

**MAHONE BAY CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday 23 May 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

The following directors and members were in attendance taken from the sign in sheet:
Lynn Hennigar (Chairman), Darrell Crawshaw (Treasurer), Barbara Feeney (Secretary),
Peter Hall, Rhonda Lemire, Veryan Haysom, Paul Seltzer, Allison Melnick, Lisa
Rhuland, Dave Stephens, Bob Sayer, Judy Bain, Lynda Bottoms, Shannon Seaboyer, Gail
Saker, Mike Saker, Celia Klemenz, John Frechette, Jayme Rowatt. (Total - 19)

1. WELCOME

- a. Lynn Hennigar, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. **Moved** by Veryan Haysom, seconded by Lisa Rhuland that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Mahone Bay Centre Society held May 31, 2021 be approved as circulated with correction that Lisa Rhuland was present at the AGM 2021 but not listed. **Carried**

3. ANNUAL REPORT

- a. The Chairman, Lynn Hennigar presented the Annual Report, covering the 2021 calendar year, in the form of a verbal report accompanied by a Power Point presentation. A copy of each is kept with these minutes.
- b. In her verbal report the Chairman noted that:
 - i. This past year was successful and only possible by the contribution of all those who participated in keeping things going amidst Covid restrictions. Lynn thanked everyone.
 - ii. Rentals are at a state where all the spaces are fully rented.
 - 1. The occasional rentals are up from 2021 year end but significantly down from 2019/2020. This is understandable since there has been so much time where activities and events were not possible.

2. Centre-Fit is one of the biggest casualties. Nonetheless, it is up from last year but down from 2019. The good news is that it is creeping up gradually as restrictions loosen and people are freer to rejoin Centre-Fit

iii. Property Projects – Jeff Frampton headed up the building committee and saw to completion several improvements.

1. The attic insulation helped with the cost of oil which has risen. There is an anticipation of an increase of 50 -60% in 2023.
2. Gym entrance had the roof repaired
3. Sprinkler heads throughout the building need replacing. This is a 5 year project.
4. Community gardens partnered with the MB Food Bank and produced fresh produce.
5. MBC supported the efforts of Mahone Bay United to make it possible for children to participate.

iv. Grants and Financial Support

1. The Town of Mahone Bay continues to waive the property tax which is estimated at a value of \$11,000.
2. MODL supported the MBC with an annual operating grant of \$10,000.
3. GLA:D grant was received for \$8,500.
4. The Province of NS granted \$8,000 for a gender neutral washroom.
5. CEWS Wage subsidy was received from the Covid relief program for \$16,395.
6. ACOA – awarded \$145,000 for the Geo-Thermal Project (confirmation of grant, monies received by submitting invoices in 2022)

v. Fundraising

1. Capital Donations came in at \$58,000

2. Operating Donations totaled \$30,326
3. The Book Sale realized a bottom line of \$7,055
4. Fundraising has been a challenge because of Covid restrictions. It is anticipated that this will improve as time changes the status of people gathering.
5. Rural Riches ceased Oct. 2021 with earnings of \$7379 that year.

4. FINANCIALS 2021

- a. The Financial Statements were distributed earlier. A copy of the Financial Statements is kept with these minutes.
 - i. The Revenue is increased because MBC received Covid funds, but this is not sustainable.
 - ii. The Balance Sheet is healthy.
 - iii. Overall, having a net income is good.

MOVED by Rhonda Lemire and seconded by Darrell Crawshaw to approve the Financial Statements as circulated and presented.

Carried

5. UPDATE 2022

- a. Gender neutral washroom will be completed
- b. The 3rd level will be painted
- c. The 2022 Book Sale realized approximately \$3,000 and will continue to hold sales throughout 2022. Food Sales came in at \$150
- d. Big Love – by Paul Seltzer – all proceeds from sales will support MBC
- e. Community garden expands partnership to grow food. Mahone Bay
- f. United Field upgrade ACOA grant announced.
- g. Naming - Paul and Susan Seltzer Community Kitchen
- h. Continuation of fire sprinkler head refurbishment - \$3,500 /yr.
- i. Ongoing Green Energy Upgrades: Conversion from oil heating to geothermal through ACOA approved grant 1914 building.
- j. Energy Audit and Conversion all lighting to LED through Efficiency Nova Scotia rebate program

6. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- a. Veryan Haysom advised that the board has been reduced to twelve members.
- b. Presented the names of nominees for the Board and noted who was leaving the board.
 - The following directors are retiring from the Board and not volunteering for re-election.

- Lynn Hennigar
- Peter Hall,
- Veryan Haysom
- Lisa Rhuland
- Laura Wentzell
- Rod White.
- The following Board Members are re-offering to serve on the board. Jeff Frampton, Barbara Feeney, Rhonda Lemire, Jason Martel, Tim Merry, Dave Stephens. Terry Seulzle and Norman Whynot.
- The following are new nominees to the Board.
 - Allison Melnick,
 - Shannon Seaboyer
 - Lee Simpson.
- Nominations were opened to the floor. There being no further nominations all nominees were declared elected as Directors of the Society by acclamation.
- The following Directors were nominated to be the Officers of the Society. There being no other nominations they were **declared elected** by acclamation.

▪ Chairman	Dave Stephens
▪ Vice-Chairman	Terry Suelzle
▪ Treasurer	Shannon Seaboyer
▪ Secretary	Barbara Feeney

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7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Chair, Dave Stephens, presented outgoing president with a gift and thanks for her dedication and innovation to the Mahone Bay Centre.
- b. He read a message from Jeff who was absent, lauding Lynn on her leadership during her terms as Chair.
- c. Mike Saker reminisced about handing over the reins to Lynn four years earlier and thanked her for a job well done.
- d. Bob Sayer spoke about the C. Joseph Feeney Library. He wishes to collect as many Year Books of the Mahone Bay School and house them in the Library. In addition he suggests some documents that he has collected could also be in a secure place in the Library.

- e. Allison Melnick reported that the MBC Facebook site has had a lot of views. Asked the attendees to contact her if anyone had suggestions that could go on FB.

8. ADJOURNMENT – The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Feeney
Secretary

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