

G.I.R.O Board Meeting
September 19, 2013 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

Present: Peter Jordison, John Coleman, Merv Sweeney, Jackie O'Hara, Bruce Taylor, Richard Ralphs, Richard Nolan

Regrets: Peter Dzierzawa

Agenda formed that the meeting, first full meeting of the complete board of directors.

Discussion items fell into three categories:

I. Critical outstanding business

- Mailbox: John Coleman has arranged for the locks to be changed and transferred possession of the key to Richard Nolan. A formal letter to the Post office on G.I.R.O. letterhead must be produced. Action: Richard Nolan. Richard Nolan raised the issue of the importance of the vacant secretary position. Patricia Sweeney asked for clarification of the roles and responsibilities.
- Motion to publish the press release as shared by John Coleman. Motion passed: 8 votes for, 0 against
Email and communications: Patricia Sweeney agreed to monitor the girodepot@gmail.com e-mail address. Richard Nolan transferred the password and account information to her, and advised she change the password.
- RDN funding request: Action Richard, Peter J, John Coleman. Merv Sweeney, and possibly Patricia Sweeney to attend.
- Labor Relations board. There was discussion around the possibility that time sensitive documents from the Labour relations board may be in the mailbox. Action item: Richard Nolan.
- Richard explained the challenges that face the board with respect to the RDN capital ask, the Labour Relations Board, and discussed a distillation of the boards responsibilities under the Society Act of British Columbia. Pursuant to the RDN meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 24th at 7:00 PM. Richard is to meet with Dean Clarke and Denis McRae (G.I.R.O recycling and re-store managers, respectively) on Friday September 20th. Richard will also be taking photos of critical focus areas to support his presentation.

- There was further discussion around the role of Secretary, historical and current documents. Further discussion was had regarding safe archival of paper and electronic documents, highlighting the necessity of an officer of the Board to take responsibility. Richard Nolan solicited volunteers for the position, but none of the Board felt ready to step up. The decision was tabled until the next Board meeting.

II. Planning Meeting

- sustainable Gabriola would like to meet September 24, 26, 27 , Richard is unavailable 24/26. Board members agreed to take this action item off the agenda and discuss over e-mail.
- November 3 or November 10 were discussed as dates (due to the availability of the community hall), decision was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

III. Continuation Meeting.

- Requisitions's desires for a new election. Background information with respect to the September 5th meeting and the consequences of Roberts rules was discussed to familiarize Board Members who were not present at the meeting. Richard Nolan discussed the legal advice provided to the board, primarily from Nancy Hetherington Peirce and Jason Koshman, but validated by a constructive morning of phone calls to lawyers chosen from a list provided by Jacinthe Eastick and his own research. The consensus is that we are not only not legally obligated to support an amendment to the agenda, but we are specifically forbidden by the GIR Constitution and By-laws, Society Act of British Columbia.
- Introduction, director biographies, preamble, agenda? Richard requested feedback from the directors with respect to a preamble consisting possible of a welcome, and director's sharing their biographies. The consensus was that we should start the meeting as quickly as possible, the purpose being to solicit community input.
- Further decisions regarding the planning meeting were tabled until we had legal advice and the presence of Nancy Hetherington Peirce at the next meeting

IV. Other business

- Peter Jordison indicated he will not be available to attend the October 8th continuation meeting.
- Merv Sweeney proposed that we craft a simple survey and ask customers at each GIRO day. Merv and Richard will meet on Friday to discuss, and arrange the items
- Peter Jordison noted that we still had not arranged for the Community Credit Union to transfer signing authority on the accounts to the members nominated at the last meeting. Action item: Peter Jordison to provide the official minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting to the Community Credit Union. The agreed upon members are make arrangements to have their signatures filed.
- Peter Jordison asked when Peter Dzierzawa will be returning, answered: at the end of September, no-one was aware of the specific dates, but Peter should be able to attend the October 8th meeting.

The Board agreed to hold the next meeting at Jackie O'Hara's residence on: Saturday October 5th, 7:00 PM, 625 Horseshoe Rd.