

MINUTES OF THE AGM, The Gathering Place
Held at the Gathering Place, and Virtually, March 1st, 2022
Minutes taken by Dennis Chippa, Executive Director

In attendance: Scott Tod, Tania Madigan, Carol Brydges, Angel Vibert (potential board member), Brenda Aitchison, Erika Lougheed (virtual) Cathy McLeod (potential board member, virtually)

Regrets: Bob Pipe, Lee Dreany, Peter Gregory

1. Scott called the meeting to order at 5:03, with the identification of voting members and the reading of the mission statement.
2. The statement of acknowledgement was read.
3. Approval of the Agenda **Motion by Brenda, Seconded by Erika Carried**
4. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements Claude Daigle Virtual.
Claude presented the audited statements, noting the deficit was not as large as indicated, and was in fact, relatively small. Much of the deficit can be traced to the increased cost of containers as well as a lack of government funding available to offset salaries. Dennis pointed out that salary savings will be realized in the next fiscal year through elimination of three positions and the access to more government funding supports for salaries.
There was also some concern about the cost of the containers, as our re-opening plan is limited and will involve some container usage regardless. Dennis will look into the cost of containers.
Approval of the financials, motion by Erika, seconded by Tania. Carried
5. Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM January 13, 2021
Motion to approve by Tania, seconded by Erika Carried
6. Scott read his statement as interim chair. (enclosed)
7. Dennis Read his statement from the AGM Report (enclosed)
8. Motion to approve the firm of Kendall Sinclair Cowper and Daigle be retained as auditors for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Motion to Approve moved by Brenda, seconded by Carol.

There was discussion about whether or not the timing of the audit has been optimal. There were concerns raised that the audit is getting later in the year, making the AGM later in the year. The concern is that the auditors should be working towards the Gathering Place's timeline instead of the other way around. Dennis agreed, and said he would speak to the Auditors about ways to improve the audit from the Gathering Place's end, speeding up the process at the other end. The auditors have been clear that having the audit conducted at the Gathering Place makes for less confusion and more timeliness.

Vote to Approve the motion. Five in favour one opposed. Carried

9. Election of Directors. Cathy McLeod and Angel Vibert were presented to the board.
Motion to accept Cathy and Angel. Moved by Tania, seconded by Carol. Approved.

10. Date for next AGM 19th of October, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Gathering Place.

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:58