

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm. There were approximately 34 members in attendance + 13 board members/nominees to the board.

2. Welcome and introduction of Board members and new Board nominees by Dave

President:	Raymond Morin
Vice-president:	Susan Toresdahl (absent)
Secretary:	Nina Sato
Treasurer:	Julie Spooner
Past President:	Mike Corkish
Directors:	Ele Clarke
	Gayle Cousins
	Francine Dawson
	Dave Robinson
	Lorrie Smith (stepping down)
	Isabel Thomas (stepping down - absent)
	Glenn Woods (absent)
	Bernice Blonarwitz (nominee)
	Alida Gafuik (nominee)

Town Representative: Mayor Russ Arnott

3. Approval of the agenda - the agenda was projected on the screen as well as handouts were available to attendees. Motion to approve the minutes was made.

Jim Poulson/Jeanette Baron Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes of AGM Sept 15, 2021 - The minutes were read aloud and a motion was made to approve them.

Evelyn Weir/Jeanette Baron Carried

5. Approval of the financial statements

Julie spoke of the support that helped Centre get through the past year. She briefly reviewed the financial statements for 2021, including the Balance Sheet ("statement of financial health of an organization"), liabilities, revenue and expenses. She pointed out

several line items such as class income and expenses, absence of Special events income and expenses. Over 2021-2022, suppliers are increasing their fees/costs. Total negative income for 2021 of -5,138 (vs. -8,395 in 2020).

Motion to approve financials was made.

Jim Poulson/Jeanette Baron

Carried

6. Report/brief update from the President

Raymond - Thanked the board members who are leaving - Mike, Isabel, Lorrie.

Thanked the Town of Comox for its support as the Centre is in a recovery mode.

Mentioned elevator fund waived by the Town. Thanked the more than 100 volunteers (Board, activities, office, gift shop, subcommittees) that keep the Centre running.

Thanked members for supporting the Centre by renewing memberships even through COVID closure. Currently there are 680 members and 900+ on the newsletter email list.

Looking forward to an exciting year with a pretty healthy balance sheet. The Centre has also been awarded grants from BC Gaming, New Horizons for Seniors, Comox Valley Community Foundation. The board has approved a 2022 budget. Oral tradition of the Centre - in the coming year, we will be working on a policy/procedures manual (Susan Tore Dahl chairs the committee) to put down in writing the oral traditions. Would like to develop a strategic plan to include sponsorship and marketing. Funding to hire a part time program manager to move from a working board to a governing board. Thanked attendees for their presence and support.

Thank you cards presented to Mike Corkish, Jacqueline Moore, Chris Robinson, Darlene Petzinger.

Mayor Russ Arnott presented Mike Corkish with a letter of recognition from the Town of Comox which he read aloud.

7. Election/acclamation of directors

Motion to acclaim the slate of directors was made.

Jeanette Baron/Rona Lawson

Carried

8. New Business

a. Resolution to convert the elevator funds to operating funds

Motion was made to transfer the donated funds that were held in the Elevator fund account into the Centre's operating fund. This proposal is being made as a result of the Town of Comox forgiving the Centre's \$15,000 commitment to contributing to the costs of refurbishing the elevator.

Julie Spooner/Jim Poulson

Carried

b. Ratification of Life Memberships

The Board of Directors recommends that the following be awarded Life Memberships for their many services to the Centre.

Barb Taylor, Linda Barfoot, Eleanor Sen, Pat Jones, Susie English (in memory).

Reviewed each life member's contribution.

Motion to approve life memberships was made.

Evelyn Weir/Jacqueline Moore

Carried

9. Unveiling of new Website

New website work was started about a year ago by a student at NIC in the digital arts program, Priyanka Chakraborty, who took it to 75% completion. Alan Pattinson, stepped in as a volunteer webmaster and has been working on bringing the website to completion and numerous details. The new website will be launched at the end of March. The website was projected on the screen and Alan did a "walk through" of the website and its features.

10. The AGM was adjourned at 2:00 pm.