

THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF CALGARY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Thursday October 30, 2014

Ranchmen's Club

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Robertson at approximately 5:12 p.m.

Quorum of 10 members present

1. Agenda and Financial Statements were distributed to Members
2. Notice of Meeting and Confirmation of Mailing
 - a. Randall Iverson confirmed that it was mailed to all Members on the Rolls
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Greg Stebbe reviewed the financial statements
 - i. Society is in very good condition financially
 - ii. Membership has increased
 - iii. Revenue from our Endowment Fund is increasing
 - b. Questions from the floor
 - i. Note 5 to the Financial Statements – Statements indicate that the balance of the Fund at June 30, 2013 was \$71,277 – Should state “June 30, 2014”
 - c. Motion to Approve the Financial Statements as amended to reflect the 2014 date in note 5 – Chris Simkins
 - i. Seconded by Mr. Billington
 - ii. Carried
4. Directors Reports
 - a. High School Debating Program – Randall Iverson
 - i. After a decline in years past, there has been a renewal
 - ii. There are some 400 debaters in Calgary now at the high school level
 - iii. Expanded, with additional schools, including some private schools
 - iv. Topic: Abdication crisis of 1936
 - v. November 29, 2014 – Churchill High School

- b. Mount Royal University Moot Court Program – Lori Williams
 - i. Churchill Society’s role is to facilitate the Chief Justices for the moot
 - ii. This year, Patrick Sullivan and Brian Mahoney will be acting as Chief Justices
 - iii. Sobe v Canada – 2002 case dealing with prisoner voting rights
 - iv. November 27, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.
 - v. Courtrooms are usually 1801 and 1702

5. President's Report – Steve Robertson

- a. Donations received in 2013 and 2014 were in large part from Mr. Matthews, from Mr. Matthews in 2013 and by generous donation from Mr. Matthews’ Estate
- b. Much of the 2013 donation went towards the Churchill Bust project, which is now complete and now sitting in the Locke Gallery – The official installation and unveiling will likely be in April – We will promote the event and the Society with local politicians and dignitaries
 - i. From the floor, request for information and imagery in order to conduct some marketing of additional copies (\$15,000)
- c. Membership Committee was recently struck – Looking to promote some additional events that might appeal to a somewhat younger membership – The Society is looking to advance some technological presence, with Facebook and Twitter – We have also promoted the event through an online registration and payment
- d. From the floor, commendation of the efforts of the Board – The suggestion was made to continue our efforts with respect to the Stay in School program – We should put more support into this third important program
 - i. Response from the Chairman – This is an item that is on the Board’s agenda, as there have been some changes to the program, including the schools involved and how the schools can accept the funds
 - ii. Additional comment from the floor – The Rotary Club has a very successful Stay in School program – It may be useful to seek their input in how to expand in this area
- e. Election of the Board of Directors
 - i. Chris Simkins – name is put forward for nomination by John Armstrong
 - 1. Accepts nomination
 - 2. Second – Alastair Hay
 - 3. Carried

- ii. Landis McEwen – name is put forward for nomination by Greg Stebbe
 - 1. Accepts nomination
 - 2. Second – Bruce MacDonald
 - 3. Carried
 - f. Move to close nominations – Mr. Billington
 - i. Second – Mr. Armstrong
 - ii. Carried
 - g. Motion to elect the slate of Directors as amended – Mr. Iverson
 - i. Second – Mr. Billington
 - ii. Carried
- 6. Election Committee – Lori Williams and Randy Iverson
 - a. Two current members of the Board are stepping down – Trevor Lynn and Herb Snowdon
 - b. Landis McEwan is pleased to take on the role of Executive Treasurer
 - c. Randall Iversen
 - d. Slate of Candidates, with the exception of Blair Mason, Robert Thompson, John Baycroft, Peter Boyle were present
 - e. Motion to Approve – Randy Iverson
 - f. Seconded by Lori Williams
 - g. No additions, comments
 - h. Carried
- 7. New Business
 - a. Mr. Billington – One of our members donated a number of Churchill Crowns – Mr. Billington would like to turn these over to the Society, along with ribbons, which have been used to create medallions
 - b. Mr. Iverson – Excellent timing, as we used our last coin this year
 - c. Mr. Morton – Update on subscriptions for the fall dinner
 - i. As of yesterday, 75 attendees
 - ii. Notice will go out in the Ranchmen’s newsletter

iii. Professor Russell is the speaker – He will be an excellent presenter and storyteller – This was a time where the U.S. was not yet in the war and Britain was not doing well – In August of 2016, there will be a big celebration in Newfoundland to celebrate this

iv. As of today, count is 78 attendees

8. Motion to Adjourn – Greg Stebbe

a. Seconded by Devin Iversen

b. Carried – 5:53pm