial Committee actively pursued book sales on her own which certainly helped with the success of Penticton Branch book sales for the 83rd Report.

Another popular event is the Heritage Week display at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre, which is hosted by the Penticton branch. We had many photos provided by the Penticton Archives on display and our books available for sale, as well as providing two different tours for walking or driving within the city, and maps of the KVR trail and sites such as the rock ovens.

The Okanagan School of the Arts, Shatford Centre display featured a black and white video that was filmed by Hugo Redivo in the early 1960's and has been converted to a DVD, telling the story of the beginning of the Okanagan Summer School of the Arts.

SS Sicamous Society and the Kettle Valley Model Railway Club had 3-D display models relating to the Inland Marine Museum and a video of the model train which spans over 700 sq. feet and has several tracks, representing the actual path of the KVR Railway as it was in the early 1950's. The South Okanagan Genealogical Society, our partner of several years, provides volunteers to not only tell visitors about themselves and encourage family history but to share their accumulated knowledge. Thanks to wi-fi and laptops they provide on-site research.

Bruce Baptiste, a member of Penticton Indian Band and a regular part of our event, provided a beautiful display of beadwork by several generations of his family and old family photos. Dave Morgenstern and Herb Allen provided the museum experience with their displays of unusual items and good stuff. Randy Manuel, exhibited his artwork of local historical sites and sharing

his amazing knowledge of local people, places and events.

Due to the COVID-19 virus my Brown Bag Lecture on early Okanagan Falls has been put on hold indefinitely as has a branch tour of Allen Grove and Marron Valley to be led by Herb Allen and co-host Randy Manuel.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Collins, president

SUMMERLAND – GEORGE DOWNTON

2019 was a busy year for our local branch. We have met with both the CAO of the District of Summerland as well as one of the partners of the Family who recently purchased the Landry orchard in Trout Creek. Our goal is to work with both groups to find a new home for the 130-year-old Sod-Roof Cabin currently located on this site. Once we can reach an agreement with these two parties as to where we could re-locate this Cabin we would then be in a position to try and raise funds to both move and possibly restore it.

The Summerland Museum has been busy sorting photographs and having them digitized and put online for the public to view.

The Facebook site Summerland Hometown Memories continues to post articles and pictures daily. We are lucky to have two of their administrators as local members.

Our Heritage Committee has picked the heritage home for 2020 as well as the site and tree for Heritage week. This year's home is the Alfred Beer Home. We have commissioned a pen and ink sketch which is now finished and framed and is situated on the wall along with all the previously chosen Heritage Homes inside the Museum.

We have sent in recommendations for Mayor and Council to consider naming our 3 local roundabouts after 3 prominent pioneer families.

Dr. David Gregory has been very busy conducting walking tours, giving presentations at the Fitzpatrick Greata Ranch Winery, as well as visiting schools in our area. Cemetery tours have proven popular at two of our oldest cemeteries.

This year's AGM has had to be cancelled because of the Covid 19 isolation. We hope to

reschedule the meeting for later this Fall.

Respectfully submitted,
George Downton, president

KELOWNA – BOB HAYES

As President of the Kelowna Branch, it is my pleasure to give this report of the past year's activities. The Kelowna Branch continues to be very busy and productive, involved with a number of projects:

- **Annual General Meeting:** The Kelowna Branch planned to host its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 4th, 2020 at the Ramada Inn, guest speaker being Kelowna horticulturalist, history buff, and radio personality Don Burnett. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the 2020 Branch Annual General Meeting is postponed, possibly to be held in the summer of 2020.
- **Branch Executive Meetings:** This past year, the Kelowna Branch held eight monthly executive meetings in January, February, March, May, June, September, October, and November, with breaks in July, August, and December and the Annual General Meeting in April. These meetings allow us to discuss branch projects and make plans for the year ahead.
- **Branch Newsletter:** The Kelowna Branch published two newsletters this past year, informing members of activities and projects. This newsletter is popular with Kelowna Branch members.
- **Bursaries:** Once again, the Kelowna Branch sponsored two bursaries – The Buckland Family Bursary and the Kelowna Branch Bursary – which are awarded to two local graduating high school students. This is another way for the Kelowna Branch to “give back” to its community.
- **Calendar:** The Kelowna Branch's 2020 calendar proved to be very popular, with almost all of the 400 calendars sold. It was a very successful fundraiser for the Kelowna Branch. Plans are in place for the 2021 calendar.
- **Community Outreach:** The Kelowna Branch is actively involved with community outreach, informing the general public about its activities and objectives. We have been in contact with Kelowna Museums about our 2020 Pioneer Cemetery tours and two of our Executive members are working with the Director of Kelowna's Pioneer Cemetery about a large project, posting signage about the history of this special heritage site.

- **Fall Tea:** The Kelowna Branch hosted its annual Fall Tea at the Missionwood Retirement Resort on the afternoon of October 26, 2020. This event was well-attended, allowing our members to have a pleasant social afternoon, purchase our books and publications and enjoy an informative presentation by Linda Digby, Kelowna Museums Executive Director.
- **Heritage Week:** The Kelowna Branch was actively involved in Heritage Week 2020 activities. We had a representative at all of the planning sessions, made a significant financial contribution towards staging events, devoted two weeks of our regular newspaper column to the promotion of Heritage Week 2020, and had a table and display at the Heritage Week “Kick-off” event in the foyer of the Kelowna Community Theatre, on Monday, February 17th.
- **Membership:** The Kelowna Branch continues to have a very healthy membership base, with more than 150 branch members.
- **Newspaper Articles:** Since 1994, the Kelowna Branch has had its weekly Tuesday newspaper column in the “Daily Courier”. It has now passed 1,150 articles, with this year’s topics including local skiing, pioneer Paul Kalamalka, Heritage Week 2020, and a three-part series about the 1918 Spanish Influenza pandemic
- **OHS “Report”:** The Kelowna Branch continues to sell the “Report” at its events. In August 2019, the Kelowna Branch took possession of 160 copies of the “83rd Report”. To date, more than 140 copies of this “Report” have been sold, through Branch and retail sales (Mosaic Books and Kelowna Museums). Our December 2019 book and calendar sale at Rona was again very successful. Through our Branch Editor, we are busily rounding up articles for the “84th Report”.
- **Pandosy Mission:** Members of the Kelowna Branch executive monitor the historic Mission site, through communication with the onsite resident caretaker, collecting donated monies for deposit, and promoting the careful and respectful use of this important site. Changes may be happening to do with the governance of this special site. Recently, the Kelowna Branch received a \$5,500 grant from the City of Kelowna, to help maintain the Mission site. A number of events were held at the Mission site this past year, including the always-popular Antique Tractor Show. Plans are afoot for a variety of events in the months ahead.
- **Pioneer Picnic:** On July 14, 2019, the Kelowna Branch hosted its annual Pioneer Picnic. It was well-attended, with many people enjoying the opportunity to socialize on the lawn and beautiful gardens of the historic Benvoulin Church, while learning more about our local history. Depending upon the ongoing health concerns, we are hoping to again host the Pioneer Picnic on July 12, 2020.
- **Social Media / Website:** The Kelowna Branch is updating its website, making better use of social media, to inform its members and the general public of activities.

I thank the ongoing dedication of the hard-working Kelowna Branch Executive and Directors. Their dedication, energy, and enthusiasm is acknowledged and appreciated. We work well as a team and have accomplished a great deal these past months.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Hayes, president

VERNON – HERB THORBURN

Over the past year since the last Valley AGM the activities of the Vernon branch have continued on an uneven course. Our paid-up membership has remained steady at about 50 but attendance at general meetings is usually about half of that. As reported previously the executive had been diminished with the resignation of the vice-president and the ill-health of our secretary.

After the intense activity of hosting the 2019 Valley AGM we had to face a decision about holding our “annual” Pioneer Picnic. There was some thinking that after 15 years the picnic had “run its course”, partly a consequence of there being only 20 weather-resistant attendees last year. But the situation this year had more difficulties in that we were not able to come up with an audience-attracting raconteur, the Waldons were not available for the usual provision of food, and the music of the disbanded Chilly Creakers was no longer available. It was reluctantly decided not to have a 2019 picnic.

