



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
04/04/23 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Linda Douglas, Fernanda Fernandez, John Stafford, Carol Fergus, Kathy Clarke, George Turcon, Marie Wright, Grady Pasiechnyk, Ray Garneau, Karmin Snow, Ashley Dodd, Tony Austin, Helen Robertson, Susanne Cowden, Mike Redfern, Brian Wright – voting members

Attending via Zoom: Lennan Delaney

- 1) **Call to Order** – President Linda Douglas called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - a) **Opening Remarks** – Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
Kathy Clarke acknowledged that we are Indigenous land.
2. **Introduction of Board of Directors:** Linda spoke briefly about her time on the Board as President, and then each Board Member gave a brief summary of their time, position and involvement in Centre 64.
3. **Notice of Annual General Meeting circulated starting February 28, 2023.**
Linda stated that all members and the general public had received the first notice of this annual general meeting at the end of the month and several times afterwards.
 - a) **Confirm Quorum** – Linda declared that we had a quorum.
 - b) **Approval of Agenda – Moved** by Grady Pasiechnyk that the agenda be approved.
Carried
 - c) **Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM of March 1, 2022**
Moved by Lynn Arnold that the minutes of the AGM March 1st, 2022, be approved as presented. **Carried**
4. **Financial Report** – Carol Fergus explained the short-term investment of \$100,000 and expenses that were incurred with the upgrades to the theatre and washrooms.
Explained revenues from grants, donations, and resiliency funding.
 - a) **Adoption of the Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2022.**
Moved by Carol Fergus that we accept the financial report ending December 31, 2022. **Carried**



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
04/04/23 at 7:00 p.m.

b) Appointment of the Accountant for the fiscal year 2023

Moved by Carol Fergus that Apex Accounting be retained as the accounting firm for 2023. **Carried**

c) President's Report for 2023

Linda Douglas presented her President's Report:

As I mused about how to write the president's message this year, this quote came to mind: that which does not kill us makes us stronger. How do i even begin to describe the year we have had? We emerged from COVID restrictions; excited to welcome back the community to live music, art exhibits, maker spaces and our festivals; First Saturdays and Kimberley Kaleidoscope. We had new staff and energy and were ready to raise the roof! The roof renovation, from April to November, meant we were operating in a construction zone with all of the many restrictions that were presented. With the support of the City and some creative flexibility, we were able to work through the challenges. The highlight was the summer festivals, First Saturdays and a very successful Kimberley Kaleidoscope. Late fall, with a warm roof over our heads, spaces were rented, Live@Studio64 events were selling out, gallery exhibits and receptions were well received, the Clay Collective welcomed new members, and the Weavers Guild members were back at their looms. The We Paint group met every Wednesday. Winter fell upon us, and we were ready to turn up the heat!! However, the old heating system had a different plan... Perhaps the basement felt neglected because we had paid so much attention to the roof. Our incredible staff rose to the occasion, fielding calls, cancelling events, and offering explanations. We were down again but not out. City staff solved to allow us to open again. Through it all, we have persevered and have a lot to be grateful for (and a promising future). The theatre has new lighting, sound equipment and curtains to complement the new seating. Well-known community events are happening again; Lillith Affair, Have Camera Will Travel, and Flix@64, a new committee organizing film showings in the theatre. We have a solid strategic plan and are working through our goals: our website has been updated, and we have a new logo. Last but not least, we will have a conceptual design for a new permanent outdoor stage with commitment from the City to assist with the building of the stage. I have many people to thank for their support over the last year, particularly our staff: Fernanda Fernandez, Corrine



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

04/04/23 at 7:00 p.m.

Highwood, currently on an 18-month maternity leave, and John Stafford, our Administrative Assistant. Our volunteers! We would not be who we are without your support and hard work, and last but not least, the community of Kimberley, who support us through their generous donations, memberships and attendance at our activities and events.

Carol Fergus expressed thanks to Linda for her work in this very challenging year.

5. Election and Appointment of Directors: Maximum 12 – 3 positions vacant

- a) Directors continuing in 2nd year of 2-year term:** Linda Douglas, Marie Wright, Grady Pasiachnyk, Lennan Delaney, Lynn Arnold
Linda- declared that no election was required and the above-named would continue.
- b) Director's standing for re-election:** Carol Fergus, George Turcon, Kathy Clarke
At this point, Linda turned the election process over to Lennan.
Lennan brought forth the names of those standing for re-election and asked if there were any further nominations. Each Board Member spoke briefly.
- c) New Nominations:** Ashley Dodd, Karmin Snow
Karmin and Ashley spoke about their interest in joining the Board of Directors.
Lennan Delaney moved that current Directors Carol Fergus, George Turcon and Kathy Clarke and new nominations Ashley Dodd and Karmin Snow be accepted as Directors for the Arts Council at Centre 64 for a 2-year term. **Carried**
- d) Director Resigning:** Meghan Skerik
Thanks were extended to the above for her contributions while serving as a Board Member.

6. Election of President

- a) Director standing for re-election as president:** Linda Douglas
- b) Nominations from the floor:**
With no further nominations from the floor, Lennan Delaney moved that Linda Douglas remain President of the Arts Council at Centre 64 by acclamation for the 2023-24 term.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.