

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Draft Minutes

Thursday, September 24th, 2020 via Zoom

Chair: Karl Gowenlock, President of the SPCW Board

Minutes: Oke Ojekudo, Office & Communications Coordinator - SPCW

5:15 Sign in of members to verify quorum

Attendees: Listed on attendance sheet. Quorum met.

1. Opening and Welcome (Karl and Kate) 5:30pm
Karl welcomed everyone and noted this AGM was structured to get the voting business done as quickly and easily as possible, while still allowing for comments, questions or concerns to be input in chat box before moving on. Karl also acknowledged that while we are meeting via Zoom and perhaps have people from other Treaty Territories with us, and that some of SPCW's work is provincial and federal and so involves other Treaty Territories, our work, most often, takes place on Treaty One Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, OjiCree, Dakota and Dene peoples and the Homeland of the Metis Nation.

Kate noting quorum was reached, did the zoom housekeeping to explain how to vote and other pertinent information, and informed attendees that all AGM documents were available on our website.
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Karl and seconded by Shelley
A correction to the date (Thursday Sept 24th) was made and the agenda was approved.
3. Approval of AGM Minutes of September 23rd, 2019
Moved by Karl and seconded Tyler
The minutes were approved
4. Financial Report
 - Report from Treasurer as summarized by David: Once again the auditor gave us a clean audit with no cause for real concern. They outline a few weaknesses but also noted that those are inherent in the not-for-profit world. We, the board, approved a budget that projected a deficit of \$41,962. We figured that you only turn 100 once so it was worth the investment. We had the funds in accumulated retained earnings to cover it especially since the previous year was a banner year with an audited surplus of \$53,874. This even included our \$16,000 that was our initial investment in our 100th anniversary

video. Our April 26th Sorry Not Sorry event was never meant as a fundraiser. We had three levels of ticket prices with the hopes that the higher priced ones would offset the low income ones. We had also earmarked 25 to give away at Meet Me at the Bell Tower since we were stopping by there to introduce our speakers to the wonderful work being done in our community. We did lose money on the event but we still sold out. At the end of the day, even with splashing out on our 100th AGM, another \$22,000 to finish the video, and because we picked up other projects during the year and savings by staff, we whittled the deficit down to -\$12,705. Again, with the previous year's surplus, we still added to our overall retained earnings so the organization has added to its sustainability fund to cover a full three months of operations in case something drastic happens. And we still have \$153,623 available for other needs.

We were once again able to make direct contributions to supporting partners like the Restorative Justice Association of Manitoba, Meet Me at the Bell Tower, Make Poverty History Manitoba and IPW and ECCM projects. Last year this all amounted to \$10,294.

➤ **Approval of Audited Financial Statement for 19/20**

Moved by David and seconded by Humaira
Financial Statement for 19/20 approved

➤ **Approval of Auditors for 20/21**

Moved by David and seconded Danielle
Deloitte LLP approved as auditors for 20/21 fiscal year.

5. Election of Directors

- **Nominating Committee Report as summarized by Lionel:** As per our bylaws a nominating committee was struck. Nominating Committee membership was: Karl Gowenlock, Shelley Marshall, and Lionel Houston, with defacto membership of Kate Kehler, Executive Director. With only one seat to replace this year, we did not advertise a job posting as we have in the past. Instead the board canvased for interest amongst contacts. Our bylaws stipulate a certain make up. We must at least one representative from an organized labour organization and another with a business background and no fewer than 20% must be Indigenous. So even though those requirements were met in existing board members, the decision was made to still emphasis Indigenous engagement to replace outgoing board member Quinton Delorme. We are pleased to present:

Jeff LaPlante of Métis ancestry from the Red River Valley and Winnipeg. Jeff has worked in the fields of human rights, First Nations self-government, First Nations community-based research and advocacy, program development and delivery, and Indigenous health

and wellness since graduating from the University of Manitoba in 2001. Jeff has been the Executive Director of the National Indigenous Diabetes Association (NIDA) since 2015.

Returning Board: As per our by-laws, board members can participate on the board for three consecutive two-year terms. Returning board members that are not up for re-election this year are: Glenn Michalchuk (labour), Tyler Blashko (2012 and past president), Shelley Marshall (2017), JohnDavid Pankratz (2017), Sid Frankel (2019), Humaira Jaleel (2019), Lionel Houston (2019), David Kron (2019), Hayley Caldwell (2019). Glenn Michalchuk is a labour representative and our by-laws allow for that position to be filled beyond the usual 3 terms. Tyler Blashko is the former chair and current past chair of the organization. The by-laws allow for Tyler to continue until there is next past president.

Standing for Re-election are: Danielle Carriere (2018), Ify Idigbe (2018), Abdul-Karim Abdul-Bari (2018), Andi Sharma (2016), Karl Gowenlock (2014), As a member of the executive, Karl can stand for an additional year if agreed to by the board. The approval of this report by the board signaled their approval.

A nominating committee report was supplied in advance to this meeting and there is a link to it in Zoom chat if you want more details. With this full-slate, we have met all by-law requirements and so propose it for confirmation by the membership.

- **Submission of slate for approval**
Moved by Lionel and seconded by Ify
Board of directors' slate approved

6. Annual Reports

- Board Report summarized by President (Karl)
- Program Highlights by SPCW staff - Kate, Josh, Albert, Hani, Jamie, Jessica, Kathleen, Gloria and Reuben
- Kate announced the full annual report, which contains the above stated board report summarized by Karl (SPCW president) and the project highlights from SPCW staff, will be emailed to all and posted on SPCW website.
- Questions asked on Zoom Chat:
 - **What is the \$156000 accounts receivable? It's unusual to see savings described as "accounts receivable" -- that's usually a grant that has not yet been received:** *There was some miscommunication but to clarify at fiscal year end we had the \$153, 623 in retained earnings and \$154 437 in accounts receivable which the questioner was correct in saying that*

those funds represented expected grant money that had not yet been received.

- **Is there a summary sheet of the information presented and related contact info?** *Yes, it would all be in our annual report, which will be emailed to everyone in attendance*

7. AGM Adjourned

6:15 pm

Kate handed over to Josh (SPCW Community Animator) to begin the Guaranteed Annual Income discussion and introduce Guest Speaker Evelyn Forget, to speak on what a universal basic income could be.

End 7:30pm