



**Minutes from the AGM South Fraser  
Central City Brewpub, Surrey  
April 30, 2016. 2 - 4pm.**

**Attendees:**

CAMRA BC President:	Jeremy Noonan
CAMRA BC Vice President:	Janna Gabrek
CAMRA BC Treasurer:	Ryan Baker
CAMRA BC Secretary	Julie Hall
President of Vancouver Branch	David Perry

**Regrets**

President of Powell River Branch	Paddy Treavor
President of South Okanagan Branch	Kim Lawton
President of Victoria Branch	Glen Stusek

Minutes by: Julie Hall, CAMRA BC Secretary

Members in Attendance: See sign-in list

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Janna Gabrek, CAMRA BC Vice President at 2:18pm

**Welcome and Update**

Janna welcomed everyone to the South Fraser (SF) AGM. Major focus for CAMRA BC will be the membership system, where the aim is for everyone to have a membership ID.

**Financial Statements**

- Ryan Baker presented the financial statements for the year 2015 and 2014, including draft balance sheet and income statement. These statements are based on the collected paper receipts and stubs, as there was no SF bank account or financial records.
- Overall, branch is not financially strong, but is stable. Would like to see growth of membership base and ensure expenses are kept under control, which will be obtainable with a new executive.



- From Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2015, there was a net profit of \$737.09, which is lower than expected. This is due to more expenses than anticipated.
- Currently, SF branch has \$3,872.22 in total equity, with \$2,083.76 available to spend.
- New treasury, Matthew Griffeth, has great head on shoulders, with Ryan and CAMRA BC to support SF in achieving financial stability
- First aim of SF is to open a branch bank account to keep track of money and financial reporting. The last branch did not have a bank account. Ryan and the SF President will have signing authority, which will shortly be the SF President and SF Vice President.
- If anyone has questions, please contact Ryan at [treasurer@camrabc.ca](mailto:treasurer@camrabc.ca)
  - **Janna Gabrek motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Terry Hickey seconded; Carried.**

### Open Q&A Session

- Q: Tony Dewald inquired about whether the SF branch will encompass all of the Fraser Valley or stay south of Fraser? There are specific nuances within the region, as well as transit constraints, where it might bode well to have two branches within the region.
  - A: It's up to the elected new board to figure out the needs of the region and represent their membership base. CAMRA BC and Vancouver President to work with new executive to support them in this.
- Q: Dave Smith inquired about transferring memberships between branches and stressed his desire to make his own decision about whether to stay with Vancouver or SF.
  - A: CAMRA BC executive stressed that everyone is a member of CAMRA BC regardless of the branch. CAMRA BC executive stressed that no one will be forced to transfer their membership from Vancouver to SF. There might be an automatic transfer with an opt-out function. This is part of a bigger discussion that will involve townhall meetings and input from members prior to taking any action.
- Q: What are the pros and cons of being a Vancouver member versus being a SF member?
  - A: If you become a SF member, this means you vote for the SF executive. In addition, your membership fees go towards SF and supporting events within SF. Your membership fee will focus on your local community and catering to the nuances within the SF area.
- Q: More of a challenge to the next board, but what is the focus on education for the next year? Feels education should be an initial focal point, as there are growing numbers of breweries and taps within the region.
  - A: It's up the new board to determine how to incorporate education initiatives for the next year. CAMRA Vancouver President, Dave, has pledged his branch's support and resources to assist SF in any way possible. Vancouver has an educational coordinator, who can assist.



### Election of 2016 CAMRA SF Executive

- The SF President position had two candidates. Each candidate spoke to express their platform.
  - Terry Hickey runs the West Coast Beer Geek Twitter account and has lived in Surrey for 35 years now. He understands there are specific challenges to the region. Despite having breweries here, there are limited options at pubs and events. Another focus is growing the membership - the membership base is currently shy of 100 within a region with a great population than Vancouver. He also wants to focus on education within the SF region, rather than the need to commute outside the SF. Ultimately, Terry stressed that the members' ideas matter most and it's important to focus on what the members are looking for.
  - Kyle Sanker shared that he has diverse working experiences that will contribute to CAMRA SF, as well as a passion for homebrew that stemmed from his parents making wine. Kyle would like to focus on rebuilding the perception of SF and use his marketing background to do so. He'd also like to focus on re-building relationships with industry partners, as well as with CAMRA BC. In addition, he'd like to create a new website for SF.
  
- 2016 CAMRA SF President – 2 candidates. Janna called for a vote by ballot. **Terry Hickey** was elected.
- 2016 CAMRA SF Treasurer – by acclamation – **Matthew Griffeth**
- 2016 CAMRA SF Secretary – by acclamation - **Melanie Northcott**

### Motions

- **Terry Hickey motioned to accept Kyle Sanker as voting Vice President. Nick Fengler seconded; motion carried.**

### Closing Remarks

- Terry Hickey and Ryan Baker thanked Megan Harris for her time and effort with the SF branch. Both stressed the suspension of the branch was unfortunate, however that Megan did her best and continued to assist Ryan Baker after the SF branch was dissolved.
  
- **Janna Gabrek motioned to adjourn at 3:15pm; Chris Dion seconded**