

ANNAPOLIS REGION COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -MARCH 28, 2017, 6:00 PM

PRESENT: NIKI CLARK, TED LIND, BRIAN MUSZKIE, CONNIE LOWE-PARKER, SUZANNE LEE, JAMES LIGHTLE, HILARY JAMNIK (BOARD DIRECTORS) SOPHIE PASKINS (GALLERY DIRECTOR)

Chair Niki called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She then introduced the current Board of Directors from 2016 & mentioned Liz Lore & Kevin Comeau who both stepped off the Board before the end of the year. Chair Niki then introduced new Board member Hilary Jamnik. Chair Niki asked for everyone present to review the past minutes (which were pre-circulated), and then called for a motion.

****Ian Curry moved to adopt the 2016 AGM minutes, Seconded by James Lightle. The members voted in favour of the minutes as written and submitted. APPROVED****

FINANCIAL REPORT/Ted Lind (emailed): Ted recognized book keeper Kevin Burnell, & Gallery Director Sophie Paskins, for their assistance with monitoring ARCAC's finances & keeping clear and precise reports.

Ted reviewed the financial report and budget. He closed by stating that ARCAC is financially healthy and that the new Scotiabank manager also said we are in good shape.

Chair Niki called for a motion to adopt the financial report:

****James Lightle moved to accept, Seconded by Suzanne Lee. The present members voted all in favour as written and submitted: APPROVED****

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Chair Niki shared the successes and the challenges of the past year. She commended the Board and staff for their dedication, stating how proud she has felt to hear such positive comments from the community. She reviewed how ARCAC has worked hard to improve the spaces at ArtsPlace, making it a safer environment for its members and visitors. She discussed the exhibitions, committees, programs, volunteers, membership/outreach, fundraising, promotions and how we are developing other ideas to provide other necessary supplement funds.

Chair Niki expressed her appreciation to Gallery Director Sophie Paskins and her dedication to ARCAC, now in her 9th year. She then applauded Ted Lind for his valuable contributions to committees.

She closed by saying thank you to everyone for the support during her term, also saying that she will continue to serve on the Board as "Past Chair", helping wherever her abilities are most useful. She will chair the Volunteer Committee & Hilary will work on membership outreach.

Chair Niki called for questions/discussion from the floor. Since there were none, she carried on with a "Looking Forward" presentation. Ted presented a powerpoint that was designed by a group of teens from AWEC who are developing public programming for their peers. This highlighted the past, current and upcoming programs.

Chair Niki then presented a powerpoint "Then & Now"/150th anniversary. She took the audience through the plans for which ARCAC is the lead sponsor and is highly supported by other community organizations. More on this can be found at fundyboatworks.weebly.com

Chair Niki announced the current Board of Directors as officially RETIRED.

Nominations Chair Connie Lowe-Parker called the current Board, who are returning, to stand when called, and introduced new nominee Kathryn Debree. (Connie officially stepped off of the Board, with thanks from the members for giving her time to the organization off and on for the past several years.)

Hilary Jamnik & Kathryn Debree provided a bit of background information to the members about themselves.

Chair Niki then asked for nominations from the floor 3 times, resulting in none. She then asked for a vote to approve the new slate of Directors:

who made motion? Who seconded?* All in favour: **APPROVED*

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm followed by a meet and greet. (The new Board of Directors meeting to follow)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Connie Lowe-Parker