

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE  
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC

## Annual General Meeting

### Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 1:30 pm Auditorium

**Board: Richard Ward, Alison Kowalewski, Bert Carswell, Lisa Brown, Chris O'Brennan, Chris Hadaway, Val Galat (recorder),**

**Regrets: Mark Garland, Alister Blair**

1. Welcome. 1:35 pm
2. Call to Order and Singing of O Canada.
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.** Moved by Andre Casaubon, seconded by Mary Pinnering, passed unanimously.
7. **MOTION to accept Fall Membership Meeting minutes of October 25, 2023.** Moved by Susan Quirk, seconded by Christine Twaits, passed unanimously. u
8. Annual Reports:
  - a. Treasurer's Report – Alison Kowalewski: The increase in revenue is due to increased membership, and with grant money that was deferred from 2022 to 2023. Insurance looks like it was doubled from the previous year, however we paid in full which makes it look so large. Kitchen expenses do not include employee costs. It does include food expenses and volunteer lunches. The value of property and building is what is listed.  
**MOTION to adopt the Financial Report.** Moved by Christine Twaits, seconded by Pat Dalgeish, passed unanimously.
  - b. President's Report – Richard Ward: Hoping the centre is more organized then from a year ago and people are having fun. Biggest achievement is having more members who are excited about our activities. There are lots of smiles. To those who do everything: thank you, thank you thank you, to all volunteers. Your commitment and joy help so much. Emily, Liz and food services volunteers should also be

mentioned. The affordable lunch program has helped keep the prices down. We believe it is important that we look after centre members, and the greater community. Thank you for being a harmonious board. Alison needs to be acknowledged as keeping things together and making Richard look good! Thanks to Helen Ward's efforts in obtaining grants. We have new laptops, 65" TV screens, and in-ceiling loudspeakers in the dining room. Chris Hadaway got us up to date on the audio-visual service. Changing to Luna Bookkeeping has helped us tremendously. The network previously used was Google. Now we are operating with Microsoft 365, with Myrla Bulman helping us. Changing the domain name to **myssac.com** is more compatible to our new systems. Our donation campaign in September 2023 has really helped our finances. Our general fund has over \$40,000. We still need those donations but are very viable month to month. The kiosk system with the key tags has been implemented and working well. We needed to change as our old system couldn't keep up. Chris Twaits, Chris W, Pam Demers, and May Jim has been very helpful in the planning of **myseniorcenter**. Filling your "wallet" shall make payments easier. Also thanks to Christine O'Brennan for her hard work and contributions.

9. Old Business – none.
10. Dissolution of current board.
11. Candidates Statements (2 minutes each).
12. Election of members of the board pursuant to section 59 of the Constitution and Bylaws. Cs
13. Voting will commence, followed by a refreshment break while ballots are counted, and results are announced.

### **New Board:**

Executive:

Richard Ward, President

Bert Carswell, Vice President

Alison Kowalewski, Treasurer

Bernd Behing, Maintenance

Val Galat, Secretary

Directors at Large:

Jay Alexov

Lisa Brown

Pam Demers

Susan Granville

Gail Ridell

Christine Twaits

14. Member Question & Answer Period - none

15. Adjournment 3:00 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val Gulati". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.