

Minutes - GSCA Board Meeting

March 15, 2023

1. **Opening of the in camera meeting:**

Kaamran opened the meeting at 10:00

Present: Wanda Borley, Sherrill Dobb-Tisdall, Kaamran Hafeez, Kim Kristiansen, Ken Manninen, Richard Strachan

Regrets: Howard Houle, Gary Mills

2. **Amendments to agenda:** - none

3. **Approving the agenda:** Wanda - **carried**

4. **Approving the Minutes from February 15, 2023 Board Meeting:** Ken - **carried**

5. **Matters arising from the February 15, 2023 Minutes:**

ONGOING:

1. Planning (Ken)

- Expenditure List additions? (all) - no additions

2. Correspondence (all)

- Ken was to arrange for card and gift of thanks to Hilary - **TO DO:** Ken will purchase \$50 gift certificate from Wild Rose Garden Centre

- request from member, in advance of closing of nominations, regarding who directors were that were leaving, continuing and joining the board.

- recertification certificate and letter for potable water have been received and filed

3. 2022 Nomination committee (Ken) - application forms from the 3 candidates have been received.

4. Website update (Wanda) - Wanda has taken over as website administrator and has made corrections and performed cleanup. Review, edit and updating continue.

CURRENT:

1. Commercial insurance policy renewal/coverage - all information was provided to the insurance broker who has referred the policy for review. Awaiting the re-assessment.

2. Wanda was to arrange with Jenn Knight to provide an AED overview on a Wednesday from 9 - 12 and then gauge member participation - **in progress**

3. Kaamran has written and posted instructions for use of bluetooth speakers by those attending Rollo.

4. Contractors for snow removal

1) Gary has confirmed with Bob Rooks that he will clear the Rollo parking lot as needed. Payment was agreed to be a \$50 donation to the Gabriola Lions Club in his name. Gary has also arranged for Yardworks to clear snow from the entrances, handicap parking spaces and the ramps to the building as weather dictates.

5. Planning for AGM

a) Ken was to send out previous bios for directors standing for election this year and directors were to submit updated bios by March 8th - **DONE**

b) directors are to remind members to attend AGM to ensure quorum of at least 10 members in attendance

c) activity group reports - response to request for reports from all activity groups including ongoing renters have been received except for two. Reminders will be sent in advance of the AGM

d) first notice of meeting went out February 25th with call for nominations by March 5th - no new nominations received

e) second notice of AGM sent on March 11th with candidate bios, agenda, link to last years AGM minutes as well as Zoom coordinates.

f) agenda items for consideration:

- business from 2022 AGM - Ken advised insurer of improvement to deck who has made a note on our file

- activity reports will be read if a representative of that group is attending the AGM; other reports will be included in the minutes only.

- financial report - treasurer should be prepared to respond to questions about GSCA having a financial surplus this year

- Ken will introduce the idea of a strategic planning session for GSCA in the fall and gauge interest in participating.

- special business regarding membership (Richard) - see attachment - Richard will introduce this concept for information and consideration of members.

No new resolution may be introduced at the AGM without prior notice to members.

6. Shaw WiFi installation progress (Kaamran) - WiFi has been installed and the password posted for users of Rollo. GSCA has signed a 3 year contract for \$60 per month

7. GIC with CCCU (Wanda) - A cashable, one-year GIC for \$20,000 was set up for GSCA

8. Update on Moveable Feast Food Trailer moving to Rollo parking lot (Kaarman) - Some questions raised by members concerning location, electrical infrastructure, garbage disposal, strewn trash and hours of operation that Kaamran will discuss with proprietor.

6. New Business:

1. RDN license of use agreement (Wanda) - **MOTION (Wanda/Ken)** - GSCA will renew the agreement with the RDN for an additional 5 years for use of Rollo by Emergency Social Services as a reception centre in case of local emergency. **carried**

7. Reports:

1. Treasurer/Membership – **MOTION (Wanda/Sherrill)** - GSCA will change their fiscal year from the end of February to the end of December starting in 2023. **carried**

chequing - \$23,285.50

savings - \$218.12

GIC - \$20,000

of members - 112

2. Maintenance - Kim will look into sourcing an appropriate flooring for installation in Hagan's Hangout. Floors in Rollo will be scheduled for a deep clean and wax to be contracted out with oversight by Kim.

8. General Discussion:

1. Proposal from Bob Weenk:

From my perspective as a frequent user of the Rollo Centre, it seems to me that our recovery from the recent covid shutdown is going concerningly slowly. Of the 3 groups I belong to, 2 of them are struggling to return to pre plague levels. If this erosion in membership is across the board, then the GSCA is in long term trouble. As a seniors centre, we are subject to regular losses as our older members leave, for one reason or another. Knowing this, we must be constantly recruiting new membership from people aging into seniorhood and/ or new island residents.

In the past, the board has relied upon user groups to recruit, which, of course, means all members are members of a user group. And the board has, effectively, acted as landlord. Perhaps it is time for a new approach.

Consider empowering someone (paid or not) to promote and run board sponsored programs during open times. Things like movie nights, sports watching events, book clubs, even dances; anything that might be of interest to seniors on the island.

If I am correct in assuming that the demographic on Gabriola is steadily aging, the. there are more seniors than ever on the island. In my opinion, our long. term survival depends on encouraging all seniors on the island to become GSCA members. If we can reverse the ongoing decline in membership (almost 200 to well under 100 over the past few years) the prosperity of the Rollo as a Seniors' Centre is assured for the foreseeable future.

Directors discussed this proposal along with the one being presented by Richard at the AGM regarding a strategy for increasing GSCA membership. It was agreed these are all worthy of

consideration and that they could be part of the strategic planning session proposed for later this fall.

9. **Meeting adjourned by Kaamran at 12:00**