

GABRIOLA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday November 16th, 2024

In Attendance: Joyce Babula, Dorothy Betts, Don Buskirk, Barbara-Jane Godson, Elizabeth Iachelli, Giovanni Iachelli, Kathleen Kane, Joyce Lee, Duncan Low, Sandy Luken, Gordon McDonald, Laurie McDonald, Diana Moher, Anna Paletta, Robert Phelps, Betty Schultz, Julie Stewart, Lynda Toews, Brenda Upton, Charleen Wells, Tom Whalley, SusanYeend

Quorum is 20

- 1 Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm. with President Joyce Babula in the chair.
- 2 A quorum was established with 22 voting members present
- 3 **Approve Agenda:** Elizabeth Iachelli made a motion to approve today's agenda. Seconded by Julie Stewart. **Carried**

4 Other Business:

a) Acceptance of new voting members to the Community Hall

b) A Special Resolution to Amend our Bylaws was put forward by Elizabeth Iachelli and seconded by Laurie McDonald. Whereas Bylaw 5b currently requires "The Society must have no fewer than 10 and no more that 14 directors, including the Trustees" and recruitment of new directors can be challenging, be it resolved that Bylaw 5b will be amended to read that "The Society must have no fewer than 8 directors and no more than 14 directors, including the Trustees."

Elizabeth spoke to the motion. Recruitment to the board, especially of younger members, is not easy. An aging Board, brings greater likelihood of health issues interfering with directors participation. Reducing our minimum Board size from 10 to 8 will help keep us in compliance with our bylaws.

The question was called **All those in favour of the proposed amendment: Carried unanimously.**

5 **Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting were read aloud.** Laurie moved the minutes from Sunday November 26th 2023 be adopted as read, seconded by Anna. **Carried**

6 **President's Report:** Joyce Babula gave a brief rundown of the 2023-2024 Board's activities. The highlight has been the completion and opening of the Lund Pavilion and the Outdoor Gathering Space. Joyce's acknowledgements illustrated the breadth of the collaboration which brought this dream to fruition. Volunteer Project Manager Graham MacDonald earned our enduring gratitude for his attention to detail throughout the process to the final reporting. Elizabeth's grant submission to the CVRIS granting body, her reporting and Julie Stewarts claim submissions and monthly Financial reports from 2021 through to 2024. Laying sod in early July of this year and the joint board and community effort to keep it growing preceding the Grand Opening at the 69th annual Salmon BBQ with the Lund family present, accompanied by donors on stage to mark the achievement. Joyce reported this was our most successful fundraiser and thanked the Salmon BBQ Coordinators Julie Stewart and Gail Godin for all they do including organizing the many volunteer participants.

Joyce thanked the Hall renters and our Maintenance/Custodian Shaun Woods. She informed the meeting that having served on the Community Hall Association Board in several capacities Secretary,

Trustee, and most recently as President, since the opening of this building in 1984, she is stepping back from the presidency. It has been both a pleasure and a challenge to continue for many years in that position. To ease the transition for the new board, Joyce will continue to offer her perspective and will stay on as a Trustee on the 2024-2025 incoming Board. Joyce wondered if we will ever be in a position to hire staff. As a rental venue, we don't qualify for most grants because we are not running programs.

A spontaneous standing ovation acknowledged the appreciation of the group for Joyce's service to the community at large and to the Community Hall in particular.

7 Comments and Suggestions: from the floor Tom Whalley suggested that the board explore the possibility of structuring regular activities, such as The Island Singers, as programs offered by the Hall.

Motion: Moved by Joyce, seconded by Anna that the Presidents Report be entered into the record.
Carried

8 Treasurer's Report: Brenda projected the Financial Statements onto the wall for the meeting to follow as she discussed the records for the Lund Pavilion construction expenses, and the Hall's statements. The operating surplus as of September 30th 2024 is \$21,900. The \$30,000 loan from the Gabriola Investment Co-op will be repaid plus interest as soon as the final reimbursement from the CVRIS grant is received. Some printed copies of the statements were available for those that wanted them. The Financial Statements presented to today's meeting will be filed with draft minutes from this meeting.

A question from the floor was how will the assessed value of the pavilion be included in future records? There was discussion, but no definitive solution was reached. It may be reconsidered when property assessments are received that place a value on the structure itself.

Motion: Brenda moved the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented, seconded by Barbara-Jane Godson. **Carried.**

9 Election of the 2024-2025 Board

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Election of the 2024-2025 Community Hall Board:

Tom Whalley came forward to conduct the vote. Tom announced the names of the 10 individuals that have put their names forward for today's election. He also requested nominations from the floor for 4 additional directors to fill the slate to the 14 positions of the maximum board, as described earlier in the Special Resolution.

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

7 additional Directors

3 year Trustee Joyce Babula

2 year Trustee Vacant

1 year Trustee Anna Paletta

14 Directors in total on a full Board

Announced Slate : Duncan Low, Sandy Luken, Barbara-Jane Godson, Diana Moher, Lynda Toews, Laurie McDonald, Brenda Upton, Elizabeth Iachelli, Joyce Babula, Anna Paletta

Tom called for further nominations from the floor Three times.

There being none, nominations were closed. Tom declared the slate of directors was duly acclaimed. Thank you! Welcome to new Board member LyndaToews.

10 Motion to Adjourn: So moved by Diana Moher, seconded by BJ **Carried** at 4:10pm

submitted by Laurie McDonald

Secretary.

