

GSCA AGENDA – March 28, 2021

1. Good Morning! I declare that our GSCA Annual General Meeting has officially opened at 11:?? a.m., this 28th of March, 2021.

Welcome to all of you! I wish to acknowledge and honour, with appreciation, that we are meeting on the unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nations.

Well, another year has passed us by! And, what a year it was! Cheers to everyone who rearranged, changed expectations, compromised, adapted, sacrificed or overcame difficulties! Blue skies are ahead!

At this time, may I remind you to keep your mics muted. You may have some questions or comments. We will have certain times for discussion later in the meeting and/or the end.

Also, we would like to remind you that the only people who are able to vote today are people who are at least 50 years old and who have paid the 2021 membership.

2. And now, we shall look at our Agenda. Are there any additions or any changes?

No? Will someone make a Motion to approve the Agenda? A seconder? All in Favour? Any opposed? [if, any opposed, 'so noted'] . . . CARRIED.

[Yes? (After changes have been made). Will someone make a Motion to approve the Amended Agenda? A seconder? All in favour? Any opposed? [if, any opposed, 'so noted'] . . . Carried.]

3. A link to last year's AGM Minutes have been sent to you and the draft of these Minutes have been on our website for this past year. May I have someone make a Motion to approve the Minutes from May 24, 2020? A seconder? All in favour? Any opposed? [if, any opposed, 'so noted'] . . . CARRIED.

4. President's Report:

Slide 1: The recap of this year will be very different than any other year. As I am sure, you can all agree that it was an extraordinary year. Your GSCA Board, however, has been working behind the scenes to improve what we can before we can resume our normal operations.

Slide 2:

All of the Rollo information is on our website. Thanks so much to Hilary Plowright for not only keeping the information up to date but to display it in such an organized, thorough and creative way.

Slide 3:

As I mentioned at last year's AGM, we received the Federal Government's New Horizon's Grant for \$17,130.00. The drain that was installed through the driveway and along the north side of the building, drains and diverts the underground water away from our building. It has been successful!

The asphaltting of the two driveway entrances have helped to prevent rutting, and the handicapped parking spaces area makes it much easier for wheelchair access. Please remember when you leave the parking lot to use the south exit to minimize more ruts in the gravel. Thank you!

Slide 4:

We have not yet spent the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) - \$2,221.00 towards our outside deck rebuild. There are two things that are holding us up from completing this project:

1. We are still having a problem with the roots of the old Empress Tree that keep sprouting up here, there and everywhere.

AND

2. Lumber prices have gone WAY up. We are also looking into the nob-lumber board system. We are working on it!

Slide 5:

Since the Rollo's inception, we have been a Non-Profit Society. This year, we have applied for Charity Status. We will inform you of the government's decision as soon as we find out.

Slide 6:

We are still a part of the on-going Nesters Rewards Program. Your accumulated Nesters Reward Points can be redeemed and put towards the Rollo's Memory Garden. Thank you to everyone who has redeemed your points this year and we appreciate your continuing participation.

Slide 7:

For the last couple of years, we have been wanting to use the back end of our property. We have worked with GAALT to plan out walking paths. We thank them for all that they have contributed. Many ideas have been floating around to make this area useful to as many people as possible in the community.

We are now exploring another idea. One that will service more people in the community. We were approached by People for a Healthy Community (PHC) to possibly lease that area in order to build a home base. It is at the concept stage at this point. We will keep you posted!

Slide 8:

Karen is the Rollo Centre's on-going cleaning contractor. Karen is contracted to make sure that the Rollo is clean and safe on a weekly basis. Thank you for being apart of the Rollo, Karen, and for all that you do!

Slide 9:

And now I would like to introduce you to our GSCA Board of Directors. Our Board is what we call a 'Working Board'. Each Director is a volunteer, and the time spent doing Rollo work amounts to much more than our monthly 2-hour Board meeting. I would like to give a huge amount of thanks and appreciation to each and everyone of them. This is a group of hard-working, creative and awesome people, who support and encourage each other with our focus always on making the Rollo Seniors' Centre a better place for you all and our community. Thank you all!

Barbara MacIsaac is our one member who is not continuing as one of our GSCA Board Directors. We want to thank you, Barb, for your diligence and cheerfulness as, not only a Board member at large, but for being responsible for the portfolio of Supplies and Cleaning. You did a wonderful job and we miss you like crazy!

