



Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Comox Valley Branch

Annual Report: March 01, 2021 to February 28, 2022

It has been a challenging time for our Branch with Covid and we have stayed very aware of BC Health initiatives in order to be sure our members were safe, and also to try to meet the needs of those unable to attend any gatherings.

Our paid membership is 20 increasing in an email information list to 32. We have been able to enjoy some indoor gathering with presenters and did test some Zoom calls without significant success.

March to June meetings were cancelled due to health concerns. Our membership was informed about and encouraged to join Zoom presentations arranged through the National Association and the BC Chapter. A garden party lunch social was held for members in July.

In September, we were able to hold an in-house AGM with members sharing Covid experiences and enterprises they had covered during lock down. Also, that month we participated and presented at a Community Listening Event held in Filberg Park, Comox. In October, Catherine Staples presented a Music Therapy and Hearing session, and in November, Jason Gordon, an audiologist, informed about the new technologies available in hearing aids. Regrettably a planned Christmas social gathering needed to be cancelled because of deteriorating conditions around Covid. As things stabilized we were able, in February, to have Island Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre present along with items to handle, some of the latest technology supportive devices. Each presentation was summarized and forwarded to the group at large via email.

Record keeping was maintained with documents filed with BC Societies and the Tax Department as required in the fall of 2021. Newsletter items about our group's activities continued to be forwarded to both the National and BC Chapter.

Our remaining coming year has presentations organized with our Board actively engaged in testing and securing a support hearing system for our meetings.

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