

Okanagan Quality Life Society's 2021 Annual General Meeting

Your presence at the AGM is respectfully requested.

2021 Annual General Meeting

Date: WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
VIA: ZOOM Conference Call

All members will receive an email invitation to join
the May 12th Zoom meeting.



Okanagan Quality Life Society
Annual General Meeting – May 12, 2021

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Adoption of Previous AGM minutes**
- 4. President's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. First Aid**
 - b. Fundraising**
- 7. Nominations to the Board**
- 8. Life Membership Awards**
- 9. Adjournment**

Okanagan Quality Life Society

Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Date: May 12, 2020, 14:00 hours

Location: ZOOM Online Meeting

Attendees: **Members of the Board:** Bob Rinaldi, Dale Dunlop, Norm Armstrong, Clem Girard, Nicole LaCroix, Frits Van Dyl, Chris Smith

Captains: Al Beck, David Connolly, Dan Cook, Barry Eyres, Julio Ferrante, Craig Garratt, Gerald Gustafson, Len Leduc, John McSweeney, Donna O'Connor, John Pettigrew, Diane Spencer, Darrin Taylor, Corrie vanDyk, Bill West, Bob Young

Captain Candidates: Don Kreuger, Alex Dantzer

Special Guests: Ron Heuman

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by **Bob Rinaldi**.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Dale Dunlop. Seconded by Barry Eyres. Carried.

Adoption of Previous AGM minutes

Motion by Dale Dunlop. Seconded by Al Beck. Carried.

President's Report

President **Bob Rinaldi** welcomed and thanked all members and guests for coming to the AGM.

2019 Season – *2019 was the most successful year we've had in a long while. We had no major upsets, no flooding, no smoke, good weather. Everything went according to plan.*

Regular events and sailings occurred as they should have, thanks to Dale Dunlop, Diane Spencer, Norm Armstrong, Tom MacKay, Frits Van Dyl, the Board and of course all of the captains.

*A big thanks to **Fritz Van Dyl** and his wife **Geri Sherwood** for hosting the **Captain's Appreciation BBQ** in their beautiful home, by all reports a very successful and enjoyable evening.*

2020 Season and COVID-19 - *At our April board meeting the decision was made to cancel operations for the coming season. It isn't a desirable decision, but it had to be made. Obviously, our operation involves the most vulnerable – we couldn't expect to expose our clients or our captains. Based on the information we have at this time, we can't see "social distancing rules" changing in the near future and consequently we cancelled. Everything will be kept in place to continue our operation next year.*

Heaven Can Wait Program Statistics - **Bob Rinaldi** presented the statistics for the 2019 season.

Coming Retirement - Finally, **Bob Rinaldi** announced that he had been president for five years, and that 2020 would be his last year. He will be happy to serve as Past President and advisor to anyone is willing to take on the position of president next year.

Treasurer's Report

Dale Dunlop presented the **2019 Year-End Financial Report** and the **2019 Fundraising and Donations** report, both of which are retained on file.

Special mention was made about the **Coldstream Women's Institute**, an organization which, for the sixth year in a row, has made a generous donation of \$1000 to our Heaven Can Wait program. We are very grateful to them for their ongoing, kind support.

Membership Dues – because the 2020 season has been cancelled, all memberships have been extended until the 2021 season. If members wish, however, to make a small donation, they may do so by e-transfer to oqlsinfo@gmail.com or through our website www.oqls.org via the “How to Donate” button.

New Business

New Board Structure

At our year-end board meeting, the Board made the following decisions:

- To increase the maximum number of directors from six to eight.
- To strengthen our ability to raise funds by creating a permanent, dedicated **Fundraising Committee**, headed up by a member of the Board.
- To make **Chief Captain** a member of the board. The person in this position will always serve as an important liaison between the Board and the teams of captains.

The *Governance and Policies* document has been updated to reflect these changes, and has been posted to our website.

See the *Updated Organization Chart for 2020* at the end of these Minutes.

Nominations

Current Board Members

- **Bob Rinaldi**, President
- **Dale Dunlop**, Secretary/Treasurer
- **Norm Armstrong**, Director
- **Clem Girard**, (Retiring) Director*
- **Chris Smith** (Heron Grove), Director
- **Nicole LaCroix** (Noric House), Director
- **Frits Van Dyl** (Chief Captain), Director

* **Clem Girard** has been a valued and respected member of the board since 2009. With his many community connections and diligent efforts, Clem has contributed to the continuing success of the Okanagan Quality Life Society.

We will miss him as a director, but we will see him again as a captain next season, and we are sure he will be a valuable source of mentorship and inspiration to the newly created Fundraising Committee.

New Nominations

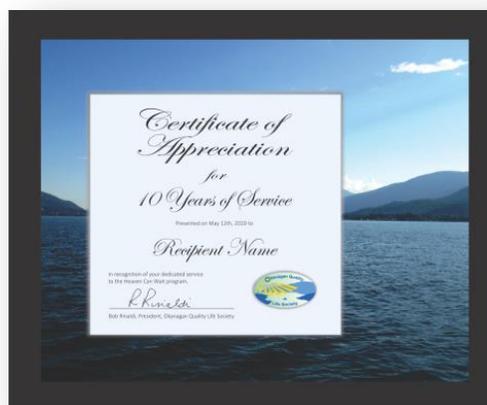
- **Corrie vanDyk** has accepted a nomination to the board to replace Clem Girard.
- **John Pettigrew** has accepted a nomination to chair the fundraising committee.

No other nominations were received from the floor.

Motion to move forward with this Board composition by **Frits Van Dyl**. Seconded by: Clem Girard. Carried.

Life Membership Awards

A lifetime member has ten years of service with OQLS has served as captain and/or board member, and actively participates in OQLS activities.



This year’s Lifetime Membership Award recipients are wonderful examples of the calibre and character of people who volunteer with our Heaven Can Wait program. They are people who give generously of their time and energy, who care about, and improve the lives of others.

This Year’s Honoured Recipients:

- **Craig Garratt**
- **Julio Ferrante**
- **Corrie vanDyk**
- **Dan Cook**
- **Colette LaPlante**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was carried by all.

Updated Organization Chart for 2020

Okanagan Quality Life Society Board & Governance Structure

