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Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting

September 19th, 2024

via Zoom

In Attendance:

Board: Christine Gordon (Chair), Caleb Harrison, Anthony Chan, Jane Stillwell (Secretary), Alex Carey, Evan Mutrie, Vivian Garcia, Linda McGowan

Participants: Sally Scott, Tarin Harris, Tim Schober, Natalia Moe, Doug O'Dwyer, Monica Gartner, Heather Morrison, Donald Miyazaki, Jordan Foster, Patrick Matiowski, Dr. William J. Freeman, Raymond Price, Elizabeth Oliveira, Kathy Miller, Rick Lipus, Tracey Tabata, Roger Jones, Kent, Cadogan Loftsgard, Murray Whyte, Kirsteen Main, Stephen Boren, Simerjit Dhaliwal, Gerry Rennie, Clara Chalifour, Jenny Pan, Tom Cretain, Lillian Dunbar, Mary Ann Wilson, Erik Allas, Donald Miyazaki, Bruce McKinnon, David Hill, Kent Cardigan Loftgard, Maggie Thompson

TFL Staff: Ean Price, Nicole Whitford, Richard Harrison, Ruth Marzetti, Taylor Danielson, Elizabeth Goodfellow, Robin Whyte, John Nguyen

Regrets:

Jeremy Road

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 fifth virtual and 19th 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: Roger Jones

Seconded by: Will Freeman

All in favour. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from last AGM held September 14, 2023.

Motion: To approve and accept the previous year's AGM minutes from September 14, 2023, as presented. No questions were tabled.

Moved by: Linda McGowan

Seconded by: Jane Stillwell

All in favour. Carried

5. Chair's Report – Christine Gordon.

The theme of the Chair's message was gratitude for all of the people who work to uphold the vision and mission of the organization.

The Board of Directors. Jane Stillwell for her work in fund development, Vivian Garcia for her passion with the Balance and Simon Cox Competition, Evan for his knock-out work as Chair of the Simon Cox committee, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison and Anthony Chan for their skillful work on Finance and filling the big shoes of our late, much loved Treasurer Don Danbrook, Jeremy Road for his work educating the medical community, Linda McGowan for her work on Equity Diversity and Inclusion. The Board and its representative, the Executive Director, ensure that the organization lives up to its vision and mission and ensures sound financial and administrative stewardship.

TFL Staff. The Chair thanked the PROP team for the amazing job they've done in welcoming the newest members of our community, people living with Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome (OHS). The TIL team were applauded for staying at the leading edge of technology. The Peer Team was congratulated for their innovation, the cooling vests project, the youth gaming tournament and workshops for Seniors around the province.

The Administration team. The Chair thanked Tfl's administration team for their essential contributions to keeping Tfl functioning smoothly and effectively. Richard Harrison was called out for special recognition for the stellar work that he does staffing Board Committees and the hard work of fundraising.

Tfl members. The Chair thanked the members for their leadership and direction. She acknowledged the loss of a Tfl member, Elizabeth Rathbun, who passed away this summer: Elizabeth was a wise woman with a formidable career in publishing and a passion for music. Elizabeth was a frequent participant in many TFL activities. Those who met her were grateful to have known her

Executive Director. Final words of gratitude were expressed to Ruth Marzetti, our Executive Director. Ruth was acknowledged for her positive her positive leadership with staff and members. Ruth has all the attributes to keep this the caring and loving organization that Simon Cox imagined.

6. Executive Director's Report – Ruth Marzetti

Ruth talked about the work of the peers highlighting their work on the Cambie Gardens Project and the cooling vest project. The Peer team have also been attending conferences and workshops doing presentations. Upcoming endeavours include the Peers on Pages project and travel planning with confidence workshops on Vancouver Island thanks to the Victoria Foundation. A Peer Hub is held first Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. The Balance Newsletter has four extra pages since last year.

TIL has 983 members currently. The BiomedS were integral to the success of the Simon Cox Event. The team has ventured into accessible gaming, purchased a new 3d printer thanks to Stuart Belkin Educational Fund and the Kinsmen Society of BC. The Youth Assistive Technology project, serving 10–18-year-olds, is an extension of the great work TIL has been doing for many years.

Tfl partner, the Kinsmen Foundation, had their 2024 Golf Tournament, which contributes to the Automatic Door Openers. Along with the generous support of BC Rehab Foundation Tfl was able to install 25 door openers around the province last year.

PROP currently has 928 active members. The PROP team produced new educational videos and educational on-line modules for members. Dr. Aditi Shah has taken over from Dr. Road as the medical advisor. The PROP team currently travel throughout the province and have been working on an OHS & COPD pilot project.

Ruth finished with a thank you to Christine Gordon who has devoted so much of her energy, leadership and time to establish and grow Technology for Living.

7. Treasurers Report – Anthony Chan

Anthony gave a summary report around the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31st, 2024. We had an exceptionally clean audit of our fiscal year, and the auditor did not present any significant concerns. Overall, we are in a healthy financial position. TFL's auditor Erik Allas was introduced and provided an overview of the audit process and its positive findings.

8. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements – Anthony, Caleb, Alex

Motion: To accept the audited 2023/2024 financial statements for year ended March 31, 2024, as presented by Tompkins Wozny LLP for Technology for Living.

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Monica Gartner

Carried

9. Motion to Appoint Auditor for 2024 - 2025.

Motion: To appoint Tompkins Wozny LLP as auditors for 2024-2025 Tfl financial statements

Moved by: Anthony Chan

Seconded by: Linda McGowan

Carried

10. Election of Board of Directors.

Caleb introduced the current Board members for re-appointment: Jane Stillwell, Anthony Chan, Christine Gordon, Linda McGowan, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison, Evan Mutrie Vivian Garcia and Dr. Jeremy Road.

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

Motion: To accept the current slate of candidates as presented for the year 2024-2025.

Moved by: Caleb Harrison

Seconded by: Monica Gartner

Carried

The slate of Christine Gordon, Anthony Chan, Jane Stillwell, Linda McGowan, Alex Carey, Caleb Harrison, Evan Mutrie, Vivian Garcia and Dr. Jeremy Road were elected.

11. Other Business:

None

12. Thank You, Closing words, and Adjournment

The Chair expressed thanks to the technical crew, Taylor Danielson, for shepherding us through this online process. She also thanked Chris Marks for his work on the Board as he steps down from the Board due to health concerns. Thanks to everyone for attending.

Monica Gartner gave a presentation on her life and her passions after the meeting adjournment.

Motion: To adjourn the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Moved by: Heather Morrison

Seconded by: Alex Carey

All in favour. None Opposed. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm