

DOGWOOD SENIOR'S SOCIETY

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 am in NORTH VIEW ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: **Willy Martin, President**
 Bob Willems, 1st Vice President
 George Metcalf, 2nd Vice President (Membership)
 Laura Rudland, Director at Large
 Marion Anderson, Director at Large
 Bob Briggs, Finance Assistant Director
 Susan Williamson, Cultural Director
 Lionel Jackson, Cultural Assistant Director
 Diana Stewart, Social and Educational Director
 Christine Stanley, Crafts and Games Director
 Karen Myton, Crafts and Games Assistant Director
 Pat Larsson, Executive Secretary

ABSENT: **Mark Merry, Sports Director**
 Mark Partington, Sports Assistant Director
 Harjit Nijjar, Finance Director (regrets)
 Mary Allen, Social and Education Assistant Director

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Laura Rudland

SECONDED BY: Bob Willems

MOTION: That the Agenda for the Special General Meeting November 1, 2022, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 OPENING REMARKS, PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

President, Willy Martin welcomed members to the Special General Meeting and thanked them for attending. Willy advised members that the meeting was specifically to approve changes to our Bylaws prior to the Annual General Meeting in March 2023.

A quorum must be a minimum of 35 Society members. Today we have 42 Society members including 12 Advisory Board members at this Special General Meeting.

3.0 SOCIETY BYLAWS

MOVED BY: Marion Anderson

SECONDED BY: George Metcalf

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION: That changes to the Bylaws be approved, with members requesting clarification for Board Terms of Office item ii –

‘each Activity group is entitled to have two voting members per Activity group regardless of the number of members attending the meeting’.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Groups/Activities, remove item ii as it is redundant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Extraordinary Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the 42 members (none opposed, no abstentions).

President Willy Martin took questions from the floor regarding how the Dogwood Seniors’ Society is connected to the BC Society’s Act. Willy explained that all non-profit societies must report to the BC Government annually. All Bylaw changes must be submitted to the Government to be registered and certified.

Willy also addressed questions regarding the Service Agreement which the Society was required to enter into with the City of Coquitlam. The Society had no choice but to enter into negotiations with the City or the City would run the Dogwood activity groups as they now do at Glen Pine. As we are now our own entity, we require more volunteers to assist in the everyday running of the many activities. In particular, Willy mentioned the Hostess desk where we need more volunteers in order to have someone available for both morning and afternoon shifts.

There were questions and considerable discussion regarding who can vote for the four Directors. It was stressed that only two people from each group are permitted to vote.

What we used to call ‘Pub Night’ is now ‘Dogwood Live’. The City is no longer permitting the use of the words ‘pub night’. Willy suggested perhaps ‘Dogwood Social’ would be more appropriate. She will address this with staff.

In closing, Willy thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Francis DaCosta

SECONDED BY: David Moulton

MOTION: That the November 1, 2022, Special General Meeting of the Dogwood Seniors’ Society, be adjourned at 10:55am.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY