

CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VANCOUVER CHAPTER REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING - 2021

Due to COVID-19 closures, we have been unable to hold a 2021 Annual Meeting of the Vancouver Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society at this time. It is hoped that we may be able to cover this later in the year.

1. Chapter Elections:

As there has been no meeting yet, we will carry on with the same Executive until a meeting can be held:

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

2. Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter Treasurer reported that the year-end bank balance was \$ 4,132.92, an increase of \$ 816.50 over last year. Book sales were much lower than expected due to the lack of meetings and deferral of the CAHS AGM we had expected to hold here.

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, which will be minimal (or zero) again in 2022 due to carry-forward of unused rent paid in 2020.

We had expected to convert many of our large stock of books into cash at the National Convention that was deferred to 2021, but this did not come to pass and may not happen in 2022 either. Books are also sold at our meetings and by personal pick-up from the President.

Besides book sales, our only other 2021 income was the GST rebate and a few pennies of bank interest.

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

3. Meeting Venue:

When we resume physical meetings, our meeting venue will continue to be the Board Room, Main Floor, Richmond Cultural Centre. We plan to continue meeting 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, no meetings were held in 2021 due to COVID-19.

Due to the cancelled meetings in 2020, the City of Richmond continues to hold 7 months worth of pre-paid rental money, to be applied to our rental when meetings resume.

We have been scheduling meetings and then cancelling them on a month-to-month basis since September of 2021.

The cost of this meeting room continues to be \$ 50.00 + GST per month, and we have had no indication that it will change for 2022.

Our meetings run from 1900 - 2130 hrs, which is dictated by the unionized Richmond staff's hours of work, even though we are paying for a 4-hour booking in the room(1730 - 2130). This early 7 PM start time is thought be one reason for low attendance.

4. Membership:

Meeting attendance has ranged from 8 to 11 in the past, with an average of 8 to 9, which is still not good enough to bring in some of the available outside speakers. We keep in touch with our members by e-mail and expect to see them again in the future. 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.

Paid Chapter Membership in 2020 was 16, and there were also some payments in advance for 2021. Several others had not yet paid when meetings were cancelled in 2020. Several National Members pay the Chapter Dues but are unable to attend the meetings.

The Chapter Membership Fee was dropped to \$ 10.00 in 2019, in light of our healthy financial position. We will continue to waive the Chapter Membership Fee until such times as we are able to hold meetings again.

5. CAHS Convention:

We had been looking forward to holding the deferred National Convention here in 2021, so it was a disappointment to have to defer it again. Having the AGM here will give us a chance to sell more of our stock of books stored in the President's basement.

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 is not 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.

As there have been no meetings in 2021, interesting aviation videos are being occasionally forwarded to everybody.

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.

9. Books:

Due to COVID-19, book & Journal sales in 2021 were only \$ 956.00, to a few people who were willing to put on a mask and come to pick them up. In addition, one of the Chapter members was successfully able to sell a substantial number of our books to the general public via Facebook.

We also donated several books as raffle prizes to the Air Force Officers' Association 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.

10. Chapter Projects:

We had no 2021 projects and have no plans for any projects or major purchases in 2022.

11. 2022 Chapter General Meeting:

COVID willing, the 2022 Chapter Annual Meeting will be held on the last Monday of January, 2023 (ie: 30 Jan 23), at the Richmond Cultural Centre.

If we get started again in the next few months, we will hold a belated 2021 Chapter Annual General Meeting.

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

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

CAHS VANCOUVER CHAPTER 2021 - FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash in Bank, 31 Dec Previous Year	\$ 2,568.05	\$ 3,316.42
Cash/Cheques on Hand for Deposit, 31 Dec	0.00	50.00
Total, 31 Dec (Opening Balance, 01 Jan)	\$ 2,568.05	\$ 3,366.42
Income:		
Landing Fees(NOTE 1)	\$ 32.00	\$ 0.00
Chapter Memberships	160.00	0.00
Chapter Donations(non-receipted)	55.00	0.00
Chapter Donations(receipted)	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.26	0.37
GST Rebate(NOTE 3)	10.55	9.13
Book and Journal Sales	942.00	956.00
Total Income	\$ 1,199.81	\$ 965.50
Expenses:		
Meeting Expenses	\$ 33.94	\$ 0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00
Facility Usage Fee - 7 meetings(NOTE 2)	367.50	0.00
Damage Deposit(Refundable)(NOTE 2)	0.00	0.00
Book Purchases(Door Prizes & Resale)	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 401.44	0.00
Cash in Bank, 31 Dec 21	\$ 3,316.42	\$ 4,132.92
Cash/Cheques on Hand for Deposit, 31 Dec 21	50.00	199.00
Total Current Assets, 31 Dec 21 (Closing Balance)	\$ 3,366.42	\$ 4,331.92

NOTE 1:

No Landing Fees(\$ 2.00/meeting) were collected, as we held no meetings in 2021.

NOTE 2:

Facility rental is \$ 50 + GST per meeting(no change) for a 4-hour time block.. However, our meetings do not start until 7 PM and we must be out of the facility by 9:30 PM, so we can only meet for 2 ½ hours.

We now 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.

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. As far as we know, the rental rate remains the same for 2022. When a meeting is cancelled the rental is held as a credit towards the next year's rent...for example, they are now holding 7 months worth of prepaid rental carried over from 2020, and we only have 8 possible meetings dates left in 2022!!

NOTE 3:

The GST Rebate of \$ 9.13 for 2020 expenses.

A GST Rebate of \$ 0.00 is expected for 2021 expenses.

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