

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 2nd ave) and Sheryl Hildebrandt (62 5th ave) – name corrections.

Motion to accept 2021 AGM minutes made by Steward Clark (31 2nd ave). Seconded by Wayne Kozac (70 1st 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 2nd ave). All in favour. Approved.
4. 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 1st 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 5th 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 1st 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.

- d. Wayne Kozac (70 1st 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 1st 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 2nd ave).
All in favour. Adjourned.