

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE  
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:30 pm Auditorium

Board: Roy Wren, Alison Kowalewski, Sylvia Hockley, Douglas Smith, Mark Garland, Viktor Kiss, Val Galat (recorder)

Regrets: Jim Quirk

1. Welcome 1:31 Roy Wren acknowledged today is International Women's Day Despite a power outage we were able to continue with our meeting
2. Call to Order and Singing of O Canada, led by Richard Sand
3. Introduction of the Board of Directors
4. Moment of silence for those who have passed
5. Confirmation of Voting Member Quorum
6. MOTION to adopt Agenda Richard Sand/Andre Cassaubon
7. MOTION to accept Fall Membership Meeting minutes of October 26, 2022 Richard Sand/Wilma Lorimer
8. MOTION to adopt Financial Report Gill Poulton/Jurgen Kowalewski
9. Annual Reports:
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Alison Kowalewski stated we are doing pretty well though slightly in the red. A grant for computers is expected, and with our new budget we expect to improve, and she is confident we will generate more funds. No increase in activity fee for 2023. Membership will be raised by \$5, beginning July 1, 2023. Andre Cassaubon asked about the bus and whether it has generated revenue. He was told it has been slow, and we shall revisit this as a

board soon. John McDougall-Goulet asked about whether grants are helping with revenues. (Yes), Russ asked about wages, kitchen wages are shown under bar expenses. Collene Sand/Val Galat moved the report to be received.

b. President's Report – Roy Wren said he is amazed at the amount of work this board has done and said they did an excellent job. Congratulations were given. The Constitution will have an update soon and we will vote on those changes at a later date. We have updated our video equipment, and have a new dishwasher. The kitchen is busy, and Emily has a new helper with Liz Mathews. Bingo is very popular, thanks to Richard Ward. Pickleball, painting, badminton, table tennis, and line dancing are successful. Carpet bowling and mahjong would like to see more people. The quilting group sessions seem to have successfully solved problems of the world! The ham radio group is going well, too. Gillian Smith is now the new manager. She is very dedicated to running the senior centre. New board members have been told they will be required to provide a criminal record check plus swear an oath to follow the policies and bylaws. Cathy Kiss mentioned we should acknowledge the bridge group, and the entertainment committee's great work. Acknowledged!

10. Old Business - none
11. New Business: Life Membership announcement - Bert Carswell has been appointed as a Life Member.
12. Dissolution of current board. Alison Kowalewski mentioned it being International Women's Day and acknowledged Sylvia Hockley as being an outstanding person who has done so much for SSAC.
13. Candidates Statements (2 minutes each)
14. Election of members of the board pursuant to section 59 of the Constitution and Bylaws.

NAMES OF NOMINEES:

EXECUTIVE:

President: Richard Ward

Vice President: Roy Wren

Treasurer: Alison Kowalewski

Secretary: Val Galat

Maintenance Director: Andy Koberwitz

Past President: Douglas Smith

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

Gwen Austen

Alister Blair

Lisa Brown

Bert Carswell

Mark Garland

John Keller

Jim Quirk

~~10 minute refreshment break served during vote count

The results for Directors at Large are as following:

Gwen Austen

Alister Blair

Lisa Brown

Bert Carswell

Mark Garland

John Keller

15. Q & A: Mark Garland said the Board members wanted to thank Roy Wren for taking over as President. John McDougall-Goulet asked if the board is going to consider two yr terms. (Yes). Douglas Smith acknowledged past board members present Wilma Lorimer and Ron Atkinson. Also Viktor Kiss, Ken Legge, Fred Baines and Gillian Smith for their service.

16. Adjournment 2:38 pm

Val G. Sabat