

Fireweed Community Market Society
Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
Whitehorse Public Library
March 24, 2016

Attendance:

Susan Ross, Brian Lendrum, Valerie Whelan, Joella Hogan, Pam Charman, Lois Gillis, Leona Marinoske, Judy Matechuk, Karen Berrel, Kate Mechan, Luke Legault, Jeramy Mattie, Carolyn Campbell, Nancy Mercier, Jan Burks, C L Didebut, Lara Melnick.

Board members: Ruth McCullough, Cora Lee Rideout, Carlie Ferland, Deborah Turner-Davis, Darren Holcombe, Tom Rudge

Call to Order

Deborah Turner Davis called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Motion to accept the agenda

Moved by Deborah Turner Davis, seconded by Carlie Ferland that the agenda be accepted. All in Favor, **carried.**

Review of 2015 AGM minutes

The membership was asked to review the minutes from the 2015 AGM as provided in written form. No questions, errors or omissions were noted. Moved by Daren Holcombe, seconded by Coral Lee Rideout, that the minutes be accepted as presented. All in favor, **carried.**

Presentation of Reports

1. **Chair's report.**

Deborah Turner Davis outlined the highlights of the society's past year including but not limited to: our new store, changes to the markets (Saturday market held on Main Street) and the fact that our largest market ever occurred in 2015.

A special meeting related to all our markets for input on how to improve the markets with an emphasis on bringing and/or keeping the markets "alive" will be held on March 30, 2016, 4:30 to 6:30 in the Whitehorse Public Library.

Deborah concluded with a heartfelt thank you to Claire Martel for her work over the past 18 months as the Executive Director, to Tom and Simone Rudge for their hard work over the past many years to keep the society afloat and to Joan Norberg for her work keeping our books in order.

Moved by Deborah Turner Davis, Ruth seconded acceptance of her Chair's report as presented. All in favor. **Carried.**

Deborah then introduced Sylvia Gibson, our new Executive Director, who provided a short outline of her background and experience.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Carlie Ferland provided written financials and 2015 actuals with the 2016 budgeted items and a verbal explanation of items, including but not limited to: the end of Growing Forward grants (finish in 2017 with final payment early 2018), Erin Wood will be

providing bookkeeping services, Farmer Robert provided free rent from April to the end of November while their store was under construction. A big thank you goes out to Robert and Simon for this contribution.

Moved by Carlie Ferland, seconded by Cora Lee Rideout, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. All in favor. **Carried.**

Motion to waive the audit

Moved by Carlie Ferland, seconded by Cora Lee Rideout, that we waive the audit for the past year. All in favor. **Carried.**

3. Report on the 12 Days of Christmas Market

Carlie Ferland provided a verbal report on the 12 Days of Christmas market. Changes that occurred for the 2015 market included a move of venue which allowed an increase of vendors and a substantial increase of sales. The 12 Days of Christmas market will be part of the discussion at the March 30th meeting.

Moved by Carlie Ferland, seconded by Cora Lee Rideout that her report be accepted as presented. All in favor. **Carried**

Election of officers

Sylvia Gibson agreed to run the election.

Position of Co-Chair

Deborah Turner Davis and Carlie Ferland agreed to allow their names to stand for this position. There being no other nominations, they were acclaimed to the position

Position of Treasurer

Darren Holcombe agreed to allow his name to stand for Treasurer. There being no other nominations for this position, he was acclaimed to the position.

Position of Secretary

Ruth McCullough agreed to allow her name to stand for Secretary. There being no other nominations for this position , she was acclaimed to the position.

Position of Directors

Bart Bounds agreed to allow his name to stand for director.

Luke Legauat agreed to allow his name to stand for director.

Jeremy Mattie agreed to allow his name to stand for director.

Lara Melnik nominated Kate Buerge for director. Kate was not in attendance but had indicated that if someone was needed for one of the positions, she would allow her name to stand.

There being no further nominations for these positions, the four individuals were acclaimed to the position.

Deborah Turner Davis moved adjournment at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

T. Ruth McCullough, Secretary

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