

Gabriola Community Bus Foundation Annual General Meeting

June 17, 2024 | 1:00pm | Gabriola old Fire Hall

Meeting Chair Steve Earle

Directors in Attendance (5)

Minutes Recorded by Helen Cook

Voting Members in Attendance (11)

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Welcome and Introductions – Steve Earle

- a. Call to order: Steve Earle called the meeting to order at 1:05.
- b. Adoption of the Agenda – Steve Earle motioned to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.
- c. Confirmation of Proper Notice Given and Presence of Quorum

Membership as stated in the GCBF Constitution and Bylaws is Part 2 (4) Any person who is a resident of Gabriola, Mudge and DeCourcy islands in British Columbia is eligible to become a member of the Society, and must register as such. As at the time of the AGM, only current board members are registered.

As required by GCBF Bylaw Part 11 notices to members were given on the Facebook, the Sounder (weekly notice in the Sounder starting 3 weeks in advance of today), and by email to the board, Gertie Alert subscribers and bus drivers.

As cited in GCBF Bylaw Part 4 (16)3 (3) A quorum is 3 members present or a greater number that the members may determine at a general meeting.

Steve Earle confirmed that Quorum is met.

- d. Introductions – Membership introductions around the room
- e. Adopt Minutes from 2023 AGM – Helen C. motioned that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

2. Directors' Annual Report– Steve Earle

Steve Earle presented the directors' annual report. He explained the requirement to hold the AGM within the 6 months of the fiscal year end. He shared the actions and ongoing activities to put the service out on the road. Various new initiatives were presented, the grants we received during the year, and our fund raising efforts. Ridership per hour is up, and the budget is balanced. Fuel and maintenance costs continue to challenge the budget. On May 29th, Driver Craig welcomed the 200,000th passenger. This Directors' report is available upon request.

3. Financial Report – Darla Jamieson

- a. 2023 – Auditor's Review

The mandatory purpose of the AGM meeting is to receive and approve the auditors review of the financial statements. Darla presented information about Assets, Liabilities, Revenue and Expenses. The theme of 2023 was to stabilize the financial situation and recover from the losses of 2022. A key difference from 2022 is the RDN taxpayer funding increase for 2023 of \$30,000.

A copy of the auditor's financial review is available upon request.

Darla presented some key metrics: Service Metrics, riders per service hour, variable cost per ride, total cost per ride, average fare per ride. All the service metrics had improved over 2022.

Charity metrics: volunteer and paid labour comparison, collected income (fares, charters, advertising) compared to Donations, Operating Grants, and Taxpayer funding.

b. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion : Roger motioned to approve the independent review of the financial statements as presented for the 2023 fiscal year. Motion carried.

4. Board Elections – Susan Yates

Susan explained that a,b,c below are nominated to the board, the term is AGM to AGM.

- a. Steve Earle: 2nd 2 year term (2024-2026)
- b. Helen Cook: 3rd 2 year term (2024-2026)
- c. Erin Udal: 2nd 2 year term (2024-2026)
- d. Nomination: Pat Lapcevic (1st 2-year term 2024-2026)
- e. Nominations from the floor. None received.
- f. Roger Bouchard , Darla Jamieson incumbent (terms ending 2025)

Motion that the above be elected as Directors of GCBF for the year 2024. Motion carried.

General Discussion:

A new Riders Guide is available, and will be distributed by Susan at Nesters, the Visitors Centre and various locations.

Doreen stated we should avoid using divisive language in our surveys: Gertie is for more than people who don't have cars, and we should see it as community building and a viable transportation option. There is a mindset out there and it should be challenged. What would it take you to get you out of your car? Question should be asked. Advocate for more people to use Gertie.

Vanessa inquired if electric vehicle charging is included in RTSF? Yes, and the chargers will be inside and not public. There will be fund raising to cover costs not covered by the grant.

There was a discussion about why more people don't use Gertie.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

