2023 Annual General Meeting



11:00am-1:00pm, June 13, 2023 Via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Hero Laird, acknowledged the traditional territories the online meeting took place on. They explained the electronic voting and the process for making motions and seconding and the inclusion of proxy votes. They also confirmed this was a duly constituted meeting. Hero welcomed Members, the public and guests, and thanked funders for investing in Volunteer Alberta.

2. Approval of the Agenda

"I move that the June 13, 2023, agenda be approved as presented."

Moved: Hero Laird, individual Member Seconded: Lisa Gilchrist, Town of Stony Plain FCSS Motion carried (100% for)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM

"I move that the minutes of the 2022 Volunteer Alberta AGM be approved."

Moved: Hero Laird, individual Member Seconded: Bonnie Chiu, individual Member Motion carried (95.65% for; 4.35% abstained)

4. Adoption of Reviewed Financial Statements

Volunteer Alberta's annual budget was established and approved by the Board. The financial statements were reviewed at each Board meeting and monitored on a continuous basis. The Finance and Audit Committee met during the year, communicated with our external auditors, and received presentations from the financial staff and Executive Director. The audited financial statements were shared as part of the agenda package. Ken Kirk, Treasurer, highlighted the 2022 fiscal year ended with a deficit of revenue over expenses and that the organization is already undertaking efforts to improve processes.

"I move to adopt the audited financial statements as presented."

Moved: Ken Kirk, Individual Member Seconded: Dave Maffitt, Volunteer Airdrie Motion carried (100% for)

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2023 Fiscal Year

"I move that the firm of Metrix Group LLP be appointed as auditors to conduct a financial Audit for Volunteer Alberta's 2023 Fiscal year."

Moved: Ken Kirk, Individual Member Seconded: Debborah Donnelly, Alberta Wilderness Association Motion carried (100% for)

6. Nomination of Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors are appointed for a two-year term with potential to renew for two additional terms of two year each (a maximum of six years). As nominations cannot be received from the floor, there are two sources of names for nomination slate. First is the current board (those eligible to serve another term or in midst of a term) and the other is from the general membership. Continuing Board members in the midst of a term, not requiring re-election: Lisa Gilchrist and Ken Kirk, with Hero Laird moving to the role of Past President.

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"I move that the nomination slate of David Maffitt, Corinne Ethier, Bonnie Chiu, Naomi Mahaffy, and Aedon Janes be approved as presented."

Moved: Hero Laird, individual Member Seconded: Doray Veno, Lynks Harvest Sky Services and Supports Society Motion carried (100% for)

7. President's Review

Hero shared highlights Volunteer Alberta's 2022 year, including some programs, services and networks. They noted the 2023 Annual Report was available online and invited Miki Stricker-Talbot, Executive Director, to speak about Volunteer Alberta's activities.

Miki Stricker-Talbot noted the shifts the organization is starting to make: in the work we do and how we do it, the organization's continuing (un)learning, making space for relationshipping, introducing social research and design to our work, amplifying voices, navigating the "here and now," and being attune to the "emerging and next," while continuing our programs and services for the sector.

Door Prize: Congratulations to Jana Thomson from Rocky Community Learning Council, winner of a Sidekicks (Un)learning session with an organization (approx. \$400 value), sponsored by OASSIS Employee Benefits.

8. Adjournment

Hero thanked everyone for attending and invited attendees to stay for the panel discussion on the Radically Hopeful Futures: Cultivating Imaginations for Civic Engagement to follow. They also acknowledge this event was made possible with funding from the Government of Alberta through the Enhanced Capacity Advancement Program.

"I move to adjourn the meeting at 11:39am."

Moved: Lisa Gilchrist, Town of Stony Plain FCSS