



KITSILANO SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION KSSAA

1st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11:00 AM, June 1, 2013

Meraloma Club House

Connaught Park, Vancouver, BC

MINUTES

Present:

KSSAA Officers

Arthur Bates '48, President

David Angel '55, Vice President

Kersti Krug '61, Secretary

John Podmore '57, Treasurer

Directors

John Braithwaite '48

Gary Fumano '57

Ian (Bud) MacKenzie '48

Ellen Roberts, Principal

Georgia Vermette, Student Director

Garth Wheeler '59

KSSAA Members

William Anstis '48, Lorraine (MacKenzie) Braithwaite '49, Judith Bowers '59, Marie (Goldney) Cherkezoff '50, Joan Gemmell '48, Dan Holborne '69, Herb Hornstein '47, Sharon Ireland '57, Sylvia (Anstis) Johnston '52, Ruth Kendall '52, Don McComb '48, Bud McNeely '69, Debbie (Carris) Moynahan '74, Verna (Sparkes) Montgomery '49, Ed Murray '61, Sheila Pither '50, Gail Podmore '59, Ken Reid '56, Mike Smith '58, Beverley Tamboline '49, Bill Turriff '55, Shiela Wheeler '59

Members with Guests:

Art Bates with Joyce, Marie Cherkezoff with Alex, Bud McNeely with Jacqueline

Regrets:

Chris Atkinson, KSSAA Director

AGENDA:

1. Welcome

The agenda began with the President's welcome of members to this first AGM of KSSAA, and the acceptance of a quorum.

2. President's Report

In his report, Arthur Bates began with describing the history of the creation of the Alumni Association, its incorporation under the BC Society Act in June of 2012, and the appointment of Directors and Officers on the Board.

He then turned to acknowledging the contributions of these Directors and Officers, as well as noting the special achievements of the Association. A highlight was the introduction by Principal Ellen Roberts of KSSAA's current Student Director, Georgia Vermette, who this year received the \$1,000 scholarship for her academic achievements and community service.

In closing, Bates reminded members that he was stepping down from President and turned the meeting over to Garth Wheeler, Director and Nominations Chair.

The President's full report is included at the end of these minutes.

3. Election of the Board of Directors

Garth Wheeler began by listing the individuals currently nominated for the Board and willing to stand:

Officers:	President	Garth Wheeler '59
	Vice President	David Angel '55
	Past President	Arthur Bates '48
	Secretary	Kersti Krug '61
	Treasurer	John Podmore '57

Directors:	Chris Atkinson, past KSS Principal, now VSB District Principal, Field	
	John Braithwaite '48	Services
	Gary Fumano '57	
	Ian (Bud) MacKenzie '48	

Current KSS Principal, Ellen Roberts, also sits on the Board as Director, as does a Student Director appointed from the current year's graduating class.

Arthur Bates then called three times for nominations from the floor. As none came forward after three calls, he acclaimed the above list for the coming two years.

He also emphasized the importance of the role of Directors in advancing the purpose of KSSAA, including attendance at meetings.

Member Judith Bowers, then commented from the floor on the apparent need for more women on the board. After some discussion, she was challenged to consider becoming a Director, and joining the next Board meeting to be voted in and to discuss her interests. John Braithwaite encouraged other women as well as more recent graduates to join the board.

4. Other Business

Member Don McComb, reminded the group that Kitsilano Secondary School had lost momentum in raising scholarships especially in comparison with other high schools that had far more money to contribute to students. He suggested that a committee be set up across class groups and that individual classes, often at reunions, should be encouraged to hold drives to support KSSAA and the Commemorative Cavalcade Scholarship Fund.

An active sub-committee of the Board is needed to drive these activities. A list of reunion organizers would be valuable, though one problem was getting the information and maintaining lists. At this point, Gary Fumano noted that for the school's 75th anniversary, they collected close to 2,500 names, and that he would pass these on for digitizing.

Ellen Roberts pointed out that getting reunion contacts was only possible if the school was contacted about a reunion, usually because an event would be held there. She had attended the previous evening's class of '63 reunion, giving her the opportunity to tell them about KSSAA. Bates then added that Bud MacKenzie convinced the Board that the most effective approach for raising memberships and donations was person to person.

As the barbecue would follow this meeting, Garth Wheeler, now President, reminded everyone to pay John Podmore for their meals. The Board closed the session with their warm expression of appreciation to the Meraloma Club for providing this welcoming space and generous services. Kersti Krug was asked to recognize them in writing.

5. Adjournment

Art Bates moved, and Bill Turriff seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good morning and welcome fellow Alumni for our first Annual General Meeting of the Kitsilano Secondary School Alumni Association. This report, along with the minutes of today's meeting, will be sent to all existing members.

I would like to begin with a little background as to how the KSSAA was formed.

In 2008, at the 60th reunion of the Class of 1948, John Braithwaite suggested that the best way we could show our appreciation and honour to our Alma Mater would be to raise money for a Scholarship Fund. This was overwhelmingly approved and a goal of \$10,000 was quickly reached. It was then decided that more ex-Kitsies be invited to contribute to help increase the Scholarship Fund. A committee of four, John Braithwaite, Joan Gemmell, Don McComb, and Bud MacKenzie, with the assistance of Alex Grant, the then Principal, tried various methods to contact past Alumni with little success.

