



Chebucto Community Net  
Annual General Meeting  
May 8, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Shahab Rowshan , Ed Dyer, Nina Dyer, Alan Turner , Deborah Dostal, Chris Maxwell, Doug Brown, David Graham, John Howard Oxley, Nancy Armstrong, Jonathan Downing

1. Call to order

Shahab called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and welcomed participants

2. Approval of the Agenda

Shahab went through the agenda items. John Howard Oxley moved acceptance of the agenda and Joel Maxwell seconded; the motion was carried.

3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Approval of the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting was moved by Nancy Armstrong and seconded by Jonathan Downing; the motion carried.

4. Report from the Chair

Shahab's report was included in the handouts. He reviewed the past year, particularly the loss of the office employee and the necessity of volunteers such as Doug Rigby, Corrie Watts, Chris Maxwell and Jonathan Downing to step in to run the office and do manor visits. Shahab also considered future directions and reached out to ACORN and Emera for some guidance. It was suggested that the members should give the Board a mandate to look into future directions. John Howard Oxley moved that Board and Technical Committee should look into issues such as the website, equipment and other options. Richard Bonner seconded and the motion was carried,

5. Treasurer's Report

Doug Rigby reported that the financial statements for the past year were prepared by Johanne DesRosiers. He noted that there was a \$20,000 surplus which is \$5,000 more than last year and that the amount of assets had increased. The current balance was approximately \$75,000.

Doug Rigby moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report and Alan Turner seconded.

Doug recommended Johanne as auditor for the following year. There was a query about contract services and it was stated that some contract services were awarded honorariums. The vote followed and the motion was carried.

6. Technical Report

Chris Maxwell outlined some problems and issues during the year including instability of WiFi in the manors, long delayed maintenance of email, instability in dial-up networking, Dal power outages, upgrades for hardware reaching its limits and work on documentation. He also mentioned some issues for the future such as what is the lifeline of our current technology, what is our growth strategy, our level of service and the need to make it clear that we are not competing with commercial providers. It was suggested that the Board come up with a policy regarding design of services and put it to the members on line. Chris moved acceptance of the technical report and Doug Rigby seconded; the motion was carried.

7. Office and Manors Report

Doug Rigby introduced a new office volunteer who will also be going to the manors, He described some interactions with people in the manors and also some problems that have been encountered.

Corrie Watt also reported on the manors and mentioned that most people are very satisfied with the service. She will look at getting tablets for users.

A discussion followed regarding changes:

- a. Membership – how membership should be defined and a suggestion regarding membership with additional services. There will be no change to the fee structure.

- b. Board members – there are currently 13 board members and 9 are willing to come back. It was suggested to leave the number at 9 but there needs to be more than 2 board members from the general membership.

8. Election of Directors

Alan Turner, Doug Rigby and Jonathan Downing are leaving the board. Alan moved that we accept the current 10 members as the board until we have a general meeting for reducing the number of board members. John Howard Oxley seconded and the motion was carried. Nancy, Nina and John Howard are reoffering and coming in by acclamation.

9. Appointment of Auditor

Corrie moved the appointment of Johanne DesRosiers as auditor for the following year and Nancy seconded. The motion was carried.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Awarding of the door prizes

The door prizes were awarded as follows: potholder to Eileen Carr, silver product holder to Joel Maxwell, Sobeys gift certificate to Richard Bonner, painting to Greta Rasmusson, Best Buy gift card to Nina Dyer.

12. John Howard Oxley moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Board Meeting

9:05 p.m.

Executive Assignments

John Howard Oxley moved that Shahab continue as Chair and Doug Brown seconded.

Nancy moved that Ed continue as Vice Chair and John Howard seconded.

Nina moved that Nancy continue as Treasurer and John Howard seconded.

Nancy moved that Deborah continue as Secretary and Doug Brown seconded

Chris as ex officio member will supervise the vote. The motion were all carried.

Signing authorities will be Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary; any two can sign.