But in the fall we got back on course with an executive meeting to plan our Fall General meeting. This was set for the 10th of November in the Schubert Centre with the usual business followed by our guest speaker, Don McNair. Don based his talk on a booklet he prepared for the Lake Country Museum earlier this year, entitled “Apple Valley: A Century of Fruit Farming in the Okanagan”. This proved to be an unusual meeting with many interactions between the speaker and veteran fruit growers in the audience.

Two members of our Vernon Branch executive have been honoured with Sovereign Medals for Volunteers presented by the BC Lieutenant Governor. Jan and Ken Waldon were cited for promoting community safety and preserving local heritage. Together the Waldons have been involved with Crime Stoppers, Citizens on Patrol, and the North Okanagan Emergency Support Services. The pair co-established “The Friends of Fintry Provincial Park Society”. Their volunteerism will be missed as they have decided for health reasons to “retire” from the executive of the Vernon Branch.

Our efforts to have more branch activities have been curtailed by the Corona Virus situation. Our most imminent event was the Spring General meeting of the Vernon Branch that was planned for the 19th of April. In addition to the "election" of the executive and other business, the speaker for the meeting was to be Steve Fleck, director of the Vernon Museum, who was to expound on the changes that have been made and are planned for the Museum.

Another activity being considered by Vernon Branch is a picnic-like event at Mackie Lake House. We have a reservation for Saturday, the 29th of August but from where we are now it looks doubtful, but we can be hopeful.

Also a casualty of the current situation is the Optimist Club's Heritage Fair that was scheduled for the 17th of April. Vernon Branch has for a number of years and again this year contributed \$300 in support of the fair. With its cancellation we were asked if we wanted our \$300 donation returned or used as our contribution to the 2021 fair. We chose to leave it for 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Thorburn, president

ARMSTRONG ENDERBY – CARMEN KIRKLAND

Our fall meeting was held in the Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum at 2:00 on Sunday, November 3rd. Jessie Ann Gamble and Gail Salter conducted a Power Point presentation on 'Heritage in Armstrong', dealing initially with the questions: "What is the Armstrong Heritage Society? What do they do? How are they different from the Armstrong Heritage Advisory Committee and the work of our OHS branch locally?"

The presentation began with a quotation: "With no past to give our children, there can be no future". The *Armstrong Heritage Society* was formed by the City of Armstrong to implement their granting program whereby the city provides matching grants for exterior projects on designated heritage homes whose owners have applied for funding and submitted a plan and cost estimates. These documents are checked by the team (currently consisting of Jessie Ann Gamble, Gail Salter and Ken Huxley) for approval and follow-up. At present the yearly grant is a maximum of \$2,000 but it is likely that this amount will increase to \$4,000. Eleven heritage buildings have been so designated and their owners are eligible to apply for this grant annually.

The City of Armstrong has been very supportive of heritage buildings and formed the *Heritage Advisory Committee* when the prospect of the demolition of the historical Smith House for a

subdivision aroused public concern. The committee's job was to catalogue historical buildings and make bylaws regarding heritage issues. Over 90 buildings have been inventoried and 21 'Looking Back' signs with historic information have been placed in the city.

Examples of the work of various other heritage or historically minded groups that involve the city were also mentioned, including:

Armstrong-Spallumcheen Museum & Arts Society (ASMAS)

- was founded in 1974, currently has numerous volunteers working on archives, on museum displays, supporting art shows, with a family history group and on fundraising,
- past summer students have written local history articles for local newspapers and created a public reference file of original paint colours used on building exteriors after collected the samples from heritage buildings.

Armstrong-Spallumcheen Cemetery Project

- named lanes and erected sign posts, created a permanent onsite directory and plot map structure, and updates the directory twice a year.

Armstrong-Enderby branch of the OHS

- actively promotes the society's \$1,000 Student Essay Contest, and has given input regarding the official community plan and bylaws.

