## **GBCOA Annual General Meeting- Review of 2021**

## August 14, 2022

Board Members in attendance: Carly Friesen, Amanda Clark, Doren Roberts, Tracey Kirby- Savard, Irv Simmonds (via Zoom), Wayne Betker (via Zoom), Michael Ross (via Zoom), Sandra Marriott- Silver, Graham Silver, Bryan Craig (via Zoom), Brett Chestley, Michael Moore, Lisa Radlinsky, Kim Jurkowsky.

Unable to attend: Stacey Ross, Kerry Forgeron, Shelly Rogne

Representation from Parks: Bob Bomerak (Regional Park Manager), Mark Sinclair, Tamara Steffensen

Welcome and housekeeping matters – Carly Friesen

Call to order at 10:05am.

Land Acknowledgment and Housekeeping.

- 1. Introduction of board members and guests Carly Friesen
  - **a.** Introduction of the representatives from Parks.
  - **b.** Introduction of the board members and roles/responsibilities.
  - **c.** Overview of summer: Carly acknowledged the loss of former Past President, Terry Gifford. Reflection of the summer events yet to come and ones that have happened already. Mentioned partnering with community members/businesses that become sponsors with promotions on the calendar, newsletter & website.
- 2. Review and acceptance of the 2021 AGM minutes Minutes on projector for review by attendees.

Steward Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave) and Sheryl Hildebrandt (62 5<sup>th</sup> ave) – name corrections. **Motion** to accept 2021 AGM minutes made by Steward Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave). Seconded by Wayne Kozac (70 1<sup>st</sup> St). All in favour, Approved.

- 3. Review and acceptance of financial reports for 2021 Carly Friesen
  - a. Financial reports for 2021 shared and Carly reviewed the highlights. No questions from the membership. Motion by Murray Botterill (41 st ave.) to accept the unaudited 2021 financial report as submitted. Seconded by Steward Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave). All in favour. Approved.
- Changes to the board and election of board members –Sandra Marriott-Silver
  - **a.** Irv Simmonds has stepped down from the board.
  - **b.** Two members who have been put forward to have a full board of 18 people: Ashlee Clark-Laurin and Syndee Laurin
  - c. Nominations from the floor None. Nominations closed.
- 5. Proposed constitution amendments Sandra Marriott-Silver
  - **a.** Sandra presented the second reading of the proposed constitution changes. Last year, the definition of "good standing" was brought forward as a question and the committee has added a definition. Sandra read out the committee's definition as it has been added to that section. Committee review of the constitution to ensure definitions match points within each section.

- **b.** Question regarding By-laws Section 6 A & B: Sandy Laurin ( 7 1<sup>st</sup> Ave) Park Levie vs. Club Membership. Answer: Red section has been removed and Sandra read out the change from the committee for clarification.
- **c.** Questions Sheryl Hildebrandt (62 5<sup>th</sup> ave)
  - Section 2 A: Note in the constitution to be a member? Answer: There is no fee to be a member, you do not need a club member.
  - Item 5: Review annually, is this appropriate or is 3-5 years more appropriate?
     Answer: A review could mean that the committee rereads not makes changes.
     Terry Neplyk (42 Donald Street) added comment
  - Section 3: Financial audit reviews should it be explicitly written that a written report be provided? Answered by Murray Botterill this is most important when there is a change in treasurer. There is always going to be a yearly financial report to the membership. A written statement is part of the engagement when hiring an external accountant to review the financials. Murray stated that the GBCOA is Incorporated which changes the options for the board.

