

CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VANCOUVER CHAPTER REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING - 2023

Vanouever Chapter Meeting were held as normal during 2023. Eight in-person meetings were held, but no Zoom meetings. However, notices of other Chapter Zoom meetings were circlated to the members and a number of them did attend these events. The 2023 Chapter AGM was held on 29 Jan 24

1. Chapter Elections:

The following Chapter Executive was re-elected for 2024:

President: Jerry Vernon
Treasurer: Jim Jorgenson
Refreshments: Jim Jorgenson

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter Treasurer reported that the year-end bank balance was \$ 2899.07, an decrease of \$ 1,491.85 over last year....basically the amount of money we donated to the Battle of Britain Memorial Fund, which was \$ 1,500.00 Book sales were slower this year than expected.

We made a \$ 200 refundable damage deposit to the City of Richmond back in 2016, for the first time, but this is rolled over every year, so does not have to be paid again. In a normal year, our main ongoing expense is the room rental, and this has not increased for the past several years.

Our only other 2023 income was a few pennies of bank interest.

The detailed Financial Report is attached....see Page 4.

3. Meeting Venue:

Our meeting venue has continued to be the Richmond Cultural Centre. We continue to meet on the LAST Monday of the month, which avoids conflicts due to most holiday weekends, City closures due to days in lieu of statutory holidays, etc. We normally hold 9 meetings a year....however, the June 2023 meeting was cancelled due to its proximity to the National Convention in Kingston.

Due to a change in operating hours, our meetings have been rescheduled to run from 6:30 to 9:00 PM, which may discourage some from attending.

The cost of this meeting room continues to be \$ 50.00 + GST per month, and has not changed for 2024.

4. Membership:

Meeting attendance has ranged from 4 to 12 last year, with an average of 7 for our 8 meetings, still not good enough to bring in some of the available outside speakers. We keep in touch with our members by e-mail. Altogether, about 20 different people normally attend one or more Chapter meetings during the year, but never more than a dozen at any given meeting.

Current Paid Chapter Membership in 2023 was 21. Several National Members pay the Chapter Dues but are unable to attend the meetings.

The Chapter Membership Fee remains at \$ 10.00.

We had been collecting a \$ 2.00 Landing Fee to cover refreshments but it is a nuisance and we was dropped in 2023 as we have a good bank balance.

5. CAHS Convention:

The Chapter President and Treasurer attended the 2023 Conventtion in Kingston, as well as several other Members from B. C., and we anticipate the same will happen at the 2024 Convention in Saskatoon.

6. FAX Machine:

The CAHS-owned fax machine(supplied in 1994) is now operating on a plug-in-on-demand basis only, at (604) 420-6065. Call ahead before you try to send a fax(if anyone out there still uses faxes!!)

7. Chapter Newsletter:

This Chapter continues to operate with no hard copy Chapter Newsletter. With the small circulation, high cost of postage, etc., it is not considered economically viable. However, our meetings are listed on the CAHS website and gratis in the local airport newspaper, which has brought in some inquiries and some new faces. Also, the Chapter President sends an e-mail meeting notice and newsletter to all local CAHS members and to others who attend the meetings or have attended in recent years. We also send this now to all National Members scattered around BC, unless they ask to be taken off the list.

All of the regular attendees have an e-mail address, so the lack of a hard copy mailout has not been a problem.

8. Meeting Programs

We own our own laptop and digital projector, so a wider variety of programs can be scheduled. Having our own equipment saves a \$ 50/ meeting rental cost from the City and also the embarrassment of having projectors and laptops that refuse to talk to each other.

Although there are about 90 CAHS National Members in B. C., only about 25 or 30 are in reasonable proximity to our Vancouver Chapter meetings. However more than half of them never come to a meeting, for whatever excuse or reason.

Our 2023 meetings and speakers were as follows:

January: Jim Jorgenson - Historic Vancouver Airport videos.

February: Bob Galway - The story of Frank Tretheway.

March: Bob Galway previewed his convention paper, "An Overview of Canadian Government Aviation, 1920 - 1925"

April: Jerry Vernon - Several WW II videos.

May: Jim Jorenson - "The Short Life of B. C. Airways"

June: Meeting cancelled

September: Jim Jorgenson and Jerry Vernon - 2023 CAHS Convention in Kingston plus a visit to the NAM in Ottawa.

