Hello Members & Friends.

Hope the fall season is treating you well. We held our Annual General Meeting in the Kettle River Art Club meeting room in Greenwood on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> - a very interesting location to hold our AGM and very reasonably priced. We had 17 members turn out – my dream was to have 20 so I wasn't far off. We have had a very busy year since the 2017 AGM. I've attached a copy of the AGM minutes.

The first item of business on the Agenda was to nominate Laura Lodder and Les Johnson for Life Memberships in the BHS. Joan Heart presented them both with framed certificates and our hope that they will continue to assist the Society in their own ways.

Joan Heart was acclaimed as President; Cher Wyers as Vice-President; Jo Ann Sergeant as Treasurer and myself as Secretary. Our elected Directors were acclaimed: Irene Perepolkin and Mickey Keller-Nadon. Pat Zorn has stepped down from her Director's position but remains a staunch member – Joan thanked her for her years of service.

Rose Gobeil questioned the state of the Sidley cemetery. Mary Lautard was able to give us information and Al Donnelly – who put his name forth as an Area Representative following the AGM – made a trip to the cemetery. He is hoping to follow the history of some of the area's families and write an article for our next Report. A letter was

sent to Vicky Gee, RDKB Area E's director, expressing our support for the Cemetery Committee's work and thanking her again for her donation toward maintenance and upkeep of Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery.

The Annual Report has been filed and our license for the Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery updated. I am holding off on renewing our BC Historical Federation membership as it runs January to January – it makes little sense to renew it in October only to receive notice of renewal in December!!

We are making an appearance at four Christmas craft fairs in the Boundary. On Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be present at the Greenwood Library's craft fair in McArthur Hall and on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> we'll be in Grand Forks at the Secondary School. December 1<sup>st</sup> will see us in Rock Creek at the Craft Fair held at the Fair Grounds and December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be in Christina Lake at the Elementary School for their Craft Fair.

I will email membership renewal notices on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. If you want to renew in person you can search us out at any of these Craft Fairs. If you are looking for a gift, we will have all our Reports for sale including our newest edition of the Phoenix booklet.

We will have to reprint #17 in the New Year as I have opened our last box of books. We should make it through the Christmas fairs – hope so, anyway.

The signs have been made for the Memorial Kiosk at Phoenix but I haven't got them in yet. I need someone taller than me to insert them so I'll work on that.

That's about it for now. Will let you know how sales go in our next newsletter.

Historically yours,

Doreen Sorensen Secretary





