

# Minutes – Annual General

Britannia

## Meeting – May 22, 2013

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### BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Gym D-6:00 p.m.

To start the evening there was music by Clara Shandler

#### 1. Call to order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President of the Board of Management at 6:15 pm

GUESTS: Ellen Woodsworth – as a former Britannia President she thanked everyone for coming and for all of their volunteer service to Britannia and the community.

Don Fiddler talked about the carving shed. He talked about the family, the low graduation rate in B.C. and how we need to make changes. We need to think about the determinants that affect students in school, or not in school, we need to consult with communities and family members. We have a shared responsibility for education.

The carving project at Britannia Community Centre and Britannia High School. As part of that process we have a large tent that is outside of Britannia Secondary, we want to change the tent to a Carving Pavilion. A focus for an aboriginal experience. At the back of the room this evening is an example of what we intend to do. The tent will be shaped like a Salish hat. Pride in our culture – now we have to get together to fund raise for this to happen. We are trying for a City of Vancouver grant. We hope to start that process in September. Please review our plans and comment on them. I think it will be a wonderful addition to this community centre.

Gwen thanked Don for the presentation.

#### 2. Agenda and Notice of the Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, AND THE NOTICE OF MEETING AS CIRCULATED, IN THE COURIER FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Penny Street/Dan Fass

Carried

#### 3. Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012.

Ingrid Kolsteren/Dan Fass

Carried

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### 3. President's Report

Gwen Giesbrecht asked people to review her report on page 3 of the Annual Report. The Board did a lot of work on the exempt evaluation process; they created a prototype and a process. We have also been working with community development as well as improvements for youth. We have had a dynamic Board for the last number of years. Gwen thanked Pat Davitt who was a long time staff representative and served on the Board and Committees and gave so much to the community. Big shout out to Pat Davitt. Thanks to Board, staff and volunteers.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Margaret Vis/Dan Fass

Carried

### 6. Executive Director's report.

Cynthia Low presented her report on page 4. You will see in the report some of the activities that we offer to the public. Cynthia talked about the scope of the programs. We sponsor film festivals and many ongoing activities. The work of the staff enables us to put on all these programs. I appreciate the work of the staff every day. Thank you to the Board and the many volunteers.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED.

Penny Street/Dan Fass

Carried

### 7. Treasurer's report

Ray Gallagher the present Treasurer of the Board was introduced. He thanked the Finance Committee members for all their work. He stated it is always a lot of work to look after the finances of an organization that is this large. Financial position of operations was presented and provided in the audited report. If you would like a complete copy of the financial statements please see Cynthia Low our Executive Director or Natalie Bailey our Manager of Administrative Services. He talked about the previous financial year of the Society and highlighted the statement of operations and the statement of financial position in the annual report. In the next year he believes the Board will have to show constraint on spending, and we will have to be on top of our budgets at all times.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE 2012 AUDITED STATEMENTS.

Kathy Whittam/Penny Street

Carried

MOTION: TO APPOINT KPMG AS THE AUDITORS FOR 2013.

Dan Fass/Penny Street

Carried

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Jim Caulfield/Dan Fass

Carried

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### 8. Committee Reports

a) **Seniors Committee** – got together with the seniors' from Al Mattison Lounge and from the Lion's Den, asked the Board for more hours for the seniors. To do the best we can to meet the needs of the seniors.

a) **Planning and Development Committee**

A brief report from the Planning and Development Committee is in the annual report on page 39. Dan Fass, Chairperson presented a brief report. He talked about the mandate of the committee and asked that people consider getting involved in the work of the committee. The Committee has action plan items for the short term; oversee a number of action plan projects. \$200,000 to retrofit the racquetball courts was applied for but we did not receive. I would like to thank the Architects for a green legacy project. And to acknowledge the work of Ian Marcuse in the projects.

### 9. Election Process

Eva Sharell, Vice President opened the nomination and election process. She went through the list of candidates that had submitted their nominations and confirmed they wanted to stand. Each candidate was asked to come to the front. She then opened nominations from the floor. The staff representative position is one year remaining from a two year term.

Susanne Dahlin

Dan Fass

Ray Gallagher

Gwen Giesbrecht

Stefan Grahovac

Morna McLeod

Ed Stringer

Meseret Taye

Cleo Tracey

Margaret Vis

Kathy Whittam 1 yr term.

Nominations from the Floor --

MOTION: TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

Oliver Conway/Penny Street

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EACH CANDIDATE WAS GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO PRESENT A SPEECH.

### ELECTION RESULTS

ELECTED:

Susanne Dahlin 2 yr. term

Ray Gallagher 2 yr. term

Gwen Giesbrecht 1 yr. term

Stefan Grahovac 2 yr. term

Ed Stringer 2 yr. term

Meseret Taye 2 yr. term

Cleo Tracey 2 yr. term

Margaret Vis 1 yr. term

Morna McLeod 2 yr term

Kathy Whittam staff representative 1 yr term.

**Gwen asked for a motion to destroy the ballots**

MOTION: TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS.

Chrystal Wong/Penny Street

Carried

**Gwen asked the new Board to attend a short meeting in the information centre. She thanked everyone for standing for election and attending the Annual General meeting.**

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7:49 pm

Ray Gallagher/Stefan Grahovac

Carried