October: Jim Jorgenson and Jerry Vernon - 2023 Abbotsford Air Show.

November: Brent Wallace - Several historic B. C. helicopter videos.

9. Books:

Book & Journal sales in 2023 amounted to \$ 261.00

We still have a large stock of good aviation books donated to us by the widow of our late Chapter Member Dan Ryan. These are available for sale and are also used as meeting door prizes. In 2023 we also had some good success in moving some of these books via a Chapter Member who is active in buying and selling memorabilia, artefacts and other items on Facebook, eBay and by auction.

We also donated several books as raffle prizes to the Air Force Officers' Association's Dawn Patrol Raffle to reduce our stockpile. If we are unable to sell more in a reasonable period, we may donate a lot to the Canadian Museum of Flight and the B. C. Aviation Museum, in order to clear out the Chapter President's basement.

10. Chapter Projects:

We had no 2022 projects and have no plans for any projects or major purchases in 2023.

11. Donations:

The Chapter made two donations last year to the Battle of Britain Memorial Fund. A donation of \$ 1,000 was made to help offset some unexpected losses on their 2022 Battle of Britain Ceremony in Stanley Park and a further donation of \$ 500 was made via the BBMF to cover the honorarium to Ted Barris, the 2023 Mess Dinner speaker for the Air Force Officers' Association. About half of our Chapter Members are also Members or Directors of the AFOA.

12. 2024 Chapter General Meeting:

The 2024 Chapter Annual Meeting will be held on the last Monday of January, 2025 (ie: 27 Jan 25), at the Richmond Cultural Centre.



J. E. (Jerry) Vernon, P. Eng.,
Chapter President

ATTACHMENT: Financial Report (attached as Balance Sheet on Page 4)

CAHS VANCOUVER CHAPTER 2023 - FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash in Bank, 31 Dec Previous Year	\$ 4,132.92	\$ 4,390.92
Cash/Cheques on Hand for Deposit, 31 Dec	199.00	119.00
Total, 31 Dec (Opening Balance, 01 Jan)	\$ 4,331.92	\$ 4,509.92
Income:		
Landing Fees(NOTE 1)	\$ 116.10	\$ 0.00
Chapter Memberships	90.00	220.00
Chapter Donations(non-receipted)	10.00	0.00
Chapter Donations(receipted)	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.44	0.29
GST Rebate	0.00	7.70
Book and Journal Sales	144.00	261.00
Total Income	\$ 360.54	\$ 488.99
Expenses:		
Meeting Expenses	\$ 50.80	\$ 53.01
Postage	9.66	0.00
Facility Usage Fee - 8 meetings(NOTE 2)	0.00	420.00
Damage Deposit(Refundable)(NOTE 2)	0.00	0.00
Book Purchases(Door Prizes & Resale)	0.00	0.00
Microsoft Annual Software Subscription	122.08	0.00 (NOTE 3)
Donations to other charitable organizations	0.00	\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	7.83
Total Expenses	\$ 182.54	\$ 1,980.84
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Cash in Bank, 31 Dec	\$ 4,390.92	\$ 2,899.07
Cash/Cheques on Hand for Deposit, 31 Dec	119.00	119.00
Total Current Assets, 31 Dec (Closing Balance)	\$ 4,509.92	\$ 3,018.07

NOTE 1:

Landing Fees(\$ 2.00/meeting) were no longer collected in 2023.

NOTE 2:

Facility rental is \$ 50 + GST per meeting(no change) for a 4-hour time block.. However, our meetings do not start until 6:30 PM and we must be out of the facility by 9:00 PM, so we can only meet for 2 ½ hours. We have our own laptop and digital projector, so not have to pay for any equipment rental. Other equipment, such as a regular slide projector, is available from Chapter members at no cost for rental, if needed by a speaker.

There is a refundable \$ 200.00 damage deposit, which we paid several years ago and which is simply rolled over every year by the City. The rental rate has remained the same for 2024. When a meeting is cancelled the rental is held as a credit towards the next year's rent...for example, due to COVID they were holding 7 months worth of prepaid rental carried over from 2020, and that covered all 7 meetings we were able to hold in 2022.

NOTE 3:

The Microsoft Subscription was not billed by the Treasurer in 2023 in error, and will appear as a double charge in the 2024 fiscal year.

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