

**Gabriola Island Recycling Organization
Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

In Attendance: 41 members, 2 media reps, 2 non members

April 5, 2011, W.I. Hall, 7.00 p.m

- 1. Call to order by the President: 7:02PM**
- 2. Call of members:** completed
- 3. Determination of the existence of a quorum:** completed
- 4. Notice of Meeting:** completed
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda:** Ingrid Witvoet moved to adopt. Carried
- 6. Reading and adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on May 25, 20:** Lynda Ferguson moved to adopt. Carried
- 7. Reading and adoption of the Minutes of the AGM held on June 8, 2010:**
Ingrid Wivoet moved to adopt. Carried
- 8. Business arising from the Minutes:** none
- 9. President's Report:** Elaine Cadell
- 10. Treasurer's Report:** Peter Dzierzawa gave report and financial statement.
Jacinthe Eastick moved to adopt. Carried
- 11. Annual Membership fee:** Jacinthe Eastick moved to keep membership the same;
\$2.00 per individual and \$3.50 per family (max 2 people). Carried
- 12. Appointment of a financial verifactor for the 2011 fiscal year:** Jacinthe Eastick moved to appoint Aileen Warner as financial verifactor for 2011.
- 13. Election of a president of Elections:** Jacinthe Eastick moved to elect Elaine Cadell president of election. Carried
- 14. Nomination Committee Report:** Jacinthe Eastick presented the candidates who had put their names forward for election.

President: Barb Bell

Treasurer: Peter Dzierzawa

Secretary: Jacinthe Eastick

Directors at Large:

David Carrington

Joy Jordison

Charles Silva

Ron Slade

Robbie Stadfelt

Ingrid Witvoet

15. Elections: The only candidate to be nominated from the floor was by Peter Jordison who nominated John Coleman as a candidate for Director at Large. John accepted but could not run for office as he did not have a GIRO membership. The following won by acclamation:

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16. Other business:

Bob Andrews made the following motion: (twice amended) “Given that the present pricing at GIRO is not in the best interest of the community, GIRO shall call a general meeting for all members for an open discussion about pricing/donations. The meeting should take place after but not much after the deadline of the Firehall Counter Petition (April 28) and after the Federal Election (May 2).” Discussion took place before the vote. 13 in favour, 23 opposed. Motion denied.

The following comments were made by members:

- What does “suggested donations mean”? Jacinthe Eastick explained the previous Board had researched pricing/donations in other charitable organization in the nearby communities and that the donation price is always a “minimum suggested donation”. She said that staff, volunteers and Board are working at ways to improve consistency and fairness.
- It is a great idea to have a pricing workshop for volunteers.
- It is important that the community feel welcome at GIRO. Several members said that there is a perception that GIRO is becoming mean spirited and not supportive. There is a need to educate community on what’s good at GIRO but not in an adversarial manner. Everyone should be treated with courtesy. A workshop on public relations for staff, volunteers and Board might be a good idea as well.

- Several members commented on that we should be proud that GIRO supports itself without outside funding as this makes GIRO self sufficient and that funding is not guaranteed from year to year and therefore cannot be depended on. One member said GIRO should look into funding opportunities. Elizabeth Phelan explained GIRO has applied and received funding for summer students but that applying for funding requires much time and effort and that there was no volunteer willing or able to take on that task.
- Membership clarification is needed and need for renewal notices. Board might consider possibly of lifetime memberships.
- Community needs a handout from GIRO as to what is accepted and what is not and what to do with or where to take materials that are not accepted.
- Concern that GIRO not compete with existing businesses.
- There is a need for community to know various ways to communicate with GIRO board (ie. Post the website and depot email in the paper on in depot)

17. Adjournment: 8:25PM