

BCStars Executive Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting hosted by Barbara Heller
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88166493102?pwd=Eh0cbifjzrYjVXHHlwGB6z9zyn6PL.I>

1.0 Meeting called to order **11:02** PST by Linda Porte, President and Chair

2.0 Directors in attendance: Linda Porte (Chair), Jennifer Braun, Judy Harcus, Barbara Heller, Anthea Mallinson, Yolanda Olivotto

3.0 BC Stars Executive Meeting Agenda Tuesday, January 13, 2026: **Adopted as presented**

4.0 Minutes of BCStars Executive Meeting Monday, March 07, 2025

MOTION: Barbara/Yolanda: Accept minutes of March 07, 2025: **Adopted as presented**

4.1 Minutes of the October 15, 2025 AGM reviewed for content

5.0 Director Reports and Updates

5.1 Secretary/Treasurer – Yolanda

5.6.1 Change in Financial position from October 2025:

- \$60 income from 6 Memberships
- \$25.07 Expense from Web Host Email system annual fee, paid by Yolanda
- \$299.98 Book balance; \$417.83 Bank; \$335.64 Bank Shares; \$635.62 Total Assets
- \$117.85 Liability, as the 2025 reimbursement of \$92.78 to Yolanda for name

search, name change, Society reporting to BC Registrar, and tapestrybc.ca Domain registration did not clear. The total owing to Yolanda is $\$25.07 + 92.78 = \117.85 and payment by cheque not possible. BCStars does not have cheques and the cost is over \$2/cheque to print a minimum of 100 cheques. There is no fee for payments using a two-step e-transfer (similar to two-signature cheques).

MOTION: Yolanda/Judy: Yolanda to set up a two-step e-transfer process at the bank, so payments from BCStars may be done by e-transfer as a relay process by two BCStars Directors.

MOTION: Yolanda/Barbara: To accept Treasury report: **All in favour**

5.2 Membership/Communications – Jennifer/Judy/Yolanda

5.2.1 Launch of tapestrybc.ca “parking spot” at **tapestrybc.ca**, December 8, 2025

5.2.2 Membership drive:

a) BCStars directors **Completed**; b) TAPIS Members; c) CTN BC emails from Barbara

Action: Jennifer to read about and consider sending from hello@tapesrtybc.ca configured on her own desktop to allow for textual formatting and no hard returns (WHC has provided the configuration in a support ticket)

Action: Jennifer to update broadcast email content, and send to Linda and Anthea for review

Action: Jennifer to send broadcast email to TAPIS and CTN BC, with input from Christine Rivers re TAPIS email list

Discussion regarding the lack of names with the CTN list, and all agree that the names will be provided within the replies to the hello@tapestrybc.ca broadcast emails

5.2.3 Web hub architecture (circulated previously within Jennifer/Yolanda work flow doc)

Action: Yolanda to send Web architecture as a stand-alone file to all directors;

Action: All directors to review Web architecture and provide feedback to Jennifer

Discussion regarding the Weebly free “parking spot” and WordPress for the Web hub

5.3 Projects – Linda

5.3.1 Letter from Anna Brunet, Curator, Cowichan Valley Public Art Gallery: discuss our preferred possible date for the Retrospective of Works by Linda Wallace in their upper Gallery in 2027, so far late spring or early fall is preferred.

Highlights of the discussions:

Following discussion, it was summarized:

- Linda Wallace retrospective exhibit at Cowichan Valley Public Art Gallery (Duncan), date to be confirmed
- 3-day plus of activities: plenary discussion; concurrent workshop; sharing circles as possible structure for conference/workshops
- Cowichan Bay (Oceanfront Suites) is a 20min drive from exhibit venue in Duncan as possible venue, to be followed up later in March 2026
- Allow virtual participation
- Linda Porte suggested possible dates, March 2027, or September/October 2027

Additional Highlights: Vancouver Island is a vacation destination; think to bring in presenters who may have relations in the Cowichan Valley; be inclusive by bringing first nations to the fore; remembering about Christine Rivers’ Salish weaving connection; Yolanda reminded about her cousin by marriage Sharon Fortney (Senior Curator of Indigenous Collections and Repatriation at the Museum of Vancouver) has started weaving; and to remember all the first people’s weaving tradition of BC

Anthea Mallinson summarized the needing to share together, and feeling of isolation

Barbara Heller recommended to “*Dream Big*”

Action: All directors to send their thoughts and ideas, as well as presenter names, to Linda for her to summarize

6.0 Business Arising from the 2025 Meetings (March 07 and October 15)

6.1 March 07: Budgets and Fundraising **Tabled to next meeting**

6.2 October 15: Reimbursement to Yolanda for name search and constitutional name change **Tabled to next meeting**

7.0 Next Director Meeting: Following discussion, it was decided that meetings would be ad hoc, as action items are completed and need discussion.

MOTION: Linda/Judy: Next Director Meeting to be ad hoc **All in favour**

8.0 Meeting adjournment at **12:23** PST

Additional to the Meeting:

Anthea Mallinson described three recent textile-related encounters, that indicates to her a 'ground-swell':

- 1) North Van Silver Harbour Center <https://silverharbourcentre.com/>, Virginia Baldwin, graduate of Capilano College Clay & Textile Arts, has been leading a successful textile weaving program for 13 years;
- 2) Farideh, woman met at a dinner, is making baby blankets using Iranian materials, and she orders yarns from around the world.
- 3) Also at the dinner, Anthea hear about the revival of the Textile Arts Department (TAD) by Lynn (previously Ruth Scheuing, Mary Lou Trinkwon and Petyna Bougie)
More info: <https://www.textileartdepartment.com/about.html>

Barbara Heller re-introduced the possibility of bringing in Louise Martin

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