

## Gabriola Island Recycling Organization

### Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting – May 6, 2015 at 7:00pm, Gabriola Island Community Hall

Chair: Nancy Hetherington Peirce (Member of Board of Directors)

Secretary: Margaret St. Denis (Secretary of Board of Directors)

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Quorum and adequate advance notice: the Chair confirmed that a quorum was present and adequate advance notification was provided.
3. Adoption of the rules of order
  - a. MOTION – Susan Brown: *That the rules of order for this meeting will be "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition".* CARRIED
4. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. MOTION – Neila Coe: *To approve the Agenda as distributed.* CARRIED
5. Adoption of minutes of past General Meetings
  - a. MOTION: Kees Langereis – *To approve the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting on July 15, 2014, as posted on the GIRO website on April 21, 2015.* CARRIED
  - b. MOTION: Lynn Stefanson – *To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting on March 3 2015, as posted on the GIRO website on April 21, 2015.* CARRIED
6. 2014 Annual Report of the Board of Directors
  - a. The Report was distributed at the meeting. Questions were raised and responses were provided by the Board and by staff members.
  - b. MOTION: Susan Brown – *To accept the 2014 Directors' Report as distributed at the meeting.* CARRIED
7. 2014 Financial Statements
  - a. The Financial Statements were distributed at the meeting. Questions were raised and responses were provided by the Treasurer.
  - b. MOTION: Peter Dzierzawa – *To accept the 2014 Financial Statements as distributed at the meeting.* CARRIED
8. Proposal for Elimination of Membership Fees
  - a. GIRO Bylaw #6 states that: "The amount of membership dues may only be changed at annual general meetings of the organization."
  - b. The meeting discussed the Board's proposals to the meeting:
    - i. to eliminate all initial and annual membership fees, or
    - ii. to eliminate the "family member" fee category so there would be only one fee category

("single member") for initial and annual membership fees.

- c. MOTION: Lynn Stefanson – *That GIRO eliminates the family member category for all current and new members, and maintains only the single member category regardless of any membership fees.* CARRIED
- d. No change was made to the current single member fee of \$2 for initial and annual memberships.

## 9. Nominations Committee Report and Election of Directors to the GIRO Board of Directors

*At this point in the meeting, the role of Chair was temporarily passed to Board member Peter Joyes, while Nancy Hetherington Peirce presented the Nominations Committee Report*

- a. Background information:
  - i. Nominations Committee consisted of Peter Joyes and Nancy Hetherington Peirce.
  - ii. The March 3/15 Extraordinary General Meeting changed the Bylaws such that now the members elect people to the Board as a whole, and not to specific positions. At the first Board meeting after the AGM, the directors decide who will serve as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
  - iii. According to the Bylaws, the number of Directors is nine.
- b. Bruce Taylor ended his service to the Board at this meeting, and the Board thanked him for his time and contributions to the Board.
- c. Continuing in current term as Director: Peter Joyes (to 2016)
- d. The Nominations Committee nominated the following eight people for election:
  - i. Susan Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to 2017 AGM
  - ii. Neila Coe (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to 2017 AGM
  - iii. Peter Dzierzawa (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to 2016 AGM
  - iv. Margaret St Denis (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to 2016 AGM
  - v. Nancy Hetherington Peirce (1<sup>st</sup> term) to 2016 AGM
  - vi. Kees Langereis (1<sup>st</sup> term) to 2017 AGM
  - vii. Barry Loescher (1<sup>st</sup> term) to 2017 AGM
  - viii. Lynn Stefanson (1<sup>st</sup> term) to 2017 AGM
- e. According to the Board's nominations policy as stated in the Notice of Meeting, there were no further nominations received from members by 7pm on May 4, 2015, so the Chair declared the eight nominees elected by acclamation to the GIRO Board.

*The role of Chair was resumed by Nancy Hetherington Peirce.*

## 10. Adjournment

- a. MOTION: Susan Brown – That the meeting is adjourned. CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.