

ARCA-Annual General Meeting, August 25, 2020, 7 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:32 pm

2. Roll Call: Jim Elliott (Chair), Kurt Fuchs (Vice Chair), Rowlatt Hill (Secretary), Deborah Rieb (member-at-large), Brian Duck (member-at-large), Tawna Ranalli (Community Consultant), Pierre Schweda (Executive Director), Cathleen McPhee (Staff), Ino Sumargo (Staff), Katie Beck-Kilbach (Staff), Andrea Moffat (member), Wilma Staff (member), Angela Ell (member), Bev Huget (member), Belinda Wrobel (member), Lindsay Hognesta (member), Marie Shipley-Powell (member), Ernesta Pagaduan (member), Betty Stang (member), Frieda Beglau (member)

3. Introductions and Housekeeping – all in attendance stated their names for the record. The Chair provided an overview of the operations of the association.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 25-08-2020-1: To approve the Agenda as presented (Staff/Hognesta) – Carried (11 voted in favour, 1 abstained)

5. Approval of the Minutes of the June 28, 2019 Annual General Meeting – Deborah Rieb reported that her name was incorrectly spelled in the minutes

Motion 25-08-2020-2: To accept the minutes pending correction (Rieb/Wrobel) – Carried (9 voted in favour, 3 abstained)

6. Reports

(a) Chairperson's Report – The Chair thanked Michael Kram and Ralph Goodale for their continuing support of the Community Association and its residents. With respect to the proposed change in ward/community boundaries, the Chair reported that Barbara Young is a supporter of the community. The Covid19 pandemic has resulted in closing of ARCA's facility and Staff layoffs. However, the Community Gardens remained open for gardeners as it was easier to practise social distancing. For 5 months after the resignation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors managed the daily operations of the association. The proposed upgrades to the Al Ritchie Memorial Rink have commenced and will likely continue until the New Year. The new neighbourhood plan has been impacted by Covid19. The Community Consultant will find out the status of this project and will report back to all those in attendance at the AGM.

(b) Financial Report – A "draft" copy of the audited financials were provided to everyone registered to attend the AGM. A partner at the auditing firm will need to review the draft copy before the audit is considered "Final".

(i) Approval of the 2019-2020 Audit

Motion 25-08-2020-03: To approve the "draft" copy of the audited financials pending possible changes and that the Board approve the "Final" copy (Hognesta/Fuchs) – Carried (8 voted in favour, 4 abstained)

The Chair noted that the Association has a \$7300 net surplus

(ii) Appointment of the Auditor for 2020-2021 fiscal year

Deborah Rieb recommended Marcia Herback as ARCA's auditor

Motion 25-08-2020-4: To appoint Marcia Herback as the auditor for the 2020/2021 fiscal year (Rieb/Beglau) – Carried (8 voted in favour, 3 abstained)

The Chair will follow up with Marcia Herback and will report back to Board members

(iii) Membership fees – The Board is recommending that membership fees be \$5 per annum. There was some discussion from the floor with respect to who qualifies to be a member of

the association. Anyone who partakes in an ARCA programme must buy a membership. Most Community Associations charge \$5 per membership.

Motion 25-08-2020-5: to reduce the fee to \$5 per member (Staff/Wrobel) – motion was withdrawn by the mover. The Chair suggested setting up a to a Special meeting in the future as the Board needs time to review the Bylaws, Constitution, and Articles of incorporation regarding memberships and fees

(c) Executive Director’s Report (Pierre Schweda) – The ED has been in contact with many people since he commenced with the Association. He thanked the Staff and expressed his desire to have an open door policy and work in a team environment.

(d) City of Regina (Tawna Ranalli) – Tawna thanked all the volunteers that help ARCA throughout the year. She gave a brief update on the Community Association review which resulted in 15 recommendations which will go to City Council for approval. The Phase 1 grant was increased to \$66,000 this year and the City of Regina now offers Director/Officer liability insurance to all Community Associations which many appreciate. The Community Associations can now go online and report their “Good News” items (e.g. what the CA has done during Covid19). Our former Community Consultant, Wendy Dumalski, retired at the end of July but a new permanent Community Consultant has not yet been assigned to ARCA. With respect to the leases with the City of Regina, they will be going the City Council for approval. ARCA’s lease is for the Wellness Centre but we are not required to pay a lease for the offices, community store or upstairs room. The Community Gardens are tax exempt and will be approved possibly sometime in September. Wilma Staff asked for an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and Tawna agreed to make sure that all present at the meeting will get copies of the plan. The Chair will require email addresses and phone numbers from those present who want a copy.

6) **General Discussion Questions** – Andrea Moffat asked for confirmation that the upper room was included in the lease of the building – it is included but we don’t pay rent. ARCA no longer needs to apply for a permit to use the upper room. Wilma Staff asked for a copy of ARCA’s Constitution, the Articles of Incorporation, etc. Anyone who wants copies will get them. Lindsay Hognesta asked if ARCA plans to have a Community Clean-up again this year. The Chair responded that we are planning to have one but with Covid19 restrictions it may look different this year. Other Community Associations are providing industrial bins for residents to drop off their items. The construction at the rink may impact where the bins are placed in the parking lot.

7) **Election of the Board members** – the Chair reported that we currently have 5 board members - one is up for re-election so the members can elect a total of 6 additional members (total of 11, of which the majority of members must reside in the Al Ritchie area).

Nominations:

- Wilma Staff nominated Rowlatt Hill
- Deborah Rieb nominated Wilma Staff
- Belinda Wrobel nominated Angela Ell
- Angela Ell nominated Belinda Wrobel

Motion 25-08-2020-6: That nominations cease (Fuchs/Rieb) – Carried

Motion 25-08-2020-7: To a the approve the list of nominations for Board vacancies (Fuchs/Rieb) – Carried (10 in favour, 2 abstentions)

8) **Adjournment**

Motion 25-08-2020-8: to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm (Hognesta) - Carried