

Granthams Wharf Association

AGM 2024 – Minutes

2 November 2024 – 6pm – Granthams Community Hall

Following a potluck supper, president Tony Bonnici welcomed the 44 GWA members and guests in attendance and introduced board members: Treasurer Ann Oosterhuis, vice-president Janