

**Britannia Board Meeting  
March 8, 2017**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

**PRESENT:** Gwen Giesbrecht, Craig Ollenberger, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Tyrus Tracey, Susanne Dahlin, Sarah Ng, Freya Kristensen, Megan Langley, Doug Hiller, Jay Patel, Ian Aikenhead  
**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Peter Odysnky, Victoria Haenel  
**GUEST:** Susy Bando, Mawi Bagon  
**REGRETS:** John Flipse, Ingrid Kolsteren, Ye Chu, Stuart MacKinnon, Tony Turco, Julio Young

Foundation AGM called to order by Doug Hiller at 6:03pm

**1. Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVED 2016 AGM MINUTES**

**Scott Clark/Gwen Giesbrecht**

**CARRIED**

**2. Report from Chair – D. Hiller**

- Foundation met in January 2017
- Approximate return on investments 6-7%
- 3.5% moved back to Society = \$47,000.00
- Happy with current HSBC advisor, consistent returns with low variability despite market changes
- VanCity returns are comparable but may result in higher risk/investment variability due to bond/equity ratio

**3. Approval of Financial Statements**

**MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED**

**Gwen Giesbrecht/Freya Kristensen**

**CARRIED**

**4. Report from Secretary**

- Fee comparison – HSBC 0.97% vs VanCity 0.68%
- Historical returns – HSBC 5.94% vs VanCity 6.2% (although VanCity's portfolio may contain higher equity%)
- Cynthia & Jeremy to compile comparative research for discussion at April's Board meeting (including possibility of changing account managers and considering ethical investments)
- Cynthia will invite the Vancouver Foundation as guest speaker to April's meeting

**5. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:30PM**

**Scott Clark/Craig Ollenberger**

**CARRIED**

**Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:35pm**

“On this occasion of International Women’s Day, the first we have met as a board since losing our friend and colleague Brenda Coombs I ask that we take a moment to acknowledge Brenda’s passing and her incredible contributions to Britannia, our community and her fierce advocacy of the labour movement & women as a whole. Sincere condolences to her family and friends”

Gwen Giesbrecht

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Change item under Old Business 4 b) from “information” to “approval”  
Add item under New Business 3 b) Foundation Special Meeting

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

**Scott Clark/Craig Ollenberger**

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**Madgen Liao/Susanne Dahlin**

**CARRIED**

**3. New Business**

a) Scholarships p.19-20, please advise Victoria if available to attend and present awards

**MOTION TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AS PRESENTED**

**Scott Clark/Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

b) Request to schedule a special meeting of the Foundation membership

**MOTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP AT THE APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 BOARD MEETING AT 6:00PM**

**Freya Kristensen/Craig Ollenberger**

**CARRIED**

**(Requirement of minimum 10 voting members in favour met)**

**4. Old Business**

a) Honouring Ceremony

- Very successful & a great learning opportunity for all involved, staff & community
- A debrief is planned for near future and looking forward to even more success next year
- Cynthia expressed her pride in Britannia staff and the breadth of diversity involved in hosting community events
- Names nominees and photos of the event will be posted on various platforms

b) Renewal

B-Lab launch on March 4 – staff worked very hard and brought in colour & excitement to the event and it was very well attended.

New B-Lab space is very warm and welcoming, fireplace is very well received

Handout – Britannia Renewal Land Use principles Draft, with minor changes to a

sentence in paragraph 8 which does not affect the intent or meaning of the document;

“Increases in density of allowed development is one of the process COV used to achieve community infrastructure funding”

## **MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT BRITANNIA RENEWAL LAND USE PRINCIPLES AS AMENDED**

**Craig Ollenberger/Aaron Giesbrecht**

**CARRIED**

### c) City/Cost Sharing

- COV/VSB/Britannia have come to an agreement regarding REFM (Real Estate & Facilities Management) – COV will take over effective May 7
- Jeremy & Peter to ensure our high service standards are maintained

## **5. Guests**

### Mawi Bagon - Pool & Fitness Centre Recreation Programmer II

- Offer full range of Red Cross Swim lessons
- Britannia programs – swim club, Jr lifeguard club, public swim sessions, rentals, free swims Tuesdays & Thursdays weekly, long standing relationship with Special Olympics athletes, 86 programmable hours per week, Swim to Survive program, Shower program
- First Aid for entire site
- Staff achieve a high level of satisfaction even with the diverse patronage in our community
- Swim to survive with local elementary schools has been a success and will be continued by Britannia as there is no more external funding.

### Susy Bando – Rink Recreation Programmer II

- Offer full range of Learn to Skate lessons, hockey, public skate session
- Free age-based skate sessions (child, youth & adult) to provide barrier-free access, provide free skates & helmet rentals during these sessions
- Britannia after-school hockey program
- Partnership with Canuck Autism Network – lessons and resource sharing
- Rentals make up large percentage of ice time with many longstanding relationships, many return as they love the community ice rink
- VSB take pride in maintaining the rink and with the REM transfer, we are hoping for continued high level of service standards
- Hopes to be able to continue with community hiring of staff, some current staff were previous participant of the BASH program
- Staff are committed to helping youth
- Rink is a revenue centre for Britannia
- Offer free events on stat holidays

Emergency Preparedness – p.21-23

## **MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGREES TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AS THE ANCHOR INSTITUTION FOR THE MOBILIZING THE BRITANNIA DISASTER SUPPORT HUB PROJECT, THE BOARD AGREES TO PROVIDE NON-MONETARY RESOURCES SUCH AS SPACE, STAFF, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.**

**Craig Ollenberger/Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Correspondence**

# MINUTES – BOARD



BIA letter of support - Craig & Cynthia to draft information for the board, committees and staff for review at the April Board meeting

## 7. Partners Reports

VPB – Peter p.24-29

VPL – Megan p.30-31

Thank you from Yukiko for her nomination at the Honouring Ceremony

## 8. Board Check In

## 9. Consent Items

Verbal report provided by;

Youth Committee – Tyrus Tracey

- Fight night tournament scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> (video games)
- Mission to Transition – currently not enough volunteers to run program
- Valentine’s treat giveaway – “sold out” of chocolate within 15 minutes

Volunteer Committee – Juan Carlos Maldonado

- Held first meeting in some time on Feb 27
- Working on making the Police Record Check process more efficient and smoother
- Upcoming events – Stone Soup Festival, Day Care projects, April Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

## **MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS AS PRESENTED**

**Craig Ollenberger/Susanne Dahlin**

**CARRIED**

## 10. Other

Move Administration Reports out of Consent Agenda – Board Development Committee to review

## 11. Adjournment

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:40PM**

**Craig Ollenberger/Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

## 12. Executive Committee

**In-Camera**