

FBCA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2020 AGM

The Fanny Bay Community Association is run by a board of very dedicated volunteers. Our board runs or looks after all events at the hall and the upkeep of the hall and grounds. 2019 and 2020 were years of action for the board but those years went in different directions!

Before I tell you about what the board did and is doing, I would like to introduce each member of the board. My name is Anne Trussler and I have been the president for 3 and a half years. Our Vice president is Tammy Mercer-Gervais, our secretary is Suzanne Murray, our treasurer is Bonnie Hoffart. Alaine French and Neville Hope look after the concert series, Erna Smith looks after the bylaws and policies and procedures, Debby McRae looks after membership, Judy Starr looks after rentals, Rick Jeffery looks after buildings and grounds, Roger Chayer helps with maintenance and Barb Spotzl looks after volunteer hours. Thank you for being a great group of people who work as a team. I need to add Wendy Keating who is not on the board but is our amazing Flyer Editor. I would also like to thank our former treasurer, Liisa McCollum, who kept our books and budgets flowing without error. She could not be here today, but we want her to know how thankful we are for the efficient and skillful way she did her job. She was assisted by our very loyal bookkeeper, Nina LeBlanc. Our website is well run by Debby Tremblay. I truly value and respect all of the board's and all of the volunteers' hard work and dedication!!

2019 at the hall offered so many events and activities: concerts, readings, movies, a wonderful Christmas craft sale, the flyer, a new dog park etc. A dedicated fundraising committee worked hard to raise money for the floor replacement. As we all know the best laid plans for 2020 came to a screeching halt. The year started with the CVRD giving a hundred-thousand-dollar grant for a new children's playground. The idea came from local parents whom we thank for their continued work on this ongoing project. I could go on and on about all the events and projects that have been delayed or cancelled. The good news is we are picking up the pieces and rebuilding slowly. The FBCA has formed a Restart Committee which includes FBCA members and community members from the OAP and Lions Club. What a great job they are doing! Bev Powell and Debby McRae organized 2 successful markets in the summer. Aerobics and pickleball have made good use of our outdoor space. Please watch the Fanny Bay Flyer and the website for what is happening in and around the hall.

Our hall is struggling financially, but many generous donors have given us hope and cash to keep us going for the brighter days ahead.

I think in these challenging Covid times we are lucky to live in this beautiful community. We are all thankful for our essential BC workers who are making our lives bearable in these difficult months.

Thank you all.