

YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday April 20th, 2016 - 5 pm
N.S.C.C. Lunenburg Campus at Bridgewater, N.S.

There were present: Alan McMullin, Lawrence Garner, Beth Earle, Carol Barr, Jill Sutherland, Yvonne Smith, Elspeth McLean-Wile, Jonathan Gregorash, Brit Mathisen, Tim Reid, Harland Wyand, Kim Whitman-Mansfield, Victor Naugler, Jack Sorenson, Michael Graves, John Wright.

- 1) The Chairman, Elspeth McLean-Wile welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm and offered some introductory comments.
- 2) Elspeth then declared that the proposed agenda be accepted.
- 3) Beginning with her words of welcome, the Chairman made mention of the presence of some valued Y members and staff and proceeded to welcome Michael Graves.
- 4) Michael Graves is a councillor of the Town of Bridgewater and serves as Co-ordinator of the United Way of Lunenburg County. Michael shared his story of the work of the United Way in our community and spoke of the many varied programs carried out by the charity including their alignment with the YMCA and especially our youth program. He thanked us for the opportunity to address the meeting and requested the opportunity to photograph the assembled group.
- 5) There is a tradition within the YMCA community that whenever appropriate, a personal story is told regarding the importance of the 'Y' in the life of that individual. Vic Naugler spoke about her experiences with the Y youth program which she found to be friendly and supportive. For Vic it has become a home away from home where she has been able to share her own unfolding story and offer service to the wider community.
- 6) The Chair then invited the meeting's approval of the minutes of the 2015 AGM which had been held at the Fundy Branch. It was moved by Beth, seconded by Lawrence and carried that the minutes be accepted.
- 7) The Annual Audit was then presented by Carol Barr on behalf of our auditors, BDO Canada LLP. Following Carol's presentation and the opportunity to ask her questions it was moved by Beth, seconded by Harland and carried that we accept the financial statements as presented.
- 8) The CEO, Yvonne then presented her report in which she offered thanks to the Chairman and the Board for their support. She went on to mention her staff members by name as she spoke of their invaluable support of our program. She also thanked Michael for his presentation and the United Way for their partnership and their encouragement.

The Chairman, Elspeth McLean-Wile offered her thanks to the Y team over the past year - as well as to the Board - and made mention of the various changes to the Board that will follow the AGM. She spoke of several areas of growth and the need youth has for safe places. She also spoke of changes in our demographics regarding seniors and competing sporting venues which offer alternative facilities. She highlighted new efforts to provide cardio fitness programs. Elspeth then went on to address recent efforts to link the Y with the LCLC mentioning the MOU that has provided a basis for further

discussions and her dream of working more closely together. Time will be required but there is plenty of opportunity for the Y to share their experiences and offer their own resources. We find ourselves in a very positive position.

Yvonne went on to speak of the progress made by the Y's of Nova Scotia and of Canada who are working more closely together on several fronts and particularly with the settlement of Syrian Refugees.

- 9) On Behalf of the Nominating Committee Alan moved, seconded by John and carried that Jessica Vaszily be invited to join the board.
- 10) There being no other business, Elspeth thanked all those present for their attendance.
- 11) It was moved by John, seconded by Lawrence and carried that BDO Canada LLP Chartered Accountants be appointed auditors for the coming year.
- 12) Upon a motion of Lawrence the Annual General Meeting stood adjourned at 6:07 p.m.