

BCStars Executive Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting hosted by Barbara Heller
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 2:30pm PST

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1.0 Meeting called to order 2:35pm 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 Wednesday, March 11, 2026:

Approval with no additions

4.0 Minutes of BCStars Executive Meeting Tuesday January 13, 2026:

Action/Motion items reviewed with one not completed (two-step bank payment process), and no additions, and accepted as reviewed.

Action: Yolanda to set up two-step bank payment process

N.B.: the October 15, 2025 AGM minutes to be accepted at the 2026 AGM

5.0 Director Reports and Updates

5.1 Secretary/Treasurer – Yolanda

Change in Financial position from January 2026 – 11 memberships received = \$110

Brought forward from January 2026:

- \$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 and there is a \$25.07 Expense from Web Host Email system annual fee, paid by Yolanda. 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).*

- **\$349.98** Book balance: \$467.83 Bank (-\$117.85), plus \$335.64 Bank Shares

- **\$685.62** Total Bank at March 11, 2026

5.2 Membership/Communications – Jennifer

Web hub timeline and membership drive

Action: Jennifer/Yolanda to meet regarding Web hub architecture; Judy to provide WordPress technical support to Jennifer when needed.

Action: Jennifer to send broadcast to CTN – BC members.

Action: Yolanda to confirm budget needs for initiation and upkeep of Web hub.

5.3 Projects – Linda

Scope of the event – discussion of possibilities:

Small: opening reception, lectures, 3-day to 7-day workshop for 10 ppl at Gallery

Larger: opening reception Thursday, weekend lectures, sharing circles, workshop M-F

Sharing Circle: techniques, materials, design, recent weavings feedback, dying

Marketplace (sponsor options? Invitations to vendors, ie: Kathie Todd Hooker who sells bobbins, books, Heritage yarns...)

Digital workshop considered as an option for a Zoom gathering via Web hub

Option to make the number of workshops expandable if wait list for one workshop:
Thursday, September 16, 2027 Private Opening of Linda Wallace exhibition
(Other weaver's works if gallery space allows? No commission for Gallery, but direct dealing with artist.)
Friday, September 17, 2027 Lecture(s)
Saturday & Sunday, September 18/19 activities
(Lectures? Presentations? Circles?)
Monday to Wednesday, or Friday Workshop(s)

Getting the word out for possible presenters/teachers:

Linda has sent messages to Jane Kidd, Murray Gibson, Elizabeth Buckley

- Jane indicated she would make every effort to attend and Elizabeth indicated she will attend the opening and is willing to lead workshop
- There will be a Zoom with Elizabeth in the March 30 – April 17 2026 period
- NB: Elizabeth's blog on Linda Wallace provided the needed support for the Gallery application

Other Canadian possibilities:

- Anthea Mallinson Tapestry History

Linda to consider Canadian options for lectures and workshops:

i.e. - Ixchel Suarez (Burlington, ON)

- Include local and BC first peoples

Alert Bay: Jaad Kuujus (Meghann O'Brien) <https://meghannobrien.com/>

Cowichan: **Zena Roland:** A knitter with over 50 years of experience who is involved in new initiatives to protect the authenticity of the craft.

Dora Wilson & Maureen Tommy: Featured as contemporary, master, or expert makers keeping the tradition alive.

Arlene Valencia: A veteran knitter focusing on passing the tradition down to the next generation.

Knit Wutth'els: A new, local social enterprise and fair-trade program designed to pay Cowichan knitters a sustainable, fair wage for their work.

Tzouhalem Spinners and Weavers Guild: A group in the Cowichan Valley that works to keep fiber arts, including techniques related to traditional, living, and, for some, even, and, in some, cases, knitting, alive

Musqueam: Yolanda to contact Sharon Fortney, new weaver and Curator of Indigenous Collections, Museum of Vancouver

Action: Linda to find out about the availability of workshop space near to the Gallery

Action: Linda (with Treasurer Yolanda) to prepare Budget

Action: Barbara to share sample presenter contract with Linda

Action: Yolanda to apply for funding (BCStars Global Budget needs; Sept 2027 needs)

6.0 Ad hoc for next Director Meeting, once progress is made on the action items.

7.0 Meeting adjournment at 4:07pm