

North Okanagan-Shuswap Green Party AGM Agenda

Minutes of Online meeting

12 August 2020

The AGM was held online via Zoom meeting.
Korry Zepik called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Quorum was met by 28 members including six board members (Korry Zepik, Gareth Ainslie, Heather Clay, Jane Weixl, Sarah Elliman, Daniel Stark) and 22 members from around the region. There were also 2 guest speakers for a total of 30 participants.

Guest introduction

Heather Clay introduced the guest speaker Hon. Elizabeth May MP for Saanich Gulf Islands and former leader of the Green Party.

Elizabeth May presented opening remarks to the participants. This was the first evening of her holiday and she took leave from the AGM at 7:40 PM.

Agenda

Korry Zepik asked if any items should be added to the agenda and there were none.
Motion to accept the agenda as presented moved by Heather Clay seconded by Jane Weixl.
Carried. (vote by online poll)

Minutes of the 2019 AGM are on the EDA website and were circulated previously. Moved by Sarah Elliman and seconded by Jane Weixl to accept the minutes as presented. Carried .

Financial Report

Gareth Ainslie presented the Financial Report for the period ending June 2020. The EDA transferred \$8500 to Marc Reinartz election campaign in 2019. Marc received 10.6% of the vote and since this was above Elections Canada threshold of 10%, the EDA received a refund of 60% of expenses. There is now \$12,640.43 in the bank account at the end of June 2020.

Motion to accept the Financial Report moved by Korry Zepik seconded by Daniel Stark.
Carried.

CEO Report

Korry Zepik reviewed past activities including helping Marc Reinartz with his campaign, participating in the winter carnival as Daniel's inspired version of the John Lennon – Yoko Ono Bed-In from Montreal 1969. He also thanked previous board member Jim Boyd for his work.

Vote for the new board

Motion to ratify the incumbent board members Heather Clay, Sarah Elliman and Daniel Stark and Jane Weixl moved by Keli Westgate seconded by Doug Clay. Carried.

Motion to accept nomination of Kevin Babcock, Marianne Wolters, Angie McLaren and Richard Smiley as a board members. Moved by Heather Clay seconded by Gareth Ainslie.
Carried.

Motion to elect Heather Clay as Chief Executive Officer of the board, moved by Keli Westgate seconded by Sarah Elliman. Carried.

Motion to elect Marianne Wolters as Financial Agent for the board, moved by Heather Clay seconded by Jane Weixl. Carried.

Handing over chair

Korry Zepik passed chair of the meeting to Heather Clay.

Heather discussed election readiness and the great opportunity for a green candidate.

Keynote speaker

Heather introduced Sue Young who is from Vernon and is convenor of the group Renewing Democracy Through Cooperation. The presentation was on Electoral Reform. Sue made it clear there is a pressing need for a National Citizen's Assembly to achieve a fairer voting system without the influence of politicians.

Comments from the floor

Keli Westgate spoke about getting involved with other groups and broadening our reach. Regular messaging is important, sharing is good so others hear our voice. It is important for the public to know we are the voice of reason. She will continue doing instagram and social media while we train others to help. Keli also mentioned Dimitri Lascaris, one of the leadership candidates is coming to Vernon on Sunday at Kin Beach 4 PM.

Marc Reinarz told the group that he has been quiet since election dealing with personal matters. He is going to start communicating on social media and try to get more notice in the future.

Heather thanked Marc for running and for raising our profile in the last campaign. It is a large riding and hard to get around the entire district. It is our intention to establish two groups in the future working together, one in Vernon and one in Salmon Arm.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Korry Zepik and seconded by Gareth Ainslie.

Meeting closed at 8:45 PM

Minutes by Heather Clay from Zoom recording of session