Armstrong Sister City Project

- twinning with the town of Rathfriland in County Down, Northern Ireland in 2015 has resulted in the naming and cultivation of the Catherine O'Hare Schubert heritage rose which can be found within the city.

BC Communities in Bloom

- the city won the 2019 Heritage Conservation Award for its commitment to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Cultural conservation is defined as the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations.

Unfortunately our branch AGM, which was to be held in the Enderby Museum on Sunday, April 5th, had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Bob Cowan was to explain the differences between the Enderby and District Museum Society, the Armstrong-Enderby Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society and the Enderby and District Heritage Commission.

The virus also forced the cancellation of the Society's AGM which our branch was to host in Enderby on Sunday, April 26th. However we are looking to hosting next year instead when Len Gamble will speak about the fire that all but destroyed A. L. Fortune School in 1975. Len was the principal of the school at that time and has put together a Power Point presentation which should be very interesting.

Our Fall Meeting is scheduled to take place in the Armstrong Museum on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Kirkland, president

SALMON ARM – LINDA PAINCHAUD

Our summer social in June of last year was held at Haney Heritage Park with a luncheon in Marjorie's Tea Room and a tour of the archive vault.

In September, the Salmon Arm Branch participated in the Salmon Arm Fall Fair with a booth in Heritage Lane. With the hiring of a new event organizer, participation in the Fair was up by 50%. This larger volume of people through the gate, gave the Fair a huge boost to make improvements in 2020. Our planning started for the next fair started with the acquisition of many photographs of past Fairs. The use of aerial photographs also created a lot of interest as Salmon Arm is experiencing an influx of many new residents and there seems to be an upswing in interest in how Salmon Arm looked in past years.

November brought the Piccadilly Mall book sale which saw steady sales with many conversations enjoyed with old timers and discussions of what and who, was where and when. December saw 45 people come to our Christmas event. Pat Hopkins Ogden gave an interesting presentation on her Hopkin's family roots.

In January, we began organizing our Heritage Week Display, with members creating an interesting display of aerial photographs taken over the years. Once again, it seems the public is fascinated with the big picture of Salmon Arm's layout and how it relates their little piece of the town now. The Heritage Week display was a success with many new names being added to our contact and resource list. The theme of Bringing the Past into the Future was blended well with our theme of aerial photographs of the past with the Heritage Commissions display of

their coming App of historical Salmon Arm buildings.

Due to COVID-19, our April AGM was cancelled, but the Anderson family is willing to bring their presentation on their years living in “Dilkusha” and in the “Carlin House” to us at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Painchaud, president

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE REPORTS

FATHER PANDOSY - DOMENIC RAMPONE

During 2019 a governance report was completed by Mr. Wayne Wilson (funded from the City, The Bishop and the Kelowna Branch) and this was submitted to OHS executive, the OHS-Kelowna Branch, Bishop Gregory Diocese of Nelson and the City of Kelowna. The City and the Bishop are still in reviewing stage, I will report as soon they get back to me.

Everyone realizes that the governance will have to change. Because of this report the City of Kelowna has forwarded the committee operating funds. This process of the negotiations with the Bishop, the City of Kelowna are going very well and I am excited to be part of it.

The Bishop, the City of Kelowna and The Westbank First Nations are all pleased that WFN will be part of discussions for the site.

Chris Fabbi is still the caretaker and he has been informed that the governance will be changing. There will be no changes to the day to day operation till the governance changes. The annual clean up of the site has been postponed due to covid -19.

There were no issues with any of the renters of the site last season.

Respectfully submitted,
Domenic Rampone

INDEX - JOAN COWAN

Our most recent report, *Okanagan History # 83*, has been indexed and is now available online.

It can be found on the Index page of the Okanagan Historical Society website. I wish to thank Faith Hudson for her tireless efforts to index the report and Eric Hudson for constantly updating the index database as it shows signs of age.

Last year we printed the complete index of Reports #1 - 82. We currently have about ten copies remaining; they sell for \$35 and can be purchased from the treasurer. This is the last printing we will be able to do, so I suggest that you purchase your own copy now while they are still available.

