

THS Board Meeting (#12) Minutes

Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 6:00 pm
By Teleconference

Present: Malcolm Bernstein, David Bronskill, Martin Buckle, Krista Bulmer, Damian Creber, Mark Dilworth, Yussef Hafez, Charissa Lai, Bronwen Morgan, Peter Newell, Josh Shanahan, Nabila Tisha, Angela Young

Staff: Phil Nichols, Interim CEO; Jeff Bernstein, Interim CFO; Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Jennifer Dernek, Nicholas Kanhai

Martin Buckle called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Regular Business

1.1 THAT the Agenda be approved.

MOVED: Martin Buckle Seconded: Josh Shanahan ... **Carried.**

1.2 THAT the Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Board meeting be approved.

MOVED: Martin Buckle Seconded: Peter Newell ... **Carried.**

1.3 THAT the new memberships be approved effective September 13, 2023.

MOVED: Martin Buckle Seconded: Krista Bulmer ... **Carried.**

2. Financial Reporting Discussion

Jeff Bernstein provided an update on the Society's financial position. He noted that more detail is being provided in the financial reports. He is working with other departments to increase efficiencies. Work on the 2024 budget will begin soon with the intention of presenting it for Board approval by year-end. Jeff responded to the Board's questions.

A retreat was discussed for consideration in the fall to review the alignment of objectives with the strategic plan, as well as areas of focus for next year.

Jeff noted that the Society has reduced its investment exposure and the Investment Policy statement has been updated accordingly.

3. CEO Report

Phil Nichols reported on Paws in the Park, and a discussion took place about rejuvenating this flagship fundraising event. While Paws did well, consideration will be given to potential changes in the future.

It was noted that the Society's local outreach to those in need has been greatly appreciated.

Phil updated the Board on the status of operations.

4. AGM Update

Martin Buckle provided an update on the onboarding process for new Board members, roles and responsibilities of officers, and upcoming committee chair vacancies.

5. Committee Reports

Audit & Finance – Charissa Lai noted that financial items were covered earlier in the meeting.

Development – Nabila Tisha advised that the Committee has not met but that there are two large campaigns on stream for the months ahead. As part of the budget process, an analysis and assessment will be done with a view to aligning aspects of fundraising versus administration.

Animal Welfare – Phil Nichols provided an update on the AWC's work. Vet outreach work is appreciated and a brief discussion took place regarding public veterinary services based on human community models.

Facilities – A new boiler is required, which will cost up to \$100,000. In addition, the elevators may need substantial work in the foreseeable future.

6. Next Meeting

AGM - Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6:00 pm

7. In Camera

The Board moved in camera at 7: 25 pm and rose at 8:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Martin Buckle, Chair

Nicholas Kanhai, Secretary

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