

d'Esterre Seniors Centre Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 22, 2023 at 1 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Dave Robinson who chaired the meeting. Approximately 45 members in attendance + 7 Board members/nominees. A quorum was declared.
2. Welcome and introduction of Board members and new Board nominees by Dave.

President: Raymond Morin
Vice-president: Susan Toresdahl
Secretary: Nina Sato (absent) Ele Clarke substituting as secretary
Treasurer: Julie Spooner
Directors: Ele Clarke
Gayle Cousins (absent)
Nancy Kremer
Dave Robinson
Lois Higgins (nominee - absent)
Peggy Rasmus (nominee)
Town Representative: Chris Haslett (absent)

3. Approval of the Agenda - The agenda was projected on the screen and printed copies were available to attendees. Motion to approve the minutes was made.
Glayne Axtell/Ralph Bruinink CARRIED

4. Approval of the minutes of AGM March 23, 2022 - The minutes were read aloud and a motion was made to approve them. Rona Lawson/Frieda Home CARRIED

5. Approval of the financial statements

Julie spoke and thanked all the volunteers that make the Centre possible.

Banking-extra funds are now invested in a rate climber account from 1% - 3.75% to be reviewed annually.

Operating Fund Account - included monies from the elevator account to improve interest rate. Operating account is over \$60,000 and the chewing? and Gavin are healthy? Some of the money includes club funds that we hold but are not ours to spend. This reflects the opening of the Centre for all but 3 weeks of 2022. Growth attributed to the re-opening of the Centre. Thanks to Jaqueline Moore, our accountant.

Summary Sheets- comparison of revenue and expenses.

First priority is sustainability. It's not a given that we'll receive money from granting sources. Reflects revenue on ongoing daily operations. Memberships part of the accrual system.

Expenses - even with inflation we are significantly improved. Employees, Dei, Bill and Diane make it possible. We have confidence in the future of the Centre. There were a few questions from the floor. How are fees calculated eg. bridge, cue sports, wood shop? Request for different line item for membership fees, \$0.25 etc. Request to

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provide full line item for next year. Board will take under advisement. Perhaps a brief summary every quarter? Support from the floor for the work of the executive.

Motion to approve the financials was made.

Michelle Morton/Barbara Robinson

CARRIED

6. Report and brief update from the President

There was above average rate of return from the Membership Survey in the Fall. The results informed the discussions of the Strategic Plan. The Board has had to make many changes. A long tradition of oral methods have been written into policy and procedures. Financial statement aren't appropriate to be on the website. Thanks to the newly 900 who renewed their memberships in 2023, to our employees and to all 100+ volunteers. Thanks to the support your partner the Town of Comox lane Councillor Chris Haslett. There has been resiliency and adaptiveness by all members after Covid. A reminder that membership is 50+. Bring friends and families. Memberships are not required to use the cafe. Sub committees were established after the last AGM (ie) IT, Human Resources. Highlights of 2022: staffing the office with a part-time Centre Coordinator, a full calendar of Info Sessions thanks to Gayle, Special Events volunteer committee thanks to Nancy, and the wonderful newsletter by Nina that goes to 1,100. The Centre's major income is from: fitness classes, grants, cafeteria, membership dues/activities fees and rental revenue. Thanks to Al Pattinson our webmaster who post copies of this report on our website and on the bulletin board.

7. Election/acclamation of directors

Motion to acclaim the slate of directors was made.

Al Tippet/Linda Munro

CARRIED

8. Strategic Planning Results

Raymond spoke about the process and listed the five priorities. The Strategic Planning day involved the Board, some members at large and some community. Based on the excellent survey response.

Priorities.

1. Financial sustainability and predictability; fund raising thru corporate sponsorship, planned giving and bequests;
2. Space review
3. Focus on Memberships and volunteers, follow up with new members.
4. Board governance and procedures
5. Services and program review. This plan and our budget is our road map to guide us in 2023.

Membership comments re: use of the term "senior" Pros and cons.

9. The AGM was adjourned at 2:15 pm

Harriet Nowicki/Rona Lawson