We wish to pay tribute to our good friend and life member Dorothy Zoellner for her leadership over ten years as director-at-large for the Index Committee. Dorothy oversaw the project to completely revise and update the old index and to create a new database online for easy retrieval. She served as our conscience when it came to making a printed copy of the index available every five years. We will always remember the shared fellowship as we sat around her table overlooking Okanagan Lake to discuss procedures, index terms, databases, and Okanagan history. We miss her.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cowan

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST - DIANE AMBIL

The contest was advertised as usual in the 83rd Report. In addition, I distributed posters to secondary and post-secondary institutions. I also placed an ad in *BC History* magazine. I would like to submit an ad to them again for the Winter issue, to be issued in December. The cost for a 1/4 page vertical ad (3 3/8" x 5") is \$80.

As usual, the essay entries were reviewed and evaluated by three judges. This year the judges' evaluations were almost equal, so their placement of the entries was the same.

This year's winner of the Essay Contest is Shae McRae-Marlatt of Errington, B.C. Her winning essay is titled "Apples and Adversity: The Struggles and Determination of Okanagan Valley Orchardists". Shae is taking first-year courses at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo. Next year she will be attending the University of Calgary to study Linguistics and Languages. Because of the need to maintain distances which led to the cancellation of this year's scheduled AGM, she will receive her award by mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Ambil

WEBSITE - LOIS MARSHALL

This last year, information has not been kept as current as it should have been on the website. The OHS website is maintained on the Wordpress platform. Unfortunately, we do not have a director who is fluent in website software. As such, the Executive has requested proposals to update the website and to provide training on the software. We are also researching opportunities for taking payment (for membership and reports) on the website.

I encourage our membership to let me know if you have ideas, or information that needs to be changed on the website.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Marshall

HISTORIC TRAILS COMMITTEE – PETER TASSIE and DAVID GREGORY

Our Society's Annual General Meeting in 1975 included this Committee's first report, presented by chairman Harley Hatfield. This committee focused on two historic trails, the HBC Brigade Trail of 1849 (Princeton to Hope) and the Okanagan Fur Brigade Trail of 1811-1846. An early objective of the committee was mapping of the Brigade Trail of 1849. Assistance with this project included Harley Hatfield, Victor Wilson, Randy Manuel, Bob Harris and others. In recent years, the Hope Mountain Centre has successfully preserved and protected the Trail of 1849.

Preservation of the Okanagan Brigade Trail has been a greater challenge due to ever increasing urbanization. Initially, any potential damage to this included rather onerous 'before and after' environmental assessments of the trail. As development continued, the numerous assessments became impossible for the committee to monitor. Several years ago committee members David Gregory and Peter Tassie felt that the committee should focus on just two of the most significant and scenic portions of the original trail: (1) from Summerland to Peachland, and (2) from Nahun to Fintry.

Recently, detailed mapping of the Summerland to Peachland portion was completed and was added to the Provincial Heritage Registry. It is important to note that preservation of any section of the trail does not require formal provincial heritage registry. The only requirement is evidence that the trail is older than 1846. Pursuant to the provincial Heritage Conservation Act, the site is automatically protected.

Much of the Summerland to Peachland portion is through provincial Crown land, and that fact of ownership plus inclusion in the Provincial Heritage Registry has strengthened the case for its recognition and preservation, and given some reassurance to the Committee. The same reassurance cannot be given for the trail between Nahun and Fintry, particularly that part at *Mauvais Rocher*, a steep part of the trail a few metres north of Fintry. It was mentioned in Harley Hatfield's report of 1973 or 1974, and is described in several publications, including William Connolly's Journal of the Brigade in 1826, in James Gibson's *Lifeline of the Oregon Country* (UBC Press 1997). There can be no doubt about its validity and significance as a bona fide historical feature, yet it is vulnerable and has minimal protection under the local government land use authority – the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

As the activities of the committee have become more regionalized, the committee felt that the local branches could more effectively manage the trail. For the Summerland to Peachland section the local branch would be Summerland. For the Nahun to Fintry section the Kelowna Branch would be appropriate. Previously, the Vernon Branch conducted most of the investigation of the trail, but future protection is with the Central Okanagan Regional District, centred in Kelowna, and their support and cooperation would be more easily attained locally, through the Kelowna Branch.

