



Homegrown, Handmade on Gabriola & Mudge Islands

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Annual General Meeting Minutes September 21, 2020 7:00pm Via Zoom from The Agi Hall

PRESENT:

- **Elected Board Members:** Lisa Butler, Eric Veale
- **Interim Board Members:** Bramley Dams, Talyn Martin, Paul McEwan, Graham Bradley, Yarrow Koontz
- **Voting Members:** Rosheen Holland, Jan Pullinger, Maya Ruggles, Sybil Frei, Laura-jean Kelly, Diane Green, Lynn Bowerman, Julie Sperber, Laura Handford, Steave Earle, David Andrews, Darly McCullough, Pollen Heath, Tannie Meyer, Terry McFarlane
- **Guests:** Marty Frost, Scott Colbourne
- **Staff:** Victoria Banford

CALL TO ORDER: 7:08 pm

OPENING REMARKS:

The Gabriola Agricultural Co-operative acknowledges and is grateful to live, grow, create, volunteer, and play on the unceded traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw people. Members asked to have a YES or NO on a piece of paper to vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated

Motion By: Jan Pullinger

Seconded by: Graham Bradley

Adopted

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM:

Motion to approve the minutes as circulated

Motion By: Yarrow Koontz

Seconded By: Eric Veale

Adopted

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

No outstanding items from the previous meeting.



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DIRECTORS REPORT:

The Co-op has worked throughout the past year to restructure the organization by way of creating a new model with different committees (pods). This model's pods include Financial, Communications, Market, Events, and MOA & Rules. These pods work with the Board which is a Pod on its own.

Due to the pandemic, the Co-op Board was forced to delay the AGM. The Co-op accepted the help from some willing volunteers that joined the 'Transitional Working Groups'. These groups and the work they accomplished allowed the Co-op to move forward and to expand on what was not possible without a full board.

On June 24, 2020, the Board appointed five members of the transitional working groups (Yarrow Koontz, Paul McEwan, Graham Bradley, Talyn Martin, Bramley Dams) to interim positions on the Board of Directors until an AGM could be held.

Shortly after COVID hit the Co-op hopped into gear and closely followed the direction of the BCAFM to implement an Online Farmers Market. The Agri Co-op has partnered with a local company, GIFT Delivery Service, to bring locally produced products to Gabriola residents.

We have followed the guidance of the BCCDC and the BCAFM to make adaptations to our Saturday Farmers Market to ensure a successful season. Steps taken were adding signage, Hand washing and sanitizing stations, and the closure of the indoor hall space.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Motion to approve the 2019 Financial Statement as circulated

Motion By: David Andrews

Seconded By: Bramley Dams

Adopted

WAIVER OF AUDITOR FOR 2020:

Special Resolution Proposed:

The members resolve that the Co-op waive the 2019 Audit to Financial Statement.

Motion By: David Andrews

Seconded By: Eric Veale

Adopted

MOA & RULES:

Special Resolution Proposed:

It is proposed and recommended by the Directors and governing council of the Co-op that the revised Memorandum of Association and Rules presented at the September 21, 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted by the membership of the Gabriola Agricultural Co-operative.



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Discussion: The revised MOA and Rules are for the governance of the Co-operative as opposed to how the Co-op deals with health and safety and/or market operations. The Co-op is subject to all laws, it is not necessary to write these aspects into the rules of the Co-op.

Motion By: Graham Bradley

Seconded By: Lisa Butler

Adopted

ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS:

- A. No nominations from the floor.
- B. Lisa Butler has volunteered for another term as director.
Eric Veale has volunteered for another term as director.
- C. Paul McEwan, Talyn Martin, Bramley Dams, and Graham Bradley have volunteered for an appointment as directors.
- D. Yarrow Koontz has volunteered for a 1-year term director.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. Many thanks extended to Jan Pullinger, Marty Frost, and Laura-Jean Kelly for helping the Co-op through the newly adopted Rules and MOA.
- B. Thank you to past board member Laura-Jean Kelly for steering the ship through the structure changes, the was much needed.
- C. Thank you to our past board members Sal Dominelli, Margo Anfossie, Katie Massey and Jenn Knight for their service to the Agricultural Co-op.
- D. The Co-op Board extends condolence to the family of Stan and Maxine McCrae who were both long time Co-op Members and Market Vendors.

PROPOSAL:

- A. The Agricultural Co-op members adopt the editing and referencing corrections to the Rules document.

Moved By: Jan Pullinger

Seconded By: Lisa Butler

Adopted

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

8:06 pm