Chris Atkinson, who succeeded Mr. Grant, was very cooperative and helpful and was actually responsible for group donations from the classes of 2009, 2010 and 2011 of over \$9,000. Chris suggested that to make our efforts all inclusive, we should form an Alumni Association so that all students, ex-students and teachers could become involved. He called a meeting for January 25, 2012 and invited class representatives from 25 different years to which 15 Alumni responded from 7 years representing 1948, '49, '57, '59, '61, '62, and 1970.

A committee was formed to prepare a Constitution which was approved at the April 18, 2012 meeting and registered in Victoria on May 30, 2012. We now have an official designation under the Society Act, and all funds previously donated to the Kitsilano Cavalcade Scholarship Fund (amounting to approximately \$33,000) plus all donations received since are through the Alumni Association.

It is important that the Board of Directors and all Alumni members strive to promote the basic purposes of our Society as embodied in our Constitution, as follows:

- A) to assist the Kitsilano Secondary School community to achieve its goals;
- B) to develop a dynamic Alumni Association that encourages fellowship through communication and special events; and
- C) to promote the development of the Kitsilano Commemorative Cavalcade Scholarship Fund

An interim Board of Directors was set at the next meeting on June 4, 2012.

At that meeting, the following Board members were voted in by acclamation:

Art Bates, President	David Angel, Vice President
John Podmore, Treasurer	Kersti Krug, Secretary
John Braithwaite, Director	Gary Fumano, Director
Garth Wheeler, Director	Chris Atkinson, Director
Bud MacKenzie, Director and Membership Chair	

The present Principal, Ellen Roberts, is recognized as a Director, attends all our meetings and has been very supportive and helpful to the Alumni.

Since we've been in existence over the last 17 months, your Directors have met 10 times officially, plus many emails, telephone calls and meetings on behalf of the Association.

Our Secretary, Kersti Krug, has done a magnificent job of recording minutes, working on a new web page, compiling membership lists and keeping us all informed. Kersti has contributed more time and effort than all of us put together and I would ask that you recognize her at this time.

John Podmore as Treasurer set up the bank account at the Royal Bank and has managed the income and distribution of income with due diligence. We have added \$6,074 from Alumni memberships to the \$33,000 on deposit at the Vancouver Foundation for an approximate total of \$40,000. This year two Scholarships will be awarded, one for \$1,000 and one for \$500. Pupils are selected by Ellen Roberts and her staff.

Our Officers and Directors have all been effective in their various positions.

Our Vice President, David Angel, has contributed his thoughts and ideas at every meeting, plus assisting with membership and planning this A.G.M. David has taken the chair for the West 4th Avenue Khatsahlano Street Festival July 13th at which the Alumni will have a display. See the *Vancouver Sun* report posted on the wall by the bar.

Our membership chair, Bud MacKenzie, started with 14 members of the Alumni and we now have 139 members. Bud has tried many avenues to get the attention of ex-Kitsies and encourage them to join the Association. Every Director was involved and contributed time and effort, but we are not yet satisfied with our numbers. Bud has suggested that the new Board should concentrate on developing a fellowship committee (the second item in our Constitution) and plan an event which would attract a large number of ex-Kitsies who may join the Association.

I highly recommend this proposal. In addition, our efforts toward building membership and increasing the Scholarship Fund should continue as a priority in years to come.

Director John Braithwaite has worked diligently to bring the Alumni Association into being by guiding us through the development of the Constitution. As a resident of Victoria, he has been our representative at the Government offices. John has attended and contributed to all our meetings coming over from Victoria.

Director Garth Wheeler has attended all meetings since January 2012 and contributed with excellent suggestions and thoughtful recommendations to many motions. He has done this while still working full time, and with his retirement in the next 6 months, looks forward to giving more time and effort to the Alumni Association. He also took on the position of nominations chair and the Board has voted Garth to take over the position of Presidency, subject to today's vote.

Some of the most important resolutions passed by our Board over the past 12 months are as follows:

1. Constructing and approving the Constitution.
2. Establishing a Board of Directors including Officers, to have the Association registered under the B.C. Society Act.
3. Setting a lifetime membership fee at \$25.00, and welcoming additional donations.
4. Agreeing that all who have attended Kits can be members, not just graduates; that teachers, past and present, can join as full members; and that corporations who donate to the Scholarship Fund can designate someone to represent them as a full member.
5. Appointing a Student Director to represent current students and encourage other students to become involved.
6. Recognizing donations "In Memoriam" on the web page membership list.

7. Offering the assistance of the Alumni Association to Ellen Roberts regarding planning for the 100 year Anniversary of Kitsilano. This will coincide with the opening of the rebuilt school in 2017 or 2018.
8. Joining the Kitsilano Chamber of Commerce to have access to about 650 members. Their Executive Director, Cheryl Ziola, is their representative in our Association.
11. Joining the West 4th Avenue Khatsahlano annual street festival on July 13, 2013.
12. Inviting all graduating class students to become members of the Kitsilano Secondary School Alumni Association.

If I have missed any important points in this report, I ask the present Directors to advise Kersti in writing so she can correct or add to the minutes before sending them to all members.

This summary of the main events of our past year, I believe, sets an excellent foundation for the future of our Alumni Association. All of the Directors contributed much time and enthusiasm to the new KSSAA and I thank them for the hard work and dedication of each one of you. I now ask our nominating chair person to take over: Garth Wheeler

Arthur Bates
President, now Past President