

Granthams Wharf Association

AGM 2022 – Minutes

16 October 2022 at Eric Cardinal Hall

Welcome

President Tony Bonnici welcomed all participants (approx. 35 in total), explained that the meeting is being held at Eric Cardinal Hall instead of Granthams Hall because the latter was booked, and showed several lost-and-found kitchen items that were left at the Granthams Day event.

1. GWA Board

Cheryl Malmo introduced the board and made a motion for the AGM to endorse the directors:

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

The motion was approved unanimously. Cheryl also appealed for new board members as we need an activities director and would appreciate the involvement of someone who is younger and/or new to the community.

2. Wharf Report

Tony outlined work done on the wharf this year, which included fixing the ramp by adding new wheels and replacing the track. The gap between the floats was covered with 2"x12" boards and a heavy rubber mat. Clay Walsh gave the GWA an excellent price on a new industrial rope to secure the floats to the dolphin

Thanks to the four-member crew that helped haul in the floats. Mussel scraping was accomplished quickly on the beach and the floats have been stored at a new location beside the community hall for their winter hibernation.

Other improvements this year included the installation of new handrails and posts along the stairs, extensive cleanup of the ivy and blackberries on the hillside and construction of benches on the patio. We hired a contractor to do some of the work because of the difficulty in getting volunteers during the pandemic. Tony extended special thanks, followed by a round of applause, to Mike Bothma and Bruno Huber for leading much of the wharf work.

The first of two historical panels was installed, with the second, describing the Squamish history in this area, expected to be completed early next year. Thanks was given to Betty Huber, the mastermind and key researcher for this project.

Future construction plans include a simple two-level boat rack to supplement the existing one and a bench halfway down the stairs if possible. We are also looking for ideas for repairing a hole at the bottom of the concrete stairs on the north side of the patio.

Tony thanked Nicky and George Grafton for donating to the GWA the data projector in use at the AGM and an anonymous donor who gave us a like-new BBQ for community use at the wharf. The utensils and cover were included but users must bring their own propane.

3. Membership Report

The membership has climbed to 286 this year from 270 last year. By household, the count is 185. However, the number of paid households is only 64, which is 35 per cent of the total. The boat rack is at capacity with 19 users. The dinghy dock accommodates six.

4. Financial Report

Ann presented the 2022 financial report up to Oct. 6, which shows a deficit of \$4,786.49. The board wants to address this but doesn't want to raise membership donations or watercraft fees. Other possibilities include reducing gardening and maintenance work by using volunteer work crews, encouraging more households to pay the annual donation and seeking greater participation in fundraising events.

Chris moved a motion to incorporate the \$5,275 that was raised for the new Granthams Hall into the GWA budget since the hall costs were covered by the SCRD. Mary Burns, who had chaired the hall fundraising committee, noted that a good portion of that money was raised through a 2016 concert by the late David King and suggested a plaque might be erected in his memory. Tony has contacted the five individual donors and all agreed to the money re-allocation. The meeting voted unanimously in favour of using that money to further beautify the wharf area.

5. Fundraising Report

Cheryl, in presenting the report, noted that Grantham Wharf paintings and cards are still for sale. The latest fundraising effort will be the screening of an award-winning movie called Bye Bye Blues at Heritage Hall on Oct. 27. The GWA is considering creating more Granthams t-shirts as a fundraising initiative in 2023.

6. Membership Q&A

There were no questions and so the meeting concluded.