We might add that the Okanagan Indian Band website states that Hudson's Bay Brigade Trail is not an accurate name, but should be changed to Nkwala's Trail, in recognition of Chief Nkwala's presence as an important Okanagan Nation Chief.

The two longstanding committee members, David Gregory and Peter Tassie, submit this report for your consideration and resolution. One of the core principles of the Society is the preservation of historical objects, and surely the most foremost must include historical trails. Please feel free to contact either or both of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Tassie and David Gregory

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2019

ASSETS

	2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		
Operations - Current	\$ 22,842.18	\$ 31,458.23
Investments	40,796.32	40,356.41
	63,638.50	71,814.64
PROPERTY		
Land (note 2)	1.00	1.00
	\$ 63,639.50	\$ 71,815.64

NET ASSETS

INVESTED IN PROPERTY	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
UNRESTRICTED		
Balance, beginning of year	71,814.64	77,526.09
Excess(deficiency) of receipts over disbursements		
General	-788.36	-964.42
Father Pandosy Mission Committee	-7,387.78	-4,747.03
Balance, end of year	63,638.50	71,814.64
	\$ 63,639.50	\$ 71,815.64

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director
_____ Director

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 FINANCIAL SUMMARY
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019
 FINANCIAL POSITION

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash		
Operations - Current	\$ 22,842.18	\$ 31,458.23
Investments	40,796.32	40,356.41
Property	1.00	1.00
	<u>\$ 63,639.50</u>	<u>\$ 71,815.64</u>
 Net Assets	 <u>\$ 63,639.50</u>	 <u>\$ 71,815.64</u>
OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		
Receipts		
Society		
Memberships	\$ 11,317.00	\$ 11,226.00
Other	6,606.79	6,882.21
Father Pandosy Misson Committee		
Grants	9,075.00	
Donations	6,635.36	14,858.64
Other	162.57	769.87
	<u>33,796.72</u>	<u>33,736.72</u>
 Disbursements		
Society		
O H S Reports	11,773.93	13,202.90
Expenses	6,938.22	5,869.73
Father Pandosy Misson Committee		
Program operations	23,260.71	20,375.54
	<u>41,972.86</u>	<u>39,448.17</u>
 Excess of receipts over disbursements	 -8,176.14	 -5,711.45
 Net assets, beginning	 71,815.64	 77,527.09
 Net assets, ending	 <u>\$ 63,639.50</u>	 <u>\$ 71,815.64</u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
Receipts		
Memberships & Sales		
Armstrong- Enderby	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 2,016.00
Kelowna	2,520.00	3,024.00
Oliver - Osoyoos	450.00	306.00
Penticton	720.00	792.00
Salmon Arm	720.00	396.00
Similkameen	0.00	0.00
Summerland	670.00	680.00
Vernon	900.00	207.00
Treasurer	3,735.00	3,805.00
	11,317.00	11,226.00
Other Receipts		
Index sales	210.00	1,525.00
Postage and Handling	1,409.68	1,372.00
U.S. Exchange	43.87	143.02
G.S.T. Rebate	383.45	370.84
Insurance recovery	640.00	700.00
Donations From: -	\$ -	\$ -
Father Pandosy Mission Committee		
General	1,460.00	1,250.00
Branches	1,389.00	2,451.00
	2,849.00	3,701.00
Interest		
Okanagan Foundation	630.88	1,081.50
Term deposits	392.64	418.18
Savings Account	47.27	21.67
	1,070.79	1,521.35
Total Receipts	17,923.79	20,559.21
Less Total Disbursements - brought forward	18,712.15	21,523.63
Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ -788.36	\$ -964.42

