

Okanagan Quality Life Society

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Date: May 9, 2019, 14:00 hours

Location: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 5101 25 Ave, Vernon, BC, V1T 1P5

Attendees: **Members of the Board:** Dale Dunlop, Norm Armstrong, Clem Girard, Chris Smith, Allyson Thompson

Captains: S. Adams, N Armstrong, A. Beck, J. Chambers, D. Connolly, D. Cook, M. Cullum, B. Derry, B. Fairgrieve, M. Feniuk, J. Ferrante, C. Garratt, G. Gustafson, C. Heinrichs, D. Horsham, C. Laplante, L. Leduc, B. Light, T. MacKay, D. McBride, N. McKinlay, G. Morgan, B. Pick, P. Rudersdorfer, L. Smart, D. Taylor, C. vanDyk, F. Van Dyl, R. Warner, J. Young

Captain Candidates: Edward Berndt, Kerry Dutchak, Tony Harnett, Marco Longley, Donna O'Connor, John Pettigrew, William West, Judith Leon-Gallardo, Bruce Knight

Special Guests: Ron Heuman, Chris Smith, Allyson Thompson

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by **Dale Dunlop**.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Colette Laplante. Seconded by Frits Van Dyl. Carried.

Adoption of Previous AGM minutes

Motion by Frits Van Dyl. Seconded by Dave Connolly. Carried.

President's Report

Dale Dunlop, chairing on behalf of President Bob Rinaldi, welcomed and thanked all members and guests for coming to the AGM of this, the 27th operating season and the 5th year with the new boat.

Note: Though this the 28th year of our society's existence, we were not in operation during 2011, due to issues with Transport Canada

Dale read the **President's Report**:

In his report, **Bob Rinaldi** noted that *the 2018 season* was quite successful despite the poor air quality caused by forest fires and heavy smoke.

He thanked **Frits Van Dyl** and **Norm McKinlay** for representing us at the *Vernon Yacht Club's Sail Past* last year.

Our boat location at the *2018 Vernon Yacht Club's Annual Boat Show* was well situated for walking traffic, allowing us to attract new recruits. This season's location was very advantageous as well. We plan to continue to participate again next year.

Volunteer Appreciation Night in September was a great success, hosted by **Frits Van Dyl** and his wife **Geri Sherwood** in their beautiful home. Everyone who attended brought food to share, and we enjoyed delicious barbecued ribs.

Major maintenance was performed on Heaven Can Wait II over the winter after 1000 hours of operation. New seat covers and bimini, made of durable Sunbrella fabric that should last the life of the boat, were made and installed by Annie and Gerald Gustafson.

Okanagan Quality Life Society (OQLS) Key Positions

Diane Spencer continues to work very hard as Booking Agent and is quickly filling up the schedules.

Tom McKay has done a great job this last year as *Maintenance Officer* and will continue to hold that position this season.

Norm Armstrong continues as *Training Officer*, providing refresher sessions for returning captains and more intensive ones for new captains. He also trains all the client caregivers, who act as crew.

Frits Van Dyl is staying on as *Chief Captain* and his leadership is much appreciated.

Dale Dunlop will remain on as *Secretary/Treasurer and Webmaster* again this season. Bob thanked her for her dedication and service to the organization.

Heaven Can Wait Program Statistics

Dale Dunlop presented the program statistics for 2018 which reflected the impact that forest fires and smoke had on the percentage of trips completed in August and the impact that the cool rainy weather caused in September.

Treasurer's Report

Dale Dunlop presented the *2018 Year-End Financial Report*, which is retained on file.

New Business

Insurance

As of January 11, 2019, new government regulations regarding compulsory insurance for "ships carrying Passengers" dictate that we must have \$250,000 of liability insurance coverage per passenger.

All persons on board, *except for the captains*, are considered to be passengers. Therefore, to avoid high insurance costs, the Board has decided that ***all Heaven Can Wait II boat trips, whether client or private, will now be limited to a maximum of 8 passengers.***

Fundraising

Over the last five years our expenditures have consistently exceeded revenues.

We have applied for grants to various places this year and are waiting for responses.

Of note, in 2018 we received two large donations:

- \$2100 grant from the City of Vernon to replace our aging wooden ramp with a more robust, safe aluminum one.
- \$1000, unsolicited, from the Coldstream Women's Institute

Chris Smith, from Heron Grove, indicated that he was planning to prepare a letter to all client organizations, asking if they could each do some form of fundraising on our behalf – things like bake sales, BBQs, etc.

All suggestions on ways to raise funds are welcome.

Nominations

Current Board Members

Bob Rinaldi, President

Dale Dunlop, Secretary/Treasurer

Norm Armstrong, Director

Clem Girard, Director

Chris Smith (Heron Grove), Director

Allyson Thompson (Polson Residential), Director *

*Allyson Thompson will be away on maternity leave this year, and will be replaced temporarily by **Nicole Lecroix**, from Noric House.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

Motion to move forward with this Board composition Norm McKinlay. Seconded by Gerald Gustafson. Carried.

Special Presentation

Sid Adams, representing the BC Kidney Foundation, made a moving presentation on Organ Donor Awareness. Telling his own story and those of others, he urged everyone to sign up to be a donor and save lives at <https://register.transplant.bc.ca/>. Their motto:

Heroes aren't born. They're registered!

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was carried by all.