

Minutes of the Cumberland YMCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Tuesday, June 23, 2008.

Present Bob Nixon, Trina Clarke, Todd Lawrence, Les Lawson, Paul Pugsley, Ron Patterson, Ross Blanche, Gary Wilkie, Tom Osborne, John Matthews and Gerald Read

Regrets John Rossong, Kathy MacLean, Wayne Jarvis and Marina Godfrey

- 1 **Opening of Meeting:** AGM called to order at 7pm by John Matthews who chaired the meeting.
- 2 **Reflection:** Given by Stephanie Allen who discussed her lifelong involvement in the YMCA and the life lessons learned through the organization. Stephanie emphasized that, as individuals, we are responsible for making change in our lives and community.
- 3 **Agenda:** Approval of the agenda was moved by Jan Matthews; 2nd by Kurt Fawthrop. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4 **Approval of 2007 AGM Minutes:** Approval of 2007 AGM minutes was moved by Ron Patterson; 2nd by Gerald Read. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5 **Board Chair Comments:** Bob Nixon made a farewell address as outgoing Board Chair that touched on the successes and failures of the past year:
 - Status of relationship between MRC and Cumberland YMCA – Strained
 - Difficult year financially, but Town & County were very helpful
 - Numerous committees created
 - Implementation of Staff Job Descriptions
 - Active recruitment of new Board members: John Matthews, John Rossong, Kathy MacLean, Paul Pugsley
 - 3 Members meetings held
 - Award of Energy Audit grant in the amount of \$5,000
 - Contact of Architectural firms to begin preliminary work on building renovation plans
 - Made personal comments regarding working relationship with Divya Minocha, former Interim CEO
- 6 **Board of Directors Report:** The report was delivered by Todd Lawrence and Trina Clarke.
 - Trina commented on how crucial and productive the previous Members meeting was on May 29th. Many committees struck and many volunteers came forward to help. There is a lot of hard work ahead, but the members have shown that they are ready for the challenge.
 - Todd Lawrence discussed the creation of the Management Advisory Committee that has been formed to help and advise the Cumberland YMCA Board of Directors. The members of the committee are: Greg Herret (Town of Amherst CAO); Rennie Bugley (County of Cumberland CAO); Todd Lawrence (YMCA Board member); Kathy MacLean (YMCA Board member); Rhonda Kelly (CEO)

CREDA); Jim Campbell (Sport Nova Scotia Representative) and Cindy Bourgeois (concerned citizen member).

- Todd informed membership that a six month cash flow audit is being performed by SJ McIsaac and funded by CREDA. This will give us an unbiased look at the YMCA cash flow.
- Todd unveiled plans for a Market Feasibility study identify what the community wants in a YMCA and what they can/will afford. This study is the foundation for a new business plan and capital campaign project.
- Todd emphasized that our current business model needs to change so we can get out of the on-going “crisis” cycle.
- Todd shared that the need to identify capital projects and revamp our strategic plan that identifies our needs, major milestones and deadlines. The plan also needs to be longterm.

7. Presentation of the audited financial statements: Given by Susan McIsaac of SJ McIsaac

- The auditor report was handed out to all members present and Ms. McIsaac reviewed some key areas including the yearly statements that showed a net profit of \$112,587.00. All of this profit was due to operating grants given to the YMCA by the Town and County; otherwise we would have incurred a loss of ~\$50,000. Ms. McIsaac also reviewed the “Notes to Financial Statements”.
- A motion to accept the financial statements was moved by Sharon Murphy and 2nd by Judy Tooke. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Appointment of Auditors: John Matthews brought forth a motion to employ SJ McIsaac as auditors for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2008 to March 31st, 2009.

- Moved by Sharon Murphy and 2nd by Jan Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Introduction of Board of Directors for 2008-2009: List of new Board nominees was read by John Matthews. The list comprised of the following people: Marina Godfrey, Bob Nixon, Gary Wilkie, Gerald Read, Graham Dyck, John Matthews, Kathy MacLean, Les Lawson, Mark Hebert, Patti Bennett, Paul Pugsley, Ray Cochrane, Rob Gregan, Ross Blanch, Sharon Bristol, Todd, Lawrence, John Rossong and Tom Osbourne.

- Call was made 3 times for any further nominations and no further offers were made.
- Motion called to approve the nomination of the new Board of Directors by David VanZoost and 2nd by Betty Cochrane. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Special Presentations: Years of Service awards were given out by Trina Clarke to Board members and staff for 3 year and 5 year milestones.

11. Slide Show Presentation: A slide show presentation was given by Aaron MacDonald. The slide show music was an original song written by Janet Sutherland specifically for the Cumberland YMCA. The entire presentation was excellent and really showed the diversity of our organization as well as the breadth of our membership. It was really well done!

12. **Questions:** The floor was opened up for questions. There were many comments with nearly all being of a positive and thankful nature. One member would like more communication vehicles to members (ie. e-mail bulletins and releases to be posted and left at the front desk).

13. **Adjournment:** There being no further comments or questions, the call for adjournment was made by John Matthews, moved by Verne Short and 2nd by Judy Tooke. Motion carried.