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Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting
September 15th, 2022
via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board: Christine Gordon (Chair), Don Danbrook (Treasurer), Anthony Chan, Jane, Stillwell, Terry Leblanc

Participants: Aditi Shah, Alex Carey, Amir Shakiba, Barbara Yost, Barry Arana, Bruce McKinnon, Caleb Harrison, Carrie Tailleir, Eric Allas (Auditor), Erin Kriter, Evan Mutrie, George Astrakianakis, Gerry Rennie, Heather Morrison, Janice MacDonald, Jeff Stanfield (Entertainment), Kaileen Selig, Kris Hunter, Linda McGowan, Monica Gartner, Philip Jewell, Rain van der Kamp, Roger Jones, Sally Scott, Tarin Harris, Tim Schober, Zosia Ettenberg,

TFL Staff: Ean Price, Joan Kluge, , Marie Cambon, Miranda Whitely, Nicole Whitford, Richard Harrison, Ruth Marzetti, Taylor Danielson

Regrets:

Art Yonker, Wayne Pogue, Ken Kramer (Secretary), Chris Marks, Benson Au, Kyrsten Polsky, Susan Dessa,

1. Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Christine Gordon introduced herself, welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming to our third virtual AGM.

2. Zoom Etiquette – Taylor D.

Christine introduced Taylor Danielson who presented a Zoom etiquette and polling overview.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: To approve and accept the AGM agenda as presented.

Moved by: Don Danbrook

Seconded by: Jane Stillwell

All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last AGM held September 16, 2021.

Motion: To approve and accept the previous year's AGM minutes from September 16, 2021, as presented. No questions were tabled.

Moved by: Roger Jones

Seconded by: Don Danbrook

All in favour. Carried

5. Chair's Report – Christine Gordon.

The Chair's report focused on an eventful year with multiple challenges. TfL rose and faced the challenges of the Philip's recall following the advice of Dr. Jeremy Road. A PROP reorganization has helped integrate all components of TfL to work together more effectively. We have had to suffer the loss of Nancy Lear our Peer Lead who arrived from the East coast achieving everything she set her mind to. It was extremely hard to lose Nancy.

Thanks to the Board who were hands on in many areas this year. Special thanks and good-bye to two Board members Terry LeBlanc and Don Danbrook. Don has been actively engaged as our Treasurer and has been vital to our staff. Terry has been a remarkable human being, so important linking our members to the technology provided by TIL and always so caring to everyone he meets.

Ruth Marzetti navigated the ship with grace and humour and an amazing connection to people. The Board expressed admiration for the way Ruth worked through this year's challenges. The PROP Team co-leads Miranda and Sherry have done magnificently bringing new PROP team members on board and establishing policies and procedures. The Board wanted to let them know just how important they have been to the organization and how much we respect the work that they have done.

Dr. Jeremy Road is retiring in November. He has been with PROP since day one, the only medical professional who stood by us and convinced so many others to support us. He has had to work very hard this year on the Phillips' recall and we deeply appreciate everything that he has done over the years. TfL is looking forward to working with Dr. Aditi Shah, the person Dr. Road chose to replace him, which speaks volumes about her attributes.

The Chair concluded with a special thanks to the Peers - Taylor Danielson, Ean Price and Nicole Whitford, who have stepped up and filled in so beautifully to replace Nancy Lear. We are a stronger and a better organization given the challenges that we faced this year and we are more dedicated to our mission than ever before.

6. Executive Director's Report – Ruth Marzetti

Ruth talked about the unity between the three pillars of TfL (PEERS/PROP/TIL). We have spent a lot of time together and worked on unity, integrating our services this year. She touched on how much we all miss Nancy and was thankful for Ean, Taylor and Nicole for taking the team forward. The valuable partnership with Paul Gauthier and Chris Hofley at IFRC has helped build a strong community through the Pathways program where 75-100 people take part each month. Moving people from Pearson to Cambie Gardens has been an integrated team effort. Peers on Pages will be offering another course and attendees were encouraged to sign up with Monica Gartner.

We have many new corporations and foundations supporting TfL work. Our long-term partnership with Kinsmen and BC Rehab continues to allow us to provide door openers for individuals in the Open-Door Program.

TIL and PROP both offered educational components through WE Talk Tech on YouTube and the trach and vent training courses. Huge thanks were given to our PROP Team leads Miranda and Sherry who have had a significant positive impact with the tremendous help of Liz Goodfellow and Dr. Road. Thanks to Melody Burton who has helped us with communications for the Simon Cox Competition for the past 3 years. Rodel and Seka were thanked and congratulated for their 20 years of service.

A special thanks to the Board for all their support and mentorship involved in the massive undertaking of replacing all the Philip's equipment and numerous other challenges. It is a moment of pride for the organization that we worked through this year.

Ruth also thanked the staff for their dedication and hard work and the members for their participation.

Video of two youth in the YAT program was premiered

Video - JACO Robotic Arm Demonstration featuring Taylor Danielson premiered

7. Treasurers Report – Don Danbrook

Don briefly commented on the auditor's report, which was issued without qualification. He presented the audited financial statements as of March 31st, 2022. TFL is in a solid financial state and in a position to improve services to members. All Health authorities contribute to equipment funding and Vancouver Coastal Health contributes to our

operating budget. Erik Allas TFL's auditor from Tompkins Wozny gave advice to members on what to focus on in financial reports. He pointed out the big investment in equipment this year due to the recall. Auditors found the accounts to be in very good shape. Christine answered questions regarding funding. Tfl is going to be looking for compensation from Philips. We are looking at ways to finance our Youth Assistive Technology initiative through foundations and corporations. The Simon Cox Competition has started to get some corporate followers.

8. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements – Don Danbrook

Motion: To accept the audited 2021/2022 financial statements as presented by Tompkins Wozny LLP for Technology for Living as presented.

Moved by: Don Danbrook

Seconded by: Terry LeBlanc

Carried

9. Motion to Appoint Auditor for 2022 - 2023.

Motion: To appoint Tompkins Wozny LLP as auditors for 2022-2023 Tfl financial statements

Moved by: Don Danbrook

Seconded by: Anthony Chan

Carried

10. Election of Board of Directors.

Anthony introduced the current board members for re-appointment: Ken Kramer, Jane Stillwell, Anthony Chan, and Christine Gordon, as well as new candidates Linda McGowan, Chris Marks, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison and Evan Mutrie.

Don Danbrook and Terry LeBlanc are stepping down.

Anthony called for nominations from the floor. No nominations after the third call.

Motion: To accept the current slate of candidates as presented by Anthony for the year 2022-2023.

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Christine Gordon

Carried

The slate of Christine Gordon, Anthony Chan, Don Danbrook, Ken Kramer, Jane Stillwell, Linda McGowan, Chris Marks, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison and Evan Mutrie were elected.

11. Other Business:

None

12. Thank You, Closing words, and Adjournment

Thanks were expressed to the technical crew of Ean Price and Taylor Danielson, for shepherding us through this online process. Thanks to everyone for attending. Musician Jeff Standfield entertained after the meeting adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Christine Gordon

Seconded by: Terry LeBlanc

All in favour. None Opposed. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm