

GPACA AGM MINUTES

March 31th, 2022

7:30-8:30pm

[Online/Zoom]

Board members present: Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson, Pete Garcin, Paul Aucoin, Thomas Sullivan and Ebony Newell

Regrets: Stacey Godsoe, Kristy Boutilier

Welcome

Welcome remarks made by Chair, Peter Garcin (land acknowledgement, technological requirements/navigation, voting, agenda).

Peter explained we will once again be waiving fees for new or renewing members given circumstances so anyone on the call eligible to vote.

BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCES

Call to Order

Chair (Peter Garcin) called AGM of GPACA to order. Current board members were introduced including those absent.

Other participants on the call – Phyllis Price, Eric Hustvedt, Shaun Bradley, Don Sedgwick

Peter reminded everyone that a link to the minutes were emailed in advance to members and is available on our website: <https://petiteforthefuture.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/GPACA-AGM-Minutes-March-2021.pdf>

He also let members know that the Director and Treasurer's Reports will be available on our website following the meeting.

Confirmation of Quorum

Secretary Ebony Newell (filling in for Stacey Godsoe) did a count of those present to confirm Quorum. All Board members except two were present, including additional members.

- Number required: 7 (20% of total membership - 36)
- Number present: 10

- Quorum confirmed: yes

Due Notice

Secretary confirms the details, telling everyone that, as required in our bylaws, notice of the AGM was publicly advertised in the local community paper, Progress Bulletin, two weeks in advance of the meeting, on March 16th and ran for two weeks.

Notice of the AGM was also shared in advance with membership via email on March 17th.

Notice of the AGM was also shared via social media and on our website.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The Chair reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if anyone had any additions or changes. Hearing none, Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

- Motion made by: Ebony
- Motion seconded by: Tara
- Chair called for a vote.
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Previous AGM Minutes

Chair reminded everyone that minutes had been shared via email and are available on our website: <https://petiteforthefuture.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/GPACA-AGM-Minutes-March-2021.pdf> hoped everyone had had a chance to read through them. Chair said they could be read if requested. There was no request to have minutes read out loud.

Chair confirmed that there were no actionable items.

Chair asked if, with that, anyone needed to know more about the minutes, or had any questions or comments, now is the time.

Hearing no comments, questions, or changes, the Chair then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous AGM meeting as presented.

- Motion made by: Tara

- Motion seconded by: Thomas
- Chair asked for a vote by members.
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed

New Business –

Reports – Director and Treasurer

Chair tells us that these will be presented one after the other, and then accepted in one motion.

Director's Report

Chair presented the Director's Report, giving a brief synopsis of our year and will be available in full on our website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer (Paul Aucoin) presented the Treasurer's Report which will be on our website after this meeting.

He said that last year, GPACA had a quiet year on the financial front, with no active fundraising initiatives and no projected major expenses.

The Treasurer reported an overall closing balance for 2021 of \$5475.50

He reiterated that our financial statements will be posted to the website a few days after the meeting for all to review.

Questions on Reports

Chair then asked if there were any questions regarding either Report.

No discussion or questions

Motion to accept reports:

With discussion concluded, Chair asked for a motion to accept both Director's and Treasurer's Reports as presented.

- Motion made by: Sadie
- Motion seconded by: Tara

- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Tara Jaskowiak presented this report on behalf of the nominating committee, which is the whole board. 8 members have agreed to reoffer for another term: Pete Garcin, Ebony Newell, Sadie Watson, Thomas Sullivan, Tara Jaskowiak, Paul Aucoin (Stacey Godsoe and Kristy Boutilier who were absent also reoffered).

The Chair notes that before he can put forward the proposed slate, he needs to call for additional nominations three times. So this is the first call for nominations to the Board.

Chair asks a second time: Are there any other nominations? No response. He asks a third time - any other nominations? No response.

Hearing no additional nominations, the Chair asked for a motion to close the nominations and approve the slate as presented.

- Motion to accept the slate is made by: Tara
- Motion seconded by: Thomas
- Vote: approval is unanimous.
- Motion is passed.

Chair said that on behalf of GPACA's Board of Directors she would like to present the slate of nominees for election and/or acclamation: Pete Garcin, Ebony Newell, Sadie Watson, Thomas Sullivan, Tara Jaskowiak, Paul Aucoin, Stacey Godsoe and Kristy Boutilier.

Election of Officers

Chair told everyone that the executive will be selected at the next meeting.

Adjourn Business Meeting

Motion to adjourn business section - Sadie

Motion to second Tara

DISCUSSION

Tara & Thomas presented on a potential park/green space idea -

possibilities of green space in school catchment, meeting with MODL, not a lot of capacity to develop a big project right now. Trail systems within communities seems to be a popular direction. Any opportunities to establish or reestablish trail systems. Provincial and Federal grants are out there. A Working committee can be established if there is interest.

Eric Hustvedt – radio station, rural transit

Rural transportation/ dial a ride is moving forward. Bridgewater senior wheels thinking about reorganizing to serve majority of municipality. 4 vans by next year if successful. Volunteer drivers are needed. Shifts first half of day and second half of day. Needs assessment would be helpful, is GPACA interested in doing.

Also potential for a radio station, to benefit community. Lots of talented people around who could contribute. Tara shared she knew of someone else who was keen on this and she could connect them.

Motion to adjourn

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion was made by: Sadie
- Seconded by:Tara
- (No vote is needed)
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm