

**CommunityWise Resource Centre  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES May 21st, 2015**

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**Minutes:** Erin McFarlane

- Guests invited to arrive at 6:00pm. Sign-in and nametags at door. Food and beverages provided. Human bingo icebreaker activity.
- Green Footprints Art Unveiling presented by Bill Aitken.

**1. Meeting called to order by Seth Leon (Facilitator and Board Executive Committee Member) at 6:26pm**

-Seth thanked Arusha for sound equipment, Programming Committee, volunteers, Staff Collective, Board of Directors for all the time and energy coordinating this event.

**-Introductions made (name, organization):**

**Members:** Jessica McCarrel (Kaffeeklatsch); Crys Robinson (BGCC); Kevin Allen (Individual Member); Ernesto Gudino (VCAC); Wendy Treschel (BB4CK); Rork Hilford (Fairy Tales); Karen Huggins (Project Ploughshares); Greg Lang (JAWS); Kim Brown (JAWS); Dak Nyuon (African Sudanese Association of Calgary); Sid Felinum (Calgary Outlink); (Aboriginal Friendship Centre); Reg Tiangha (Gear Station); Mussi Yemane (Eritrean Canadian Community Association)

**Non-Members:** Josh Carter (former CommunityWise practicum); Rachel Nielsen (Money Mentors)

**Board of Directors:** Courtney Robertson (Community Member); Sierra Love (Community Member); Tove Engebretsen (Community Member); Lori DeLuca (Community Member); Rick McFerrin (Two Wheel View); Seth Leon (ACCA); Sally Truss (This is My City)

**Staff Collective:** Erin McFarlane; Son Edworthy; Philip McCutcheon; Jian Hong

**2. Proposal to approve agenda as presented**

**-Amended proposal to swap agenda items #6 and #8 and approve amended agenda, recognizing that some Board Members need to leave early.**

-14 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**3. Proposal to approve minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

-14 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**4. Business arising from the minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting**

-No business.

**5. Presentation of 2014 Audited Financial Statements**

-Son Edworthy explained that due to the 2014 Audited Financial Statements not being prepared in time by the auditor, there will be a Special General Meeting (SGM) directly preceding the first meeting of the 2015-2016 CommunityWise Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to present and approve the 2014 Audited Financial Statements.

**-Proposal to conditionally accept Audited Financial Statements until June 17, 2015 Special General Meeting (SGM).**

-15 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**-Proposal to request Cory Lockhart to audit next year's 2015 financial statements.**

-15 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**6. (previously agenda item # 8) Acclamation of new Board**

-Seth explained process and referred to Bylaws:

*In the event that the number of available positions match the number of board nominees, and each nominee meets the criteria of the board of directors, the new board will be acclaimed by the membership of CommunityWise at the AGM. Each member organization receives one card to participate in the meeting process.*

-Seth called to the front of the room new and returning board members in attendance:

- Reg Tiangha (new, Gear Station)
- Ernesto Gudino (returning, VCAC)
- Sally Truss (returning, This is My City)
- Rick McFerrin (returning, Two Wheel View)
- Lori DeLuca (returning, Community Member)
- Courtney Robertson (returning, Community Member)
- Sierra Love (returning, Community Member)
- Tove Engebretsen (returning, Community Member)
- Seth Leon (returning, ACCA)

**-Seth: Proposal to Acclaim new Board**

-Clarification sought around board selection process

-Application process happened prior to AGM; call-out went out in email to members

-Son requested that Seth first read out regrets from new members and returning:

- Corinne Craig (new, Seeds Connections)
- Susan Bareshinbone (new, Aboriginal Friendship Centre)
  
- Ginger Carleson (returning, Untitled Arts Society)
- Curtis Boudreau (returning, SMART Recovery)
- Brett Mason (returning, Calgary Outlink)

-Thank you and farewell to departing board members:

- John Brooks (Chinook Historical Society)
- Tony Grimes (Gear Station)

**-Seth re-stated proposal to acclaim 2015-2016 Board if Directors**

-7 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**7. Proposal to approve Bylaws 2015 (see amendments attached)**

-Change from "External Member" to "Associate Member"

-Greg Lang pointed out that some attendees had incorrect version of the Bylaws

-Mussi Yemane suggested change to 7.2 – "Associate" instead of "External"

-Kevin Allen asked for clarification on how many people make up Executive Committee = 3

-Sally Truss asked how much it costs to change Bylaws = \$25

**-Amended proposal to accept changes to Bylaws 2015, including update to 7.2.**

15 in favour. 1 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**8. (previously agenda item #6) Annual Report – 7:00pm**

-Presented by Staff Collective: Son Edworthy (Staff Collective Report); Philip McCutcheon (Membership &

Facilities Report); Jian Hong (Financial Report); Erin McFarlane (Programming & Collaborative Framework Reports)

**9. Member Recognition**

-**Sustainability Award** – Big Pal Glen (not present)

-**Spirit of CommunityWise** – The Alex Home Base (accepted by Alena Rose) and Prospect Zine Project (not present)

-**Spirit of the Old Y** – Eritrean Canadian Community Association (accepted by Mussi Yemane)

-**Active New Tenant Member** – Fairy Tales (accepted by Rork Hilford)

-**Active New External Member** – Calgary Magic Circle (accepted by Dan Stephenson) and Project Ploughshares (accepted by Karen Huggins)

-**Collaborator** – Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids (accepted by Wendy Treschel)

**9. Announcements – 7:42pm**

-Reminder of Green Footprints event on June 4, 4-8pm.

**10. Seth Leon proposed to close the meeting at 7:50pm**

-15 in favour. 0 stand aside. Consensus reached.

**11. Outside to take a photo**

**12. Bingo/cake/mingle** – draw for Human Bingo prize (one free Common Room rental – Sid Felinum)