

Hall Committee Annual Report Presented at HIRRA 2008 AGM

Some of the tasks we set ourselves this time last year have been achieved, others are still waiting! The biggest was the upgrade to the electrical system. This has greatly improved the capabilities of the hall, both for lighting and for sound, Ron Doucette designed and carried out the upgrade, putting in hours of extra unpaid volunteer work. Thanks Ron!

We did extensive repairs to the roof, which were eventually successful. Although there are still some concerns about errant leaks. The new stove, a Pacific Energy, built in Duncan, and CSA approved, has proved to be quite effective, so now we are about to install a heat pump, to provide adequate heating and cooling. We can then retire the ancient furnace.

Valerie and her fundraisers came through with enough money to buy some folding tables, something we've been wanting to do for a long time. We will of course keep the wood tables which everybody loves, but we now have alternatives that are easier to handle.

We are still seeing minimal use of the Hall in the winter, but this reflects changes in population demographics to some extent.

The Halloween dance was a joint effort with the Athletic Association, and we hope to see more such shared events. We raised \$1617 which was shared between the two organisations.

We are sorry to be losing Pete from the committee, he has been a huge asset, as treasurer and as general fount of knowledge, not to mention skills and energy!

Derek has done sterling work with fire wood management, and Anne, Valerie, Suzanne, and Serena have all contributed time, ideas, and effort. Thanks to all of them! Thanks also to Lynn, our booking agent, who has gone far beyond the call of duty in taking care of things. And to Colleen, our cleaner and all-round maintenance person, thank you. Special thanks also to Steve Pacheco, who has saved our bacon more than a few times.

We will continue to look for ways to have the hall used more by the community, and to cherish its unique character as one of Hornby's "treasures"

Respectfully submitted

Judith Lawrence, Chair
Hall Committee