

## **NOS Green Party AGM - March, 13 2024 - Minutes**

Call to Order at 7PM

Present: **Voting members:** Julia Beatty, Jim Boyd, Doug Clay, Heather Clay, Andrea Gunner, Janet Parkins, Janet Pattinson, David Price, Lawren Richards, Blair Visscher, Jane Weixl – quorum of 7 achieved

**Non-voting:** Bridget Burns, Tristan Cavers, Ian McDiarmid, Rana Nelson

Welcome remarks – Heather Clay

Land acknowledgement – Andrea Gunner

Introduction of Guest speaker – Heather Clay

Rana Nelson from Revelstoke, past candidate for Kootenay-Columbia

Rana presented engaging information on her experience running in the Kootenay-Columbia electoral district - what she enjoyed, major issues, recommendations and resources.

### **Favorite Things**

- Talking to people – people really appreciated it. Rana’s approach “Tell me what is important to you”. Even conservatives enjoyed the conversations.
- Regional work

### **Major Issues**

- We need Proportional Representation – “I want to vote green, but I want my vote to count.”
- Situation in Ottawa
- Forestry/Logging – keeping food on the table, just transition
- Caribou – maternity pens

### **Recommendations**

- Have a thick skin
- Have fun – inject humor and joy
- Candidate do as much door knocking as possible
- Social Media – hire a student
- Spend Money – Rana spent \$5,000, had more and could have spent more
- Start Early – connect with members in each community a couple of months in advance
- Recruit Volunteers – Rana had 3-4 in each community, and needed more
- Get a Driver
- Ask for Help

### **Resources for the next candidate**

- Paper Files on each community

- Signs
- Green Shirts - for volunteers at events
- Data Analysis - done by Andy Shadrack of Kaslo
- Polling Data from past elections (Bridget has)

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Approve Agenda** - M/S/P

**Approve 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes** - M/S/P

**CEO Report 2023** - Heather Clay

We were active in 2023! Getting out in the community, getting noticed and having fun!

### Activities:

- Earth Day “Forests and Wildfire in a Changing Climate - Rekindling Indigenous Stewardship” well attended and valuable
- Pride Parade - August
- Frack Free BC - Save Our Summers event in July
- Fracking the Peace Film - working with the non-partisan Wilderness Committee - well attended, great discussion, powerful and moving
- Federal Electoral Boundary Redistribution - Previously Janet presented to the Electoral Boundaries Commission in Vernon and David in Salmon Arm. Our recommendations were accepted and utilized.
- Vernon-Lake Country-Monashee Electoral District is new and will need an EDA. Blair lives in this new district and hopefully other board members will be found when the boundary changes take effect.
- Fund distribution - the new EDA will need its own bank account and signers. The GPC has no policy on fund distribution when electoral district boundaries change or a new electoral district is created. It is up to the involved districts to determine how to allocate funds.

**Financial Report** - David Price - M/S/P

See David’s NOS EDA Financial Report and Annual Balance Sheet

**Appoint Auditor** Culver and Company for 2024 financial year - M/S/P

**Nominations for Board of Directors** - election officer Janet Parkins

1. The outgoing board was thanked for all their hard work and great teamwork
2. Each board candidate had an opportunity to introduce themselves and speak about why they want to be on the board
  1. David Price
  2. Janet Pattinson
  3. Tristan Cavers

4. Blair Visscher
3. The candidates were informed that Elections Canada requires each EDA board to have a CEO and a FA. Once the board is elected the board will select a person to fill these two positions.

**Election of New Board of Directors** - new board (as listed above) elected

**New Business**

Next EDA board meeting will be Thursday, April 4 at 7pm

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Janet Parkins