To start the evening there was music by Clarice Scop

1. Call to order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President of the Board of Management at 6:20 p.m.

Gwen welcomed guests: Enzo Guerriero, former Executive Director; Bev Seed, Secondary Principal; Ellen Schultz, Ken Ciochon, Lynda Hurst, Penny Street, Ann Daskal former Britannia Board members.

Gwen introduced Doug Soo, a former Executive Director to Britannia. Doug is presently Dean of Continuing Studies at Langara College. Doug talked about the 12 years he spent at Britannia, the relationship building, the integration model and how important Britannia is to the City and the Grandview Woodland and Strathcona community.

2. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS CIRCULATED, FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Dan Fass/Ken Ciochon Carried

3. Notice of Annual General Meeting

Gwen produced the notice of meeting that went to the membership and the notice as posted in the Courier paper on May 9th.


Ellen Schultz/ken Ciochon Carried

4. Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting


Margaret Vis/Eva Sharell Carried
5. President’s Report

Gwen asked that members read her report on page 3 of the annual report. She reported that her first year as President has been challenging and rewarding. She also echoed some of Doug Soo’s comments highlighting the strength of the integrated model. She highlighted the partners of the Society the School Board, Park Board, City of Vancouver, Vancouver Public Library.

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

Margaret Vis/Penny Street Carried

6. Executive Director’s report.

Cynthia Low stated her report is contained within the annual report. She also welcomed some of the community groups that use Britannia as their base. She highlighted that many groups get their start at Britannia and then move to the wider community. Britannia has the role of assisting fledgling groups. She highlighted the bike centre group, open air orchestra society, and noted they contributed $1,000 to the Britannia Secondary Band for their trip to Cuba.

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

Oliver Conway/Lynda Hurst Carried

7. Treasurer’s report

Ray Gallagher the present Treasurer of the Board was introduced. 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 2011 AUDITED STATEMENTS.

Ken Ciochon/Penny Street Carried

MOTION: TO APPOINT KPMG AS THE AUDITORS FOR 2012.

Dan Fass/Eva Sharell Carried

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT.

Lynda Hurst/Dan Fass Carried
8. Committee Reports
   
   a) Planning and Development Committee

   A brief report from the Planning and Development Committee is in the annual report on page 39. Dan Fass noted the committee has regular meetings and they have been very active in the development of the Strategic Master Plan, which you can download from the website. Under discussion are the Grandview Woodland Community Plan and the Eastern Core Strategy.

   b) Seniors’ Committee

   Ann Daskal and Tom Durrie talked about the forming of the new committee to look at programming for those 55+. They highlighted that there is strong participation from the new generation of seniors. They talked about some of the programming available and highlighted some new initiatives including the Philosophers Café and the movie nights. They noted there is an increasing diverse population and the different programs areas to meet those needs including the activities at the 55+ Al Mattison Lounge organized by Anne Jackson; the Lion’s Den organized by Carolyn Innes; and the Vietnamese programs organized by Leung Ho. They thanked Ellen Schultz for her work with the Committee.

   c) Youth Committee

   Brendan Boylan stated he would speak in the absence of Kate Zhou, the Chairperson of the committee, who was unable to attend this evening. He stated that two years ago there was not an active committee. The group has been extremely active from puppet shows at VPL to social justice matters like letter writing to Translink to restore funding. He highlighted the two youth that are standing for election this evening, Trevor Mah and Sophia Matthew. Thanks to the students for coming out tonight to assist with our election process.

   Nominations and Elections – thanks again for helping us with the food, check in and set up and the time keeping.

9. Election Process

   Gwen Giesbrecht 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.

   Lorrie Wager was nominated for the position of staff representative and the members present were asked to write her name on one of the blank lines on the bottom of the ballot under staff representative.

   MOTION: TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

   Dan Fass/Ellen Schultz Carried

   EACH CANDIDATE WAS GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO PRESENT A SPEECH.
The students collected the ballots and went to count the ballots under the guidance of Bev Seed, Secondary Principal. The members were offered light food and beverages with service assisted by the Britannia students.

One of the groups, MAWO (Mobilization Against War and Occupation) who hold their meetings at Britannia asked to do a presentation of a painting to Britannia Centre for Britannia’s past support.

ELECTION RESULTS

William Zhou one of the Britannia students who did the ballot counting announced the election results after thanking all candidates for standing.

ELECTED:

Brendan Boylan 2 year term
Oliver Conway 2 year term
John Flipse 2 year term
Jim Ion 2 year term
Ingrid Kolsteren 2 year term
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Trevor Mah 2 year term
Tammyanne Mathew 1 year term
Eva Sharell 2 year term
Pat Davitt 2 year term staff representative.

Gwen asked for a motion to destroy the ballots

MOTION: TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS.

Lynda Hurst/Dan Fass 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 8:41 P.M.

Ellen Schultz/Dan Fass Carried