

OUR PLACE SOCIETY (OPS)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 919 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC V8V 3P4

September 18, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Present:	<p>Chair: Diana Butler.</p> <p>Board: Ernie Quantz (Vice Chair), Andrea Jakeman-Brown (Treasurer), Scott Daly (Acting Secretary), Susan Haddon (Past Chair), Susan Abells, Lauree Austin, Bill Cantelon, Carine Green, Linda Ryder, Ansley Tucker.</p> <p>Regrets: Karen Adams, Neil Berger, Brett Hayward.</p> <p>Members: Owen Anderson, Larry Pederson, Dawn Williamson, Pat Vickers, Robert Krause, Linda Hughes, Carolyn Crippen, Diane McNally, Jane Bond, Audrey McLennan, Judy Beinder, Joanna Wilkinson, Patricia Walker, Patricia Panteleyev, Kate Evans, Gord Rees, Helen Hughes, Ted Hughes, Jan Drent, Janice Drent, John McEown, Margaret O'Donnell, Francisca Cartenga, Terry Edison Brown, Selma Sheldon, Ian Robertson, Alistair Craighead, Aline Mortimer, Regan Shrumm, Susan Henderson, Michael Real.</p> <p>Management: Don Evans, Le-Ann Dolan, Alf Eamer, Grant McKenzie, Dana Young, Linda Polmear, Marion Hoadley, Jeremy Ball, Jordan Cooper, Patricia O'Byrne, Clayton Ealey, Sarah Potts, Bob Frank, Johnny Brogan, Al Smart, Tracy Campbell, James Nadeau, Christine O'Keefe, Jeet Sindu, Joel Roszmann, Liane Arseneault, Steven Seltzer, Oceanna Hall, Joseph Daunhauer, Harvey Alphonse.</p> <p>Additional visitors and residents attended.</p>
1. Welcome and Opening	Board Chair Diana Butler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed all present to the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Butler acknowledge staff and Board members in attendance.
2. Prayer	Reverend Ansley Tucker gave an opening prayer.
3. First Nations Welcome	Harvey welcomed all present to the territories and shared a healing song.
4. Introduction of Front Table	Butler introduced those at the front table including Scott Daly, Acting Secretary for the meeting as Board Secretary Brett Hayward is away; Susan Haddon, Chair of the Board's Development Committee and past Board Chair; Andrea Jakeman-Brown, Chair of the Board's Finance and Audit Committee; Don Evans, Executive Director of Our Place; and Larry Beatty and Kent Fullerton of Grant Thornton, Our Place's auditors.

5. Declarations of Quorum	A quorum was declared as there were 41 members present, which is more than twice the number of Board members holding office on the day of the meeting.
6. Approval of the Agenda	<p>Motion: That the agenda for the 2018 AGM be approved. Moved by Pederson, seconded by Haddon.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
7. Chair's Report	<p>Butler reported that Our Place has worked effectively on many fronts serving the most vulnerable people in the community. In addition to over 60 programs and the successful launch of a 12 week employment program, over 100 people have been successfully transitioned out of shelters and into permanent housing. Staff have also responded to the overdose crisis with the overdose prevention site in the courtyard now closed with the opening of a new supervised consumption site next door operated by Island Health.</p> <p>In addition to all of this is the imminent opening of a therapeutic recovery community. None of this could have been achieved without the leadership, dedication and support of many – staff, volunteers, donors and funders.</p> <p>Butler went through Board priorities for the coming year and thanked retiring Board members Karen Adams, Bill Cantelon, Linda Ryder, Scott Daly and Susan Haddon.</p>
8. Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes	<p>Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 20, 2017 be approved as presented. Moved by Abells, seconded by Ryder.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
9. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements	<p>Treasurer Andrea Jakeman-Brown introduced Director of Finance Alf Eamer who went through the audit financial statements. He highlighted the auditor's opinion that the statements have met standards.</p> <p>Cash equivalents are down from last year with the establishment of the Our Place Foundation and the transfer of long-term assets to it. Eamer answered questions from members on deferred contributions, capital and operating reserves and plans for funds in the Our Place Foundation.</p> <p>Motion: That the audited financial statements as presented be approved. Moved by Jakeman-Brown, seconded by Ryder.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
10. Appointment of Auditors	<p>Motion: That Grant-Thornton be appointed auditor for the next financial year. Moved by Jakeman-Brown, seconded by Pederson.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
11. Special Resolution	<p>Susan Haddon, Chair of the Board Development Committee, introduced a Special Resolution to extend Diana Butler's term on the Board of Directors for a further year as she has served more than the three consecutive terms allowed in section 5.3 of the Society's by-laws.</p> <p>Special Resolution: To approve Diana Butler's term for a further year. Moved by Cantelon, seconded by Austin.</p>

