

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO)

2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes for an AGM held May 29, 2019, by ZOOM

Chair: Barry Loescher

Secretary: David Swanson

Members attending: 11 GIRO members (See attached roster of attendees.)

1. Call to order: quorum determined and advance notice of meeting confirmed

4:05, notice of meeting provided by email to members along with an ad in *The Sounder* newspaper in accordance with the time requirements of the Societies Act of British Columbia.

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve: Fay Weller, David Swanson. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

3. Approval of the draft 2019 AGM minutes

Motion to approve: Neila Coe, David Coe: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4. Unfinished business from last year's AGM

None

5. Receive 2019 annual financial statements

Barry discussed GIRO's unaudited financial statements for 2019 prepared by Church Pickard. Barry asked for questions: no questions were raised.

Motion to accept 2019 financial statements: Howard Houle, Susan Brown. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

6. Receive Director's annual report

Motion to accept the Director's report: Susan Brown. Howard Houle. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

7. Proposed bylaw change

Barry presented a proposal to delete section 4.10 from our bylaws. He presented the rationale for this deletion in print and provided an anecdotal explanation for the proposed deletion.

Motion: Remove section 4.10 from the GIRO bylaws so that directors can choose to continue as Board members with no restriction on the length of their term: Fay Weller, Neila Coe.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8. Proposed change in membership fee

Barry introduced a rationale for changing the current membership fee. Suzanne added further details as to why she is making this proposal, explaining that our current fee barely covers the cost of administration. She said GIRO planned to provide at least three member benefits along with this fee increase. Questions were entertained. Suzanne and Barry clarified various points. This is not a bylaw change, but the bylaws require that any changes in fees be discussed at the AGM.

During the discussion of this proposal, two members mentioned the need to focus on getting better information regarding membership communicated to the community in order to solicit new members.

Motion: The GIRO membership fee will be increased from two dollars to ten dollars per individual member, with a proviso that individuals experiencing financial hardship pay what they can afford. Fay Weller, Howard Houle. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

9. Election of directors

Barry Loescher, David Swanson, and Howard Houle have agreed to continue as directors. Three nominations for new directors were received. Each nomination was in order. This means that Janice Ursuliak, Fay Weller, and Suzanne Campbell were declared directors by acclamation. Their term of office is three years.

10. Informal 2020 update, open discussion

Barry reported four key events from 2020. Vandals poured oil into our drinking water cistern early in 2020 causing GIRO to replace the contaminated cistern. In a separate initiative, the Board retained ORCA safety consultants and have implemented many of their recommendations already. The most visible have been the clean-up of various parts of the operational area to make it cleaner and safer and the installation of barriers on the loading dock and around the metal dumpster. GIRO and its staff have received financial support from the federal and provincial government during the COVID outbreak. This support mitigates a large portion of GIRO losses due to the pandemic. Finally, a French drain was installed near the drive-in entrance to improve road quality (potholes).

Question from Susan Brown: Are the GIRO bylaws online? Answer by Michelle: yes.

11. Adjournment of meeting

Motion to adjourn (5:06 pm). Howard. Barry. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Proposed Bylaw Change

Delete Section 4.10

Limitations on terms of office of a director

4.10 *A member who has served as a director for six consecutive years may not be elected or appointed as a director until such time as the member has not been a director of the Society for at least the period between two successive annual general meetings.*

This Limitation is not a requirement of the BC Societies Act and new directors have not been easy to come by in recent years. Also, arbitrary removal for a year is of little value. The Bylaws provide for removal of Directors who are negligent in their duties.

List of Attendees:

Joyce Babula
Susan Brown
Suzanna Campbell
Neila Coe
Dave Coe
Howard Houle
Barry Loescher
Michelle MacEwen
Cheryl McNeil
Janice Ursuliak
Fay Weller

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Loescher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Barry Loescher
President