

GPACA AGM MINUTES
March 22nd, 2023
6:30-7:30pm
Broad Cove Community Hall

Board members present: Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson, Pete Garcin, Thomas Sullivan, Ebony Newell, Stacey Godsoe, Kristy Boutilier

Regrets: Paul Aucoin

Welcome

Welcome remarks made by Emcee Tara Jaskowiak (land acknowledgement, voting, agenda).

Tara explained we will once again be waiving fees for new or renewing members given our pandemic related inability to hold in-person AGMs in recent years therefore all members present are 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 at the meeting – Morgen Reinhardt, Phyllis Price, Eric Hustvedt, Robin Edgar

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/2023/03/GPACA-AGM-Minutes-March-2022.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 Stacey Godsoe did a count of those present to confirm Quorum. All Board members except Paul were present, additional members present were included in the count.

- Number required: 10 (20% of total membership - 52)
- Number present: 14
- Quorum confirmed: yes

Due Notice

Secretary confirms the details, telling everyone that, as required in our bylaws, notice of the AGM was given two weeks in advance of the meeting, on March 7th in the form of an email to membership, on 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: Tara
- Motion seconded by: Sadie
- 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://mcusercontent.com/734a447b01dc4e93a75952db7/files/ea4d50b2-c0c2-b097-12a6-9ec5db5ab166/GPACA_AGM_Minutes_March_2022.pdf

Chair hoped everyone had had a chance to read through them and 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: Eric
- Motion seconded by: Kristy
- 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.

Highlights

We held several virtual meetings but were able to slowly transition back to some in-person meetings. And for the first time since 2019, are excited to welcome everyone back to an in-person AGM. Last year, at the GPACA AGM, a proposal from member Eric Hustvedt for the formation of a community radio station and less than a year later this has come to fruition via Coastal Villages Community Radio (CVCR). GPACA was happy to have played a small role in its establishment and to make a financial contribution to support this valuable addition to our community. We are proud to announce that after-school care has been secured for the current year, thanks to the tireless efforts of GPACA members Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson and Kristy Boutilier offering an essential resources to families and crucial to our community's economic viability. We would like to express our immense gratitude to departing and founding member Tara Jaskowiak, whose vision, dedication and hard work have left a lasting impact on GPACA and our community. Thank you Tara! Looking ahead, we are excited to explore new opportunities for engagement within our communities including some potential around supporting the development of trails in the area. Our top priority remains the long-term sustainability of PRES, and we will continue to advocate for the necessary funding to make that a reality.

Treasurer's Report

Pete presented the Treasurer's Report in Paul's absence which will be on our website after this meeting.

In summary we donated \$500 to Coastal Villages Community Radio, bought Q Cards from Vistaprint for \$57.49, renewed the website domain for \$62.15, paid for the annual RJS Fee of \$31.15, bank services charges of \$52.50 and our closing bank balance as of December 31st 2022 was \$4,776.76.

The full 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: Phyllis
- Motion seconded by: Thomas
- Vote: approval was unanimous
- Motion passed.

Report of the Nominating Committee

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

We also have nominations for two new board members – Morgen Reinhardt and Ella Tweedie (who was absent)

Morgen from Crousetown introduced herself and her interest in joining GPACA including a passion for food security, literacy and youth engagement in rural areas. Ebony shared Ella is a nurse practitioner, with children at Petite, connections to the LCLC and from Cherry Hill.

The Chair noted that before he can put forward the proposed slate, he needs to call for additional nominations three times. The Chair called for nominations to the Board from the floor three times. 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: Robin
- Motion seconded by: Ebony
- Vote: approval is unanimous.
- Motion is passed.

Chair said that on behalf of GPACA's Board of Directors he would like to present the slate of nominees for election and/or acclamation: Peter Garcin, Sadie Watson, Paul Aucoin, Stacey Godsoe, Kristy Boutilier, Ebony Newell, Thomas Sullivan and new Board members - Morgen Reinhardt and Ella Tweedie.

AND a big thank you to leaving board member Tara Jaskowiak!!!

Election of Officers

The executive will be selected at the next meeting.

Discussion:

Community health clinic – Phyllis offered this idea which has surfaced many times in our communities over many years as a possibility for some time and energy. GPACA could ask questions, prompt engagement. The community did have commitment from SS Health during the early days of the school campaign when the “Petite Plus” proposal to the school board at the time for a multi-use school hub model was positioned as an alternative to closure OR a new build elsewhere. New Germany has a great community clinic, could learn from them. Could include physio, primary health, massage, ... Tara shared there is some available research on co-ops in community (Atlantic Can Opportunities Agency & others). Possible partners – MODL? The Municipality

of Claire set up their own clinic, look to MODL potentially – worth asking. Can also provide charitable donation receipts given we are non-charitable.

Eric shared progress on Lunenburg County wheels which he raised as a needed service at last year's AGM. It is now up and running and a growing service with Federal, Provincial, and Municipal funding and expanding to new regions. Volunteer drivers and board. But a paid coordinator. Eric will be compiling an email list soon to provide updates. Need to get the word out that it is for everyone, not just seniors. Door to door prebooked over the phone. Fee by distance. On facebook.

Maybe GPACA can help get the word.

New Germany has a great community newsletter. The PRES SAC newsletter The Link would be a great place to promote it.

Sadie shared about the community meeting about Little Crescent Beach development is Saturday, March 25 at the Petite Riviere Fire Hall from 3-6pm. Please come out to hear what is going on and lend your support.

Adjourn Business Meeting

Motion to adjourn business section: Ebony

Motion to second: Sadie

No vote needed

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