

**SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC**

**General Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 2:00 pm Auditorium

Board: Richard Ward, Alison Kowalewski, Chris O'Brennan, Alister Blair, Mark Garland, Chris Hadaway, Bert Carswell, Susan Grenville, Val Galat (recorder)

Manager: Gillian Smith

Regrets: Douglas Smith, Lisa Brown

1. Meeting called to order: 2:00 pm
2. Singing of O Canada.
3. Moment of silence for those who have passed away.
4. Confirmation of voting member quorum. Confirmed by Cheryl Linsley.
5. Introduction of board members - Thank you to Roy Wren, who had resigned this past year, for all his wisdom and support as a vice president.
 - a. Ratification of new board members. **MOTION that we ratify the new members**, Roy Wren moved, seconded Richard McGowan, passed unanimously.
6. **MOTION to adopt the Agenda**. Moved by Chris O'Brennan, seconded by Val Galat, passed unanimously.
7. **MOTION to accept 2023 AGM Minutes**. Moved by Brian Humphrey seconded by Sally Watson, passed unanimously.
8. Executive Reports:
 - a. President's report given by Richard Ward - Discussed the building and its appearances. Thanked all the volunteers for all the wonderful work they do. Mentioned that the membership includes people of various ages. Activities and rentals are going strong. Helen Ward has managed to apply for and obtain grants for the Centre. The kitchen produces a

massive volume of food and is doing wonderfully well. The affordable lunch campaign has been very successful. Volunteers are needed for the kitchen, and elsewhere. The donation campaign has been incredibly successful. There are some ventilation and AV issues that need attention.

We own the building and land, and we have a positive cash flow. We don't have money for incidental expenses. Computer expenses exist. Viktor Kiss's current program has been great, but it has some limitations. The myseniorcentre.com database will allow us to improve our systems.

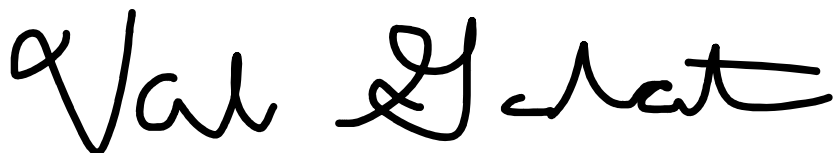
- b. Treasurer's report given by Alison Kowalewski - Spoke on the proposed budget: We want to be sure to pay the bills and keep the building open. Maintenance expenses have been boosted up for next year, as the HVAC needs fixing. **MOTION that we accept this report**, moved by Kathleen Dufour, seconded by Jurgen Kowalewski, passed unanimously.

9. New Business:

- a. Constitutional Amendments. Bert: Thanked Bill McIntosh for writing the amendments and bylaws. He also thanked Roy Wren, and Val Galat for all their work. He discussed amendments made by the committee. The terms of office for the directors have changed. Half will be replaced every year, starting in March 2024. The term will be for 2 years. Under Objectives, we added the word AGE. From the date you joined your membership is for 1 year. Past President in the past was a voting member, it has been changed to remove their right to vote at a board meeting. **MOTION to accept these changes**, moved by Roy Wren, seconded by Jorgen Kowalewski, passed unanimously.

10. Member's Question and Answer period. Asked if the green space can be used and was told yes, if someone wants to organize using that would be welcome.

11. Adjournment. **MOVED to adjourn** Richard Ward

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