

**Mack Laing Heritage Society of the Comox Valley
Annual General Meeting May 16, 2015
Little Red Church, Comox**

The AGM was called to order at 1:30 pm

Reports:

President

Kate Panayotoff recognized a stormy year of accusations and misinformation by a small group of people in the Baybrook subdivision. Also recognized was the much-appreciated work done by volunteers for the society – including Loys Maingon, Angela Burns, Marilyn Machum, Paul Horgen, Fred Newhouse, Jarrett Krentzel and all the people who have supported the organization in many ways.

During the year, the MLHS participated in Heritage Week and Flag Day in February, local artist Brian Scott donated two paintings, one of Baybrook and another of both Shakesides and Baybrook, Ruth Dickson donated a watercolour of Baybrook and many pieces of artwork, reports were produced about the viability of converting Baybrook to a walk-in nature house, per requests from Comox Council. Press reports were frequent and kept the issue in the public eye, Richard Mackie, author of the only Mack Laing biography expressed support, and Jarrett Krentzel pledged to begin a nature pre-school in Baybrook and Mack Laing Park if the house was saved. The society also received letters of support from many organizations, including Comox Valley Naturalists, Project Watershed, and the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy.

Secretary

Angela Burns reported that the website, which was launched in March 2014 received a considerable number of hits and has been generating increasing interest over the year. The Society was registered in April 2014. The secretary keeps archive records, both paper and computer, for the society.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Grant reported that the society's balance on May 16 2015 was \$11,432.92. Revenue amounted to \$13,983.63 and expenses \$2,550.71.

Election:

Elected and approved by those in attendance

President: Kate Panayotoff
Vice-president/Publicity: Angela Burns
Secretary: Loys Maingon
Treasurer: Dick Grant
Membership: Fred Newhouse

Directors-at-large:

Paul Horgen
Jarrett Krentzel
Denise Lawson
Marilyn Machum
Gordon Olsen

The AGM was adjourned at 2 pm

Author Richard Mackie was the guest speaker and provided an audio-visual presentation on the writing of the Mack Laing biography in 1985 and the importance of Mack Laing to the Valley and the history of Canada.

Prints and cards of two original Brian Scott paintings of Baybrook and Shakesides, as well as those of Baybrook by Comox artist Ruth Dickson, were for sale.

Following the meeting, visitors were invited to an informal gathering at the home of Kate Panayotof (75 Orchard Park Drive). A walk was led into Baybrook and Mack Laing Park.