**Motion** made by Fran Chester (18 Grand Beach Road), seconded by Murray Botterill (41 1<sup>st</sup> ave).

- **6.** Park presentation and responses to attendee questions Mark Sinclair, Tamara Steffensen, and Bob Bomerack
  - a. Mark reflected on the year being the most challenging he has ever experienced, mostly due to the weather. Staff, being quite minimal, kept the streets clear, grooming the snow trails, ski trails, etc. This Spring brought even more challenges, especially with the campgrounds, the snow melt, and the high-levels of the lake. The windstorm in June closed the beach for the first time for 4 days. Staff was brought in from other areas of the province to help clean and clear debris. Normally, the park has 10 operators. This year, we have 6. We've been trying to hire but there is no one applying. Green Team has 7 positions and 2 were hired for the summer. This creates issues for maintaining the Park as we'd like it to be. Many boil water advisories this summer – now we have our upgraded system; however, this is a higher pressure system with an old pipe system. Once the water system has been shut down, we have to go to a boil water advisory for safety reasons, not because something is wrong with the water. Roads – water runoff, rain have created horrible roads. Gravel will be put down on all roads to fix them as much as possible this Fall. Old water tower will be officially decommissioned. It is going to remain for now. Old sewage plant has been removed. Sewage now gets pumped into new sewage lagoon all year round. Park will be looking at washroom situation for the off-season, accessible for the boardwalk area. Looking into upgrades to shower building to prevent any mold from building up. Concerns from cottagers regarding Air BnB short term rentals – right now there are no rules regarding renting through a third-party.
  - **b.** Terry Neplyk (42 Donald St) Could we use liquid asphalt or limestone on the roads instead to minimize the run-off down the hills? Could there be a more permanent solution?
    - Air BnB Properties in GM have been told to use the GB garbage this is very inappropriate.

Response: The Park will be looking at the road situation and where the hills are with the flow.

Garbage has always been an issue and the amount in GB comes from out of the park. Many materials that the Park cannot be taking away are still being left at the garbage bins.

- c. Susan Neufled (11 1<sup>st</sup> street) Would it be better to do the roads in the Spring?

  The ditches that the culverts drain into have become filled in with the drainage off the hill. Is there a plan to clear the culverts to function again? Water is pooling at the bottom of 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark will speak to maintenance about the drainage situation in that area
- **d.** Betty Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave) Request for better signage regarding the speed within the parks. One sign to indicate
- **e.** Grant Clark (8 2<sup>nd</sup> ave) Could there be one garbage area designated for yard waste? Pre-Covid, this was discussed with the board. We will discuss again.
- **f.** Glen Leaps (56 6<sup>th</sup> ave) What is being discussed regarding the maintenance of the bathrooms within the park area? Mark responded that the washrooms were probably going to be removed out of the park site. It was discussed at that time that if they were going to be removed, they would not be maintained. The Park will discuss with the board and the province. Carly responded that the board will discuss and come up with our stance on what should happen with them.
- g. Wayne Lang (50 1<sup>st</sup> ave) Update on the lagoon situation, what was the purpose of digging out the channel, did that help that area? Mark responded that the dredge was done to help the water move between the lake and the lagoon. The high levels are helping the flow. Once the water is at a normal level, we will see the impacts of the dredge and the water quality. Will we be able to boat? Mark doesn't see any reason why the area couldn't be used for boating.
  - Wayne asked about the garbage bins not being full could they save money by not emptying them every day?
- **h.** Ashley Ouelette (shared by Brett Chestley)— Called in a few times about the speed in the park. With a licence, Mark can investigate these concerns.
- 7. Supervisor Report Emily Radlinsky
  - **a.** Great summer so far with Kids Bike Rally, Halloween, etc. There are a few more activities left to come.
- **8.** Round Table Discussion Carly Friesen
  - **a.** Jim Fedorowich (72 1<sup>st</sup> Ave) assessments for lease rates Tamara responded that they have not heard anything yet. They understand that there is a 2% increase this year. The MPPCOA and the province will meet to investigate a new levy system. This is an ongoing process.
  - **b.** Betty Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave) shout out to Sandra and the Medical Clinic! Carly highlights the need to purchase a membership as it supports the Medical Clinic and we are incredibly lucky to have this in the Park.
  - **c.** Sheryl Hildebrandt (62 5<sup>th</sup> ave) Can the AGM minutes be posted on the website? Murray responded that they cannot be posted without being approved. Grant Clark mentioned that we could post them as a draft.

- **d.** Wayne Kozac (70 1<sup>st</sup> St) Is the medical clinic a walk-in? The medical clinic is now a walk-in clinic ONLY. There is no more online booking.
- **e.** Sandra Medical Clinic purchases and upgrades were made about 10 years ago. Graham and Stewart have done a walk-thru with Sandra so that she can make a proposal for the refresh.
- **f.** The Sun Run will be back on August 20, 2023.
- **g.** Aileen Chmiziuk (8 1<sup>st</sup> ave) Planning to design sweatshirts with GB landmarks with proceeds going straight to the club Go for it, Aileen! Carly will put her in touch with Brett.
- 9. Motion to adjourn **Motion** to adjourn, seconded by Grant Clark (31 2<sup>nd</sup> ave). All in favour. Adjourned.

