

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Draft Minutes
COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
Held April 19, 2015 at The HUB at Cowichan Station

Approval of the Agenda - CARRIED

Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting – APPROVED without changes

Business arising from the previous Annual General Meeting – none

President's report

Jill Thompson was appointed President in November due to Alison Nicholson's election as Area E director. Thank you to Alison for her hard work in getting the Association and HUB to where we are today.

Renters are covering The HUB's expenses. This plus the awarding of grants making the HUB self-sustaining. Thank you to our renters who keep us going.

Our directors leaving: Thank you for all help over the years

*Rick Juliusson (grant writer) – instrumental in raising \$300K for us; and hosting FIFA games (off to Costa Rica for two years);

*Dorothea Banman (director) - helped with Clay Studio;

*Anne Harrison (director) - stalwart hub café volunteer;

*Kuan Foo (IT specialist) - starting new business venture (solar).

Volunteering: - amazing number of volunteers, and it just keeps growing. Please check out page 3 of our annual report. Apologies if anyone missed

Thank you to donors:

*BC Creative Spaces: newest grant is for gym soundproofing (starting next week) as well as majority towards renovation of ground floor space, including Clay studio and rec room.

*Government of Canada: for front ramp; Canada Summer Jobs for last year's summer student (Madi Innes);

*Cowichan Valley Regional District Areas E and B for annual \$25K operating grant;

*Luke Martin (and family) for donation of lumber for the coming soon kitchen roof and café deck;

*Hayes Stewart & Little for lengthy audit;

*Canadian Tire Jumpstart programming grant for free youth drop sports for 4-18 year olds.

President: Exciting! 2014 was year people stopped looking at us like we are crazy. Lots believed in us but couldn't believe in it would happen. Place is busy every day and most evenings.

Facilities: New heating system in annex; completion of main floor in historic building including full concrete floor pad for new rec room and Clay HUB Collective studio space; this May, loofor construction of outside deck and roof. Much more to come inside and out.

Financials: Not yet submitted to CRA so any errors or omissions will be corrected. We are doing fine. Current investment into leasehold is over \$650K (amazing considering CSAA has only had possession of the site since 2011); \$50K in bank (some dedicated for capital projects – ceiling and deck currently). Managing cash flow extremely well. Rentals cover operating costs.

Announcement from Rick: We have received a BC Community Gaming Grant for \$5K. The \$20K grant we received to go towards the deck and roof is from New Horizons (“seniors and old people”). It’s a matching grant, so we have raise with labour and donations.

Elections:

Due to constitution that an executive can only sit for 3 terms, it is required that Madelaine, Sarah and Angela step down. They can be appointed to their post if no other person stands for election.

President: Jill Thompson (acclaimed)

Treasurer: Angela Davies (remains)

Vice President: Sarah Davies-Long (remains)

Secretary: (vacant)

Directors elected:

Michael Andringa

Pat Calveley

Swarn Leung

Lisa Daugenault

Pam Stiles

Zena Green (nominated from the floor)

Director continuing:

Jeannie McIntosh

One vacancy

IN ATTENDANCE at 2015 AGM

Genevieve Charbonneau
Hilary Foo Else
Swarn Leung
Mark (husband to above)
Rick Juliusson
Carol Jensen
Jan Campbell
Irene Anderson
Angela Davies
Alison Nicholson
Michael Aandringa
Kuan Foo
Zena Green
Jeannie McIntosh
Dorothea Banman
Anne Harrison
Joanne Circle
Zane Parker
Rick Harrison
Sarah Davies-Long
Jill Thompson
Rodger Hunter
Madelaine MacLeod
Glen Farenholz
Cheri Ayers