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<p>12. Board Development Report</p>	<p>Susan Haddon stated that the Board Development Committee is responsible for recruiting and scrutinizing possible candidates for nomination to the Board. This year, 6 directors are recommended for election to serve a two year term.</p> <p>Our Place Society’s Board Development Committee presents Andrea Jakeman-Brown and Brett Hayward for re-election as they have reached the end of their two year term and Lori Beaulieu, Margo Goodhand and Patricia Walker for election to their first term. In addition, Lauree Austin was invited to join the Board in a unanimous Board motion in July and needs to be affirmed by members.</p> <p>Motion: To move the nomination of the following persons: Andrea Jakeman-Brown, Brett Hayward, Lauree Austin, Lori Beaulieu, Margo Goodhand and Patricia Walker for election to the Our Place Board of Directors. Moved by Tucker, seconded by Abells.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>With the nominations so moved, it has been Our Place’s practice to conduct the election via secret ballot.</p> <p>Motion: That the election of Directors be carried out by secret ballot. Moved by Ryder, seconded by Abells.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Haddon then explained the voting process. Auditors will count the ballots once votes have been cast. The meeting adjourned briefly at 7:50 for voting.</p>
<p>13. Guest Speaker – Honourable Judy Darcy, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions</p>	<p>The meeting reconvened at 7:59. Butler introduced Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Judy Darcy and went through her background.</p> <p>Minister Darcy thanked Our Place for its leadership and compassion, stating that it was an example for the entire province to follow. Darcy spoke about the opioid crisis and immense and complex reasons behind it. There are no quick fixes and no one path to hope.</p> <p>Darcy acknowledged Our Place as the first overdose prevention site on Vancouver Island and said the next step is transforming the system of care. Innovation is what Our Place is all about and the Minister is excited about the upcoming therapeutic recovery community. We need to send a message that addiction is not a moral issue but rather a health issue. Our Place has always lead by example with action, with care and with compassion and she applauds the amazing work being done.</p> <p>Evans thanked Minister Darcy and presented her with a gift.</p>
<p>14. Results of Board Election</p>	<p>Butler announced that the auditors had confirmed that all persons nominated to the Board were elected with a majority vote.</p> <p>Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Haddon, seconded by Abells.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

<p>15. Family Stories</p>	<p>Executive Director Don Evans thanked the Minister for an inspiring speech. The reason staff work here and supporters donate is that lives are changed. Evans invited Rick to share his story.</p> <p>Rick described his experience with the Next Steps employment program which he found to be a multifaceted program that reintroduces you to work. He has been working for a good company for about a month and there is a lot of follow up and support. He said there are a lot of different reasons why people are in the situation they are in but it was nice to work as part of a team and watch people grow. Rick thanked program director Jeremy Ball, Don Evans for the vision and the supporters of Our Place for making it a reality.</p> <p>Evans thanked Rick and invited Carlos to speak.</p> <p>Carlos ended up at First Met overnight shelter after a family crisis. He always felt welcome and people show great care. While he wasn't sure he could get work with his health conditions, he got support to try. He now works at Our Place and has a place of his own. He said we often give things a monetary value but there is no price for what is offered here – unconditional love.</p>
<p>16. Message from Executive Director Don Evans</p>	<p>Evans went through a presentation of the Therapeutic Recovery Community. Those who are homeless often end up in jail – up to 60% of those in jail are homeless. This is complicated if addiction is involved. Our Place has been working on this since September 28, 2013 as a response to a community need. Evans went through the process, supporters and vision for the community. Healing comes from community.</p> <p>Evans thanked everyone in attendance for their continued support.</p>
<p>17. Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion: That the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Haddon, seconded by Pederson.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>OPS Annual General Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Chair: Diana Butler Secretary: Scott Daly </p>