**Annual General Meeting**

**Saturna Recreation Centre Society**

**Location: Saturna Recreation Centre**

**December 17, 2016**

**Directors Present:** Paul Brent, Eva Hage, Melanie Gaines, Ingrid Gaines, Peggy Warren, Linda Cunningham, Raeanne House

**Regrets:** Norm Armundson, Bill Schermbruker

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am. Quorum was confirmed. There were 5 community members present.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
2. **Approval of the 2015 AGM minutes**
3. **Business arising from the minutes**

None

1. **President’s Report**

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1. **Committee Reports**

 **a**. **Operations**

 Paul nominates himself as member in charge of Operations. 2016 was a challenging year because it was so cold. Dishwasher was affected. Geothermal system failed, but heating was restored thanks to many helping hands on island and off. Maintenance will be very important in the year to come and should be a main focus.

 Melanie recognizes Paul’s efforts in rectifying the Geothermal system by creating a manual, and seeking professional help and parts.

 **b.** **Entertainment & Marketing**

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**c.** **Financial**

 Peggy Warren reviewed the July 1st, 2015 to June 31st, 2016 fiscal year financial statements. The financial review was prepared by accountants Cowland & Associates and will be posted on the Recreation Centre Society website. It was noted that this was not an audited statement. Ended up ahead in the year by $14,000. 5 year comparison was done and our surplus doubled from last year and fiscally we are doing a good job. At this point the SRC Society is in a good financial position thanks to successful fundraisers as well as donations. Going forward we need to be very cognizant of our maintenance and operating costs to come and keep this in mind when fundraising because our monetary cushion will deplete quickly.

 **Motion** by Linda Cunningham to approve the financial statements. **Carried**

 **Motion** by Linda Cunningham, to continue using Cowland & Associates accountants.

 **Carried**

 **Financial Statements attached separately.**

 **d.** **Communications**

See report on page 5.

1. **Set 2017 Membership dues**

Decision made at the last directors meeting to keep the membership costs the same as last year.

 **Motion** by Melanie Gaines to keep the membership costs the same as last year.

 **Carried**

1. **Nominations and Elections of Directors for 2017**

Eva Hage will step down. All existing directors will stand. Nomination for president will be addressed at the next meeting. Chaya Katrensky will potentially replace Eva. Norm will stand. Bill will stand.

 **Motion:** by Paul Brent, that all current Directors resign their current positions.

 **Carried**

1. **Nominations arising from the floor**

All members of the 2016 executive who were present agreed to stand for 2017, except for Eva Hage who will step down.

There were three calls for further nominations. None were forthcoming. It was therefore agreed by consensus that the previous Board will continue for 2017. The Saturna Recreation Centre Society Board shall be Paul Brent, Melanie Gaines, Ingrid Gaines, Peggy Warren, Bill Schermbruker, Linda Cunningham, Norm Armundson, Raeanne House and potentially Chaya Katrensky to replace Eva Hage.

1. **New Business**

Community Club partnered with Rec Centre for Community Wellness Grant. Hoping to have a fitness instructor come once a week to offer a fitness class. Also seminar’s for cooking etc. Two young people to be trained as fitness instructors. This may get us the grant as it shows an expansion in moving forward. It was great to get 4-5 organizations together to apply.

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31am

**Committee Reports**

**President’s Report**

Well, its mid-December on Saturna, cold and snowing on the Rec Centre. And cold has been a little challenge in 2016.

So cold is what the hot water tank was producing. And so was the dishwasher. And so were our floors, including at the Medical Centre. So yes, our very expensive commercial dishwasher needed repair (off-island). And our very, very expensive commercial hot water tank needed replacement – and it came from far, far away – so not only expensive but quite a wait.

The cold floors resulted from our highly complex geothermal system, which faltered (unbeknownst to us), and then failed. We were able to rectify some of the problems (with both many on-island helping hands and a knowledgeable technician from Salish Sea Plumbing & Heating) such that heat was restored. More preventative maintenance and concurrent cost outlays will be required as well as other Rec centre infrastructure to ensure their continued long-term operation. These represent some of the challenges that will need to be dealt with in the future as our facility ages.

The Rec Centre’s values continue to revolve around the hard-working, knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers that keep our centre a key community asset. This includes the board, the entertainment committee and the many other people who contribute to its success.

Pickleball and badminton continue as two very popular sports at the centre. And the fitness centre with its expanded equipment roster is seeing greater use all the time. More and varied activities are planned in 2017. Stay tuned.

We are proud to continue our support of community organizations like the SEEC School, SIMRES, the Lions Club, the bridge group and many others. Our island is the envy of other island communities with having facilities like the Rec Centre and the Community Hall, allowing us to host so many different types of events, in uniquely tailored spaces.

In other areas the Rec Centre continues as a member of the Gulf Islands Trails Society (GITS), which pro-actively encourages trail development on private land and, particularly, to improve access to public trails. As well as providing signage and trail maintenance, GITS carries liability insurance for trails on private property. The Rec Centre also continues its tradition of providing a small contribution to the Cine-Club, to assist their efforts at bringing fine cinema to our island.

I was honoured to work with the Rec Centre board as its president but it is time for me to step down and have others guide the organization. I will continue on the board if that is their wish, but in a less central role.

- Paul Brent

**Entertainment Committee Report**

As always we would like to thank our fellow entertainment committee members, Lin Sohier, Jo- Anne Monk, Michelle Davies, Raeanne House, and our newest addition, Chaya Kratensky.

Our year of activities began with the Christmas Open House and tree lighting. This annual event had sad overtones as the Celebration of Life for Jim Campbell preceded the open house.

New Year's Eve was a smashing dinner success with Chef Hubertus Surm at the helm in the kitchen. The tickets were sold out almost immediately and a long waiting list ensued with a small number of people becoming lucky enough to acquire a ticket.

The wonder band from Victoria was a delight.

The unfortunate result was the massive effort by so many did not make us a reasonable profit. Hence a different music combo will be experimented with this NYE.

We had a 10th annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. The attendance was minimal but DJ Craig delighted the dancers.

It was decided after this that we would turn the Valentine's event in to a Family Day Dinner and Dance.

Cinco de Mayo was successful and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all our volunteer Mexican chefs, Brent Sohier especially for his fish tacos.

In June we decided to cancel the Walkathon as we didn't have a specific item to acquire for the exercise room or other athletic activities. It is our plan to have one in the coming year.

The Labour Day weekend was without our annual SockHop as we cancelled this event in favour of the committee that was working hard to raise funds for the new church roof.

October events  included the combined SRCS and SIVFD Hallowe'en celebration which includes the costume party, amazing fireworks, burgers and brauts  and the open bar.

December will include the annual Open House and Tree Lighting Ceremony tonight and the NYE Dinner and Dance on the 31st. Tickets are still available so encourage your friends to attend.

In closing, we would like to advise the Board and all members that we need to find a solution, if one exists, to the exorbitant costs for the liquor licenses for the events.

- Respectfully submitted by Melanie & Ingrid Gaines

**Communications Committee Report**

This year marks a transition from primarily relying on our website as the main communications tool to using social media. Many thanks to Raeanne House who has been instrumental in featuring the Rec Center events on the Rec Center’s FaceBook page as well as on the community FaceBook page. I want to thank all volunteers, on and off the Board, who helped out with advertising our events.

- Eva Hage