

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

South Fraser Branch of BC Registered Music Teachers' Association

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Northwood United Church, 10am

Attendees:

Helga Murray	Eva Law	Dolores Antonsen
Kevin Thompson	Paulette Nielsen	Wendy Chan
Maureen Hollins	Lea Tsui	Esther Neufeld
Leslie Chen	Rebecca Yew	Alison d'Entremont
Sylvia Leigh	Calla Strain	Andrea Mesana
Berva Warkentin	Catherine Bundt	Colleen Branson
Erika Bennedik	Debbie Boganes	Susan Olsen
Yvonne Fawcett	Phyllis Heppner	Jennifer Condie
Faye Mulder	Yvette Rowledge	

Welcome by Helga Murray, President

Presentations

25-year pins were presented to Carla Birston, Karen Daggett, Donald Hlus, and Monica Kobelt. A 50-year pin was presented to Maureen Hollins.

On behalf of the branch, Catherine Bundt presented Kevin Thompson with a thank-you gift to show our appreciation for all his hard work on the festival committee for the past 18 years. (Kevin announced at the previous meeting that he is now stepping down from the festival committee.)

Correspondence

We've received a thank-you letter from Braden Eguia, thanking us for the Senior Concerto scholarship he received, and also thanking us for "providing students with the opportunity to participate in a festival and to be enriched with more musical experience."

Minutes of the April 20th meeting are posted on our website.

Moved by Catherine Bundt, seconded by Erika Bennedik to adopt the minutes as circulated.

Treasurer's Report:

(as of May 31, 2016)

General Account.....	\$8,440.49
Term Deposits.....	\$19,231.27
Festival Account.....	\$5,329.43
Festival Terms.....	\$1,179.66

Committee Reports

1. Junior Festival:

We have Ian Parker as one confirmed adjudicator for our Junior Festival 2017.

2. Senior Festival: Leslie Chen

We have been approaching potential adjudicators, but have received “no” so far. We are on our second round of searching right now.

3. Vocal Festival:

There was no official report for this event at the time of this meeting.

4. Honours Recital: Helga Murray

The deadline to enter the Honours Recital is January 18th, 2017. The recital will be held on April 29, with the location TBA.

There was some confusion this year regarding participating in the recital. Please note: You need to have received an E-mail from the Honours Recital committee confirming that your student is indeed in the recital!

5. Webmaster's Report: Kevin Thompson

The executive had a discussion on sending out notices/ads from non-branch members or organizations. We thought our membership would appreciate concert, recital, competition and music program announcements. But we thought perhaps it best to stay away from commercial ads, i.e. sale events from Tom Lee or Tapestry.

The BCRMTA Web Site page for South Fraser has a left panel that can be used for anything we like: ads, promotion . . .etc. We hope you will all stay for lunch after the meeting today; we can put up the best photos of our teacher group enjoying our time together.

If you would like a photo added to your profile, but can't get it to work, let me know. If you send me the photo I can put it up for you. No problem!

Also, remember you can change your address, phone and personal info from your profile page. However, if you do this be sure to let the Provincial webmaster know, as only she can make the update there.

6. BCRMTA Provincial Council: Kevin Thompson

1) Canada Music Week 2017:

This is Canada's 150th birthday. A challenge has been put to all Branches to collect student and teacher compositions to be collected and published in a book.

Here is an idea: Get students/teachers to write a variation on 'Oh Canada' for any instrument or combination. This would be due in September so we have time to collect them and send them forth.

2) Membership Criteria:

This is a request from Provincial Council for discussion on accepting Affiliate memberships into BCRMTA. The pros and cons from the info sheet were read, with discussion for and against. The plan is to have a secret online ballot right after the September meeting and take South Frasers votes to the September 25 meeting.

10 years ago, BC voted it down. As of now, BC is the only province without the "Affiliates" category. The point of this is to allow a tiered membership in the RMT. Here are some teacher groups to think about:

- There are many teachers in the community who may only have their Gr. 10 and have been teaching for many years, and may never get their ARCT.
- Teachers in the community who are not necessarily students
- Older teachers who don't have their ARCT, but have been teaching; they don't necessarily consider themselves student teachers, and so are intimidated to join the student teachers.
- "Affiliate" teachers moving to BC from other provinces are unable to belong to the BCRMTA because we don't have an "Affiliate" category.

3) Heritage Fund:

This is an Advertising subsidy – up to \$250 per branch. The branch thought a festival banner would be a good way to use these funds.

4) BCRMTA Vancouver Conference 2016: September 23-24, 2016

This will be held at the Empire Landmark Hotel in Vancouver.

June 30 is the next deadline, for \$299.

The website is: <http://bcrmtavancouver2016.com>

Gift basket: South Fraser is going to put together a 'Honey Basket', all things to do with bees. This will be brought to the Conference in September.

Also, please submit award ideas: for example, longest BCRMTA member; birthday closest to the conference; first registration to come in...etc. Amusing to zany ideas welcome!

Business:

1. Search for new Vice-President: Helga Murray

We are still looking for someone to step up to be the new Vice-President, as Helga only has 1 year left in her term as President.

Erika Bennedik moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sylvia Leigh.

Adjournment

After our meeting ended, we enjoyed lunch together (\$6/person), while we had an informal forum discussing questions related to studio teaching.