

# Okanagan Quality Life Society

## Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

**Date:** May 4, 2022, 14:00 hours

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

**Attendees:** **Members of the Board:** Dave Connolly, Dale Dunlop, Norm Armstrong, Frits Van Dyl, Corrie vanDyk, John Pettigrew, Chris Smith,

**Captains:** Rick Chisholm, Dan Cook, Blair Derry, Barry Eyres, Brent Fairgrieve, Myron Feniuk, Craig Garratt, Clem Girard, Gerald Gustafson, Dave Horsham, Colette Laplante, Len Leduc, Marco Longley, Norm McKinlay, Gary Morgan, Bob Pick, Bob Rinaldi, Diane Spencer, Frits Van Dyl, Mary-Jean Watson

**Captain Candidates:** Roy Adkins, Wayne Cocking, Alex Dantzer, John Friesen, Inge Friesen, Judy Hughes, Pat Hughes, Don Kreuger, Chuck Nelson, Mike Pearson, Sean Phillips, Darrell Spencer, Terry Worbets

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### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President **Dave Connolly**.

### Adoption of Agenda

Motion by **John Pettigrew**.

Seconded by **Len Leduc**.

Carried.

### Adoption of Previous AGM minutes

Motion by **Craig Garrett**.

Seconded by **Len Leduc**.

Carried.

### President's Report

President **Dave Connolly** welcomed all the participants of the 2022 Annual General Meeting and thanked them for wearing face masks.

He reviewed the 2021 organization chart of the Okanagan Quality Life Society (an updated version is attached). He expressed appreciation for each board and committee member for their hard work and dedication.

### Retiring Captains and Board Members

Because of COVID-19 our Heaven Can Wait operations were suspended for the last two seasons. Dave pointed out that this year there have been more than the normal number of captains retiring from our program, and that we are welcoming 14 new captain candidates.

**Frits Van Dyl** is retiring as *Chief Captain*, a position which he has held since 2018. Dave thanked Frits for his leadership and was happy to report that Frits is staying on as a captain.

Also retiring is **Tom MacKay** who has been a captain since 2013 and has done tremendous work as *Maintenance Officer* since 2017.

### 2022 Season

After two cancelled seasons, our captains and our clients are looking forward to a very full and busy season.

### 2022 Fundraising

Knowing that we would require extra effort and funds this year for things like boat maintenance, PFD replacements, insurance, first aid certifications, uniforms, etc., a *Fundraising*

Committee was formed, chaired by **John Pettigrew**. Other members were:

Dave Connolly, Sue Connolly, Michelle Sinclair, Sean Phillips, and Darrin Taylor

They developed a budget and focussed very successfully on seeking mainly community grants. The Okanagan Quality Life Society would sincerely like to thank the following organizations for their wonderful support:

- *100 Women Who Care* - These wonderful women support local deserving charities.
- *City of Vernon* - To cover the cost of First Aid courses
- *Kalamalka Rotary Club* - To help cover the cost of the bow thruster
- *New Horizons for Seniors* - Government of Canada program to help seniors help seniors
- *Blue Heron Gas Bar* – They have made donations of fuel to our program for many years. This year they have increased their contribution by 67%.
- *Alpine BookWareHouse* - This charity supports local charities and causes.
- *Coldstream Women’s Institute* - For the 8th year in a row, they have donated generously to OQLS.
- *Our OQLS Members and Individuals from our Community*

For their ongoing, generous support, we would also like to thank:

- *The Vernon Yacht Club* - They have been donating a mooring slip for our boat for many years.
- *The Fraternal Order of Eagles* – They have been permitting us the use of their facilities for our AGM and captains’ meetings for several years.

## Treasurer’s Report

**Dale Dunlop** presented the *2021 Year-End Financial Report* which is retained on file.

In 2021, thanks to donations from individuals and the community, our program did not lose money.

## New Business

### *Heaven Can Wait Boat Trip Pricing*

The cost of boat trips has remained at \$25 per hour, per group since 2016. Due to the rise in the cost of operations, the Board decided this year to raise the price per trip to \$36 per hour. Response by client groups has been very positive.

