

GABRIOLA ISLAND RECYCLING ORGANIZATION

AGENDA – 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30 MAY 2017

COMMUNITY HALL 7 P.M.

1. Call to order: 7:04

2. Confirmation of proper advance notice and quorum:

two weeks notice provided in the Sounder, May 16, 2017;

membership mailed notice of meeting and minutes of last year's meeting posted on the GIRO website

3. Adoption of the rules of order

Robert's Rules of order, revised proposed by Kees Langereis

4. Acknowledgement of the published agenda

presented as a handout and posted on flip chart

5. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 AGM

Barry Loescher moved adoption of 2016 AGM minutes posted as above

6. Annual report of the GIRO Board of Directors

presented as a handout; questions invited by the Chair: no questions

Kees Langeis moved adoption of the Director's Report: passed by the meeting unanimously

Michelle McKewan reviewed recycling volumes for various products using a flip-chart and she explained the criteria used to sort products. She invited questions from the floor:

Questions: how do you obtain the best price?

Dean Clark: described market contacts GIRO uses; mentioned switch of metal contractors due to better price and service

Question: Does anyone go out to the community to offer workshops about the kind of recycling she has just described?

Michelle: explained education programs at school, GIRO newsletter on website and as a mail-out to members used to educate students and the public; workshops are a good idea and GIRO will consider this

7. 2016 Financial Statements

presentation and review commentary by Barry Loescher, Treasurer; financial statements were made available to the meeting and Barry used Power-Point to make detailed comments about these statements

operating revenue increased 17% 2015-2016

P/L shows 36k profit

Question: is there a budget for charitable donations?

Susan: we used a donation program for books to make a small contribution to PHC for the school lunch program; if you want to request a charitable donation from GIRO, you must be a non-profit

Question: what is included in the "office expenses" expense item

Barry: nuts and bolts of running an office; Barry offered to provide questioner with specifics

Question: what is the book-keeping expense?

Barry: explained the use of a contracted book-keeper

Susan Yates: moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report

8. Special resolution to set aside the current by-laws and instate the revised by-laws.

presentation by Kees Langereis

Due to the new BC Societies Act (2016), a GIRO committee went through GIRO bylaws and compared our bylaws with the requirements. Parts three and four of the GIRO constitution will have to be

amended (references to unalterable bylaws) in order to implement the new set of by-laws. Kees moved through the proposed set of new bylaws; questions from the floor were invited

question: has my membership expired

Susan: yes (member paid her two dollars membership renewals)

question: does membership vote for directors?

Kees and Susan: yes (rationale for this approach explained)

Comment: put a sign on Re-Store door in December to remind members to renew membership

Kees: good idea, and we will send out a reminder re. membership renewal

Motion (proposed by Susan): to approve revised bylaws as provided by mail to members

9. Elections to the Board of Directors and their term:

Kees reviewed list of candidates below:

Susan Brown 2019: brief review of her commitment

Jane Ward 2020: brief introduction

Brian Colby 2020: brief introduction

Nicholas (Rusty) Rushton 2020: absent (self introduction letter read by Susan)

Kees: four directors for five positions; Kees affirmed the election of the above four directors

10. Open discussion from the membership

Question: why is GIRO exempt from charging sales tax?

Barry: as a charitable organization, GIRO is exempt from charging sales tax because purchases are considered donations. He has researched this.

Susan: we will double-check this.

Comment (Susan Yates): A statement of appreciation: she has visited all Gulf Islands and GIRO has the best recycling organization. It has become a tourist destination among her friends.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Dean Clark. Adjourned at 8:29.