

Granthams Wharf Association – AGM 2021 – Minutes

06 November 2021 - online via Zoom

1. Welcome & Tech. – Tony (4:00)

President Tony Bonnici welcomed all participants, advised that the meeting was being recorded and introduced the agenda.

2. GWA Board – Cheryl (4:05)

Cheryl Malmo introduced Janet Young as a new board member and made a motion for the AGM to endorse the 2021 board as follows:

- Tony Bonnici, president
- Cheryl Malmo, vice-president, fundraising
- Ann Oosterhuis, treasurer
- Chris Robertson, director
- Janet Young, secretary, communications

The motion was seconded by Susan Kimm Jones and approved unanimously.

Tony noted the board's interest in finding two more directors: One who would be in charge of coordinating GWA activities and a younger person or new resident who could deliver a fresh perspective. Tony also expressed appreciation for the work of three people who are not directors but work closely with the board on various projects: Mike Bothma (project manager), Luke Vorstermans (wharf maintenance) and Marlin Hanson (tech advisor).

3. Wharf Report – Tony (4:10)

Several wharf issues emerged in 2021: the ramp, damaged by two deadheads, had to be repaired; cotter pins between the floats were removed or lost on two occasions, and the main rope to the dolphin became shredded. End-of-season mussel scraping was accomplished quickly on the beach at the harbour.

A hand-painted sign was erected on Marine Drive to discourage speeding, thanks to the efforts of the West Howe Sound Community Association, Maria Giltrow, Jeanne Fike, Miyuki Shinkei, and Aaron Malkin.

More work is required on the ramp, to reset the tracks and replace the block at the end of the track. The wharf needs new connectors that are difficult to disengage. We already have and heavy rubber mat to cover the gaps between the floats. And a new industrial rope to secure the floats to the dolphin was donated by Clayton Walsh.

Tony thanked Mike Bothma, Bruno Huber, and other community members who have helped maintain the wharf during the past year.

The board has obtained quotes for two projects: Cleaning up the hillside above the patio, along the boat rack and on both sides of the walkway (\$1,650) and replacing the handrails and posts leading from the parking area to the patio (\$4,000). Both projects are pending possible collaboration with the owners of 808 Marine Drive, which would reduce costs. A decision is expected before the end of the year.

Other new projects include the creation of two historical panels, construction of another simpler 2-level boat rack just above the patio on the hillside, installation of a couple of benches, and repairs to a hole at the bottom of the concrete stairs on the north side of the patio.

4. Historical Panels – Betty (4:20)

Betty Huber provided details about the plan to erect two historical panels at the wharf – one about Squamish Nation history and one about the European settlement. Betty, as lead researcher, has met with Matthew and Ali at the local museum and is working closely with Chris Robertson to collect information about the Squamish Nation. Chris assured the meeting that the Squamish Nation will be involved in developing content, noting he's been in touch with the Squamish Lillooet Cultural Centre in Whistler and will be working with a Squamish cultural coordinator on details.

Once final drafts of the two panels are completed - and before printing - a PDF copy will be sent to GWA members for feedback.

5. Membership Report – Tony (4:25)

The 2021 membership report notes an increase in GWA membership but, with 46% of households paying GWA dues, a slight decrease from previous years. The boat rack, the hillside, and the dinghy dock are full and all fees have been collected.

6. Financial Reports – Ann (4:30)

Ann provided a financial report for the year ending Dec 31, 2020 and an interim report for Jan 1 to Oct 31, 2021.

7. Fundraising Report – Cheryl (4:45)

Cheryl presented a report on the Granthams Painting fundraising initiative. Some items are still available for purchase but as of this date, the initiative has produced a profit of almost \$1,000 for the GWA.

8. Q&A with Membership – ALL (4:50)

The meeting was opened for questions. Concerns were raised about the possibility of knotweed on the hillside. Tony said he would raise this concern with the company contracted for cleanup. A question was asked about the future of 808 Marine Drive but little light could be shed.

Mary Burns thanked Tony for agreeing to serve as president for another year.

Tony closed the meeting, noting that everyone is looking forward to the day when we can once again meet in person.

Minutes written by Janet, based on Zoom meeting video, and confirmed by Tony.