And P.S., Barb was also in the unique position of being the mother of Karen McCavour, our cleaner. Thank you!

Slide 10:

Wanda Borley has been VERY busy this year! She has organized years . . . no, decades . . . of GSCA files! What a mammoth job! File folders have been created. Binders have been filled. Our Organizational Manual has been updated. Everything is in order . . . a smooth, purring system! Thank you, Wanda, for your contribution!

Claudia Brann wears many hats in our Gabriola Community. Claudia was communicating with GAALT to figure out what paths could be made at the back of our property. If this project does not work, Claudia is also a part of PHC, with whom we may be partnering even further. Thank you for all you do for us, Claudia, as well as for the whole community!

Sherrill Dobb-Tisdall has, once again, done a wonderful job as our Treasurer this year. This job is a lot more involved than just depositing money or writing checks. I will be delivering Sherrill's Treasurer Report shortly. Thank you, Sherrill, for keeping the books straight, and for keeping a watchful eye on any spending that the rest of us suggest!

Noni Fidler, as both our Vice President and Facility Upgrade Coordinator, continues to be the most observant and detailed-oriented person I know. Noni remains laser focussed on any project she takes on. Noni, you are always completely dependable! Thank you for all that you do!

Slide 11:

Kaamran Hafeez has been our Rental Co-Ordinator. This year, with the COVID regulations, we were not allowed to rent out our space. Kaamran has reinvented himself, though, to be our much-needed TECH Expert. Thank you, Kaamran, for your expertise and gentle presence.

Howard Houle brings a vast amount of knowledge to our Board. Through his past jobs and experiences, Howard gives us the clarity to move forward in a positive and helpful way.

Ken Manninen is our stalwart Secretary extraordinaire. Ken brings an incredible amount of efficiency, expertise and goodness to our Board. He keeps us on track! This winter, Ken did the lion's share of the Charity Application, which entailed a lot of research, organizing and writing. This application was not straight-forward; it was complicated. Thank you for this, Ken, and for so much more!

And last, but certainly not least, is Gary Mills. Gary has been our Maintenance Coordinator for many years now. He has looked after our building and property management . . . he quietly checks in, finds what the Rollo needs, and then fixes or deals with anything and everything that is needed. Thank you, Gary, for keeping the Rollo WELL maintained!

Slide 12:

Kim Kristiansen will be elected to our Board later this morning. We are fortunate to have Kim join us and we are looking forward to working with him. Kim has already contributed a great amount to the Rollo. This year, it was Kim who supervised the waxing of our floors . . . 12 coats of wax! No wonder they look so tremendous! And this was just the beginning! Thank you for joining us, Kim, and we are delighted that you will be on the Rollo Board!

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And I would like to end with a HUGE thank you to all the members of our GSCA Board. It has been such a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a willing, agreeable, pleasant and fun board! You are all great! Thank you!

5. GSCA Financial Report: In am reporting on behalf of Sherrill, our Treasurer. I am happy to report that we are still in a financially healthy position, in spite of the year that we have had. Needless to say, there has not been much action. As you can tell from this report, we have been able to keep our Contingency Fund, aka known as our Savings Account, at \$15,111.07. Our Chequing Account of \$11,778.28 includes the \$2,100 of the RDN Grant money which is designated for the deck.

So far this year, we have 85 members, that is just over half the number of members we had before COVID. We certainly understand why this has happened! Thank you for the people who joined to help us through this COVID time. We appreciate your support. Blue skies are ahead!

6. Activity Group Reports: Ken, I hand the meeting over to you.

7. Election of directors:

Here is a list of the 10 people who are standing for election for the fiscal year starting March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2022:

Wanda Borley

Claudia Brann

Sherrill Dobb-Tisdall

Noni Fidler

Kaamran Hafeez

Howard Houle

Kim Kristiansen

Ken Manninen

Gary Mills

Dale Stohn

Who will make a MOTION to elect these 10 candidates to the GSCA Board of Directors? A seconder? All in favour. Any opposed? CARRIED

8. New Business - **changes to GSCA constitution and bylaws**. Thank you, Ken.

9. Adjournment – And now before closing the meeting, is there anyone who would like to share anything?

I now move that the GSCA AGM meeting closes as of __:__ p.m.