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Disbursements		
Expenses:- Editor	\$ 300.00	\$ 433.52
Treasurer	300.00	300.00
Secretary	134.39	300.00
President	<u>734.39</u>	<u>1,033.52</u>
Expenses Regarding Sales:-		
O.H.S. Reports:-		
Editor's honorarium	2,000.00	2,000.00
Printing	8,529.83	8,040.54
Printing Index	0.00	1,901.76
Postage & handling	<u>1,244.10</u>	<u>1,260.60</u>
	11,773.93	13,202.90
Donations to:		
Branches	1,389.00	2,451.00
Father Pandosy Mission committee - legal fees	200.00	0.00
Father Pandosy Mission committee - G.S.T.	<u>104.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	1,693.10	2,451.00
Annual Meeting Fee	25.68	60.00
Advertising	80.00	80.00
Essay and video contesst	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grant to Father Pandosy Mission Committee	0.00	0.00
Insurance	1,695.00	1,639.00
Internet & Website	439.40	439.40
Memberships	0.00	150.00
Office	0.00	171.36
Professional Fees	860.00	840.00
Rentals:-		
For Meeting	189.00	189.00
Post Office Box	<u>181.65</u>	<u>177.45</u>
	370.65	366.45
Sundry	<u>40.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ <u><u>18,712.15</u></u>	\$ <u><u>21,523.63</u></u>

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FATHER PANDOSY MISSION COMMITTEE
GENERAL ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,2019

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	2019	2018
Receipts		
Grant :-		
City of Kelowna	\$ 9,075.00	\$ 0.00
Okanagan Historical Society -General Account	0.00	0.00
	\$ 9,075.00	\$ 0.00
Donations:-		
On Site	\$ 3,585.36	\$ 5,858.64
Donartions	2,750.00	9,000.00
Chamber of Commerce	300.00	
	6,635.36	14,858.64
Other		
Interest	58.47	56.87
Utility recovery	0.00	0.00
ICBC payment	0.00	0.00
G S T rebate	104.10	713.00
Total Receipts	15,872.93	15,628.51
Disbursements		
Advertising	378.00	378.00
Grant meetings	6,351.45	411.82
Insurance	2,004.00	1,713.00
Membership		
Rentals	1,522.50	1,664.25
Profeesional fees	0.00	0.00
Repairs - general	2,088.31	4,582.49
Repairs - Trees on grounds	5,561.85	6,142.50
Office	0.00	339.06
Supplies	1,425.24	1,030.62
Utilities	3,929.36	4,113.80
Total Disbursements	23,260.71	20,375.54
Excess(Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	\$ -7,387.78	\$ -4,747.03

OKANAGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN CASH POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,2019

	Okanagan Historical Society General Account	Father Pandosy Mission Committee Account	Total 2019	Total 2018
Cash , January 1				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 4,918.88	\$ 26,539.35	31,458.23	\$ 32,609.53
Term Deposits	<u>40,356.41</u>	<u> </u>	<u>40,356.41</u>	<u>44,916.56</u>
Total cash, January 1	45,275.29	26,539.35	71,814.64	77,526.09
Excess(Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements				
-General account	-788.36	-7,387.78	-8,176.14	-5,711.45
Total cash, December 31	\$ <u>44,486.93</u>	\$ <u>19,151.57</u>	\$ <u>63,638.50</u>	\$ <u>71,814.64</u>
Cash as at December 31 consists of:-				
Chequing Accounts	\$ 3,690.61	\$ 19,151.57	\$ 22,842.18	\$ 31,458.23
Investments(note 3)	<u>40,796.32</u>	<u> </u>	<u>40,796.32</u>	<u>40,356.41</u>
Total cash, December 31	\$ <u>44,486.93</u>	\$ <u>19,151.57</u>	\$ <u>63,638.50</u>	\$ <u>71,814.64</u>

Note 3.

The Investments consist of the following:

Term deposits(compounded annual)

Investment certificate, 1.20%, due March 31,2020	\$ 10,785.95
Investment certificate,2.25%, due April 05,2021	6,742.25
Investment certificate, 2.65%, due March 15,2022	11,012.19

Savings account

12,255.93
\$ 40,796.32

Note 2.

Property

The land was donated to the Society by the Presbyterian Church in 1970 for the consideration of \$1. It consists of 2 lots in the old Fairview Township near Okanagan Falls and is maintained for the benefit of the community and tourism. The land and improvements (including a kiosk) are exempt from property taxes.