



**Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society
Annual General Meeting
September 24, 2015
Minutes**

Attendance:

Directors: Dan Lee, Wendy Vine, Ron Cooke, Shawn Walton, Margaret MacKenzie, Zillah Parker

Members at Large: David Holt, James Alexander, Carolyn Mouat, Janet Smith, Aaron Hailman, Barb Aust

Members of the Public: Sean McIntyre, Dion Hackett, Boodie Arnott, Janine Gowans

Staff Members: Linda D. Evans, Rob Grant, Blair Bryson, Cheryl Bell-Gadsby, Peter Grant, Rob Wiltzen, Shellyse Szakacs, Patricia Nobile, Katie Watters, Brian McCrea, Roseanne Leonoff

Regrets: Director Jenny Redpath, Director Sheila Sayer, Director George Jenkins

1. Welcoming and Opening

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Board Chair Margaret MacKenzie, who welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION AGM1-15

That the Members accept the agenda as proposed.

***Vine/Lee
CARRIED***

3. Message from the Board—Margaret MacKenzie

Refer to the Annual Report for the Chair's Report.

4. Approval of Minutes, 2014 AGM

There was clarification of the new policy regarding staff and member access to past Board meeting minutes, in response to a question from the floor.

MOTION AGM2-15

That the Members approve the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

***Cooke/Walton
CARRIED***



5. Treasurer's Report

2014-15 Audited Financial Statements were presented by Dan Lee and Rob Grant

Treasurer Dan Lee made specific reference to the outstanding work of Blair Bryson in preparing for the annual audit in July. He also expressed the organization's appreciation to auditor Jan Harkley, who has resigned after doing 15 years of exemplary work in the position. Rob Grant reported that last year's financial picture was similar to previous years, which will change during this coming year due to an increase in funding for seniors' programs, a decrease in funding for adult mental health programs, and an increase in the area of food security and providing food for vulnerable people. It was noted that two separate United Way organizations are providing revenue, including United Way Lower Mainland for the successful Better at Home program, and United Way Greater Victoria for other programs. It was also noted that, while Island Health funding for adult clinical mental health is ending, our agency still does have contracts for partnership with Island Health in other areas.

MOTION AGM3-15

That the Members accept the audited Financial Statements.

***Lee/Walton
CARRIED***

6. Appointment of Auditor

A replacement must be found for auditor Jan Harkley. There was considerable discussion and suggestion from the floor regarding the process.

MOTION AGM4-15

That the Financial Committee be charged with the responsibility to find a new auditor for the fiscal year 2015–2016 and report back to the Board.

***Vine/Lee
DEFEATED***

MOTION AGM5-15

That the Financial Committee research options for a new auditor, with recommendations to be reported back to the Board, with a subsequent special general meeting with members being called for approval.

***Alexander/Cook
CARRIED***



7. Executive Director's Report–Rob Grant

Refer to the Annual Report for the Executive Director's highlights of the year. There was a request from the floor for clarification about the change in adult mental health services at SSICS, which was answered by a knowledgeable staff member.

MOTION AGM6-15

That the Members accept the Executive Director's Report.

***Alexander/Lee
CARRIED***

8. Election of Directors

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, Chair MacKenzie thanked departing Treasurer Dan Lee for his years of service on the Board and wished him well in future endeavours.

The following people are elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors for a 2 year term: Shawn Walton, Jenny Redpath, Zillah Parker, and Sheila Sayer.

9. Adjournment – 4:55 pm

MOTION AGM7-15

That the Board adjourn the meeting.

***Aust/Smith
CARRIED***

Minutes taken by Wendy Vine, Board secretary