

Minutes (Draft) of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 26, 2019

ATTENDANCE: 15 present in total (including **6 members of the Friends, 4 Board members, 1 staff member, 1 guest speaker, and 3 non-members**).

Quorum is confirmed

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion that the agenda be adopted: Jo Ann Gagnon

Seconded: Daniel Rosset

All in favour, the motion is passed.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Motion that the Minutes be adopted: Sandra Moore

Seconded: Graeme Roderick

All in favour, the motion is passed.

3. Tabling and Adoption of the Financial Report

Graeme Roderick presented the Financial Report.

Graeme explained that the interpretive revenue was lower than expected because group sizes have been smaller. The main expense for the programs is the interpreters' wages. The Bookkeeper had predicted a deficit of \$3,000. However last month the accountant identified that the Friends would incur a loss of \$14,000.

Those present suggested ways to increase revenue, such as a selling of merchandise and an appeal to residents of Chelsea who tend to have higher incomes.

Motion for the approval of the Financial Report: Graeme Roderick

Seconded: Susan Spoke

All in favour, the Motion is passed.

Nomination of the Auditor

Motion that Andrea Poole be renewed for the next fiscal year: Graeme Roderick

Seconded: Daniel Rosset

All in favour, the Motion is passed.

Awards

Simon Landry presented Estelle Rother with a Volunteer Recognition Award.

Gershon Rother presented Bill McGee with a Volunteer Recognition Award.

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Guest Speaker

Dr. Stephen Woodley, Senior Advisor of Biodiversity and Climate Change for [The International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN) gave a presentation on “Measuring the effectiveness of protected areas.”

7. Election of Board Members (NB: It was decided last year to reduce the size of the Board)

Continuing to serve:

Jacques R. Forget (2018)

Paul Heintzman (2018)

Sandra Moore (2016/2018)

Gillian Shields (2018)

Re-election:

Graeme Roderick (2001/2003/2005/2007/2009/2011/2013/ 2015/2017)

Gershon Rother (2017)

Election:

Barbara Shaw

Motion to approve the Nomination Report: Graeme Roderick

Seconded by Jo Ann Gagnon

All in favour, the Motion is passed

8. Annual Report and committee updates

Simon Landry tabled the Annual Report.

Motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report: Julien Raby

Seconded: Bill McGee

All in favour, the Motion is passed.

9. Feedback from members on their past year as members

Opportunity was given for members to provide comments and feedback on the Friends' activities over the last year.

10. Appointment of a new member to the Nomination Committee

No one came forward to be a member of the Nomination Committee. Other ways will be pursued to fill this position.

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The current Members of the Nomination Committee are Graeme Roderick, Gershon Rother and Cedric Williams.

11. Research Day and Program Overview

Gershon Rother provided information on Research Day held on Saturday November 16 and other upcoming interpretive programs.

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Nothing to report.

12. Closing Assembly

Motion that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favour, the motion is passed.
Jacques Forget thanked everyone for attending.

The Chair adjourns the meeting

Attendance:

Daniel Rosset
Gershon Rother
Graeme Roderick
Jim Leeson
Jo Ann Gagnon
Judy Milks
Julien Raby
Martyn Bryant
Monique Desnoyers
Paul Heintzman
Sandra Moore
Stephen Woodley
Susan Spoke
Valérie L'Heureux