## Nominations

### *Incumbent Board Members*

1. **Dave Connolly** –President
2. **Dale Dunlop** – Secretary/Treasurer/Webmaster
3. **Norm Armstrong** – Director (Training Officer)
4. **Frits Van Dyl** – Director (Chief Captain) – retiring\*
5. **Corrie vanDyk** – Director
6. **Nicole Lacroix** – Director (Client Liaison)
7. **Chris Smith** - Director (Client Liaison)
8. **John Pettigrew** – Fundraising

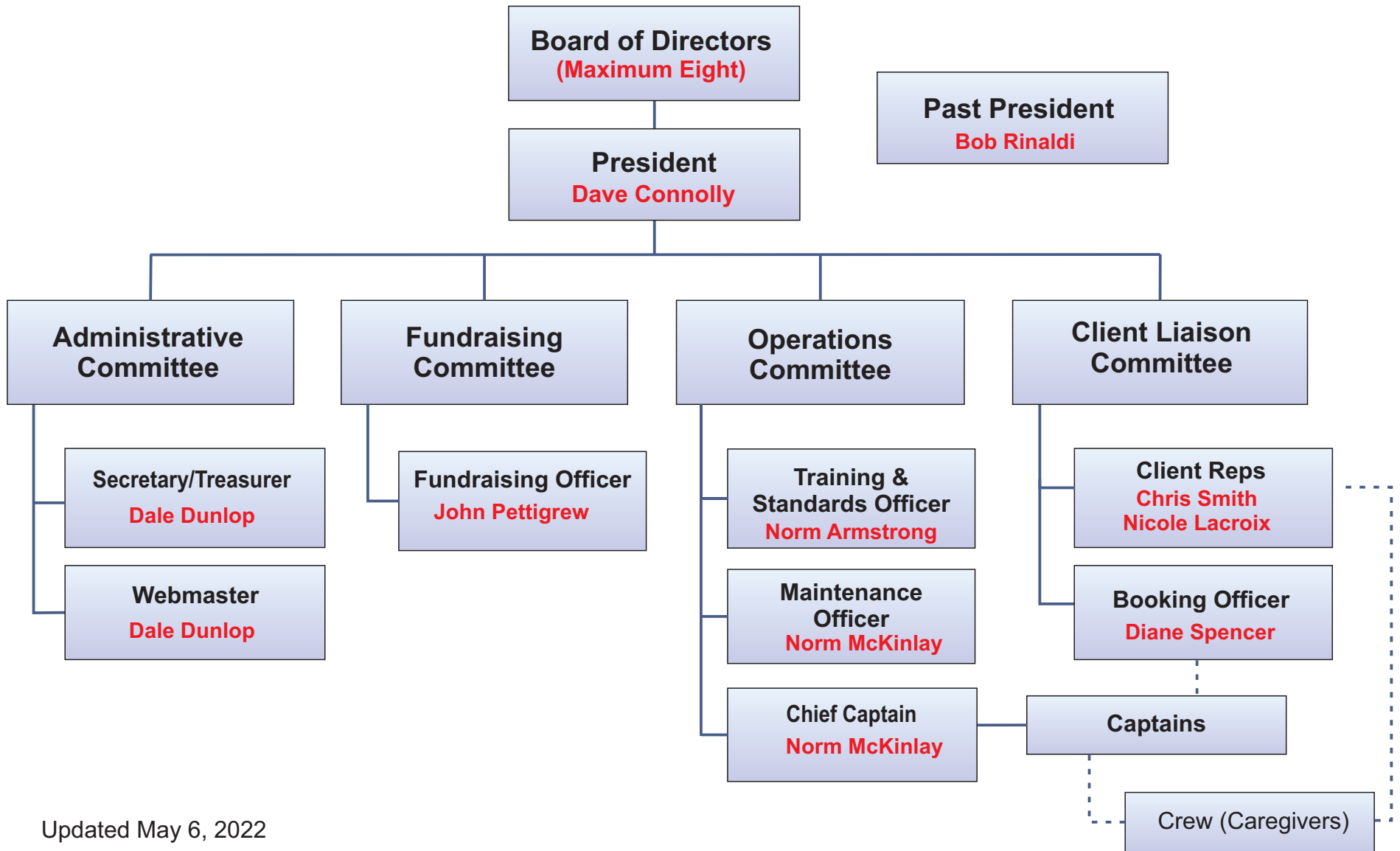
\*NOTE: Since the position of Chief Captain is automatically appointed to the Board of Directors, there will be no nominations at this AGM. His replacement will be chosen during the first Captains’ Meeting of 2022.

**Motion to maintain the incumbent board members** was carried by all.

## Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn** was carried by all.

# Okanagan Quality Life Society Board & Governance Structure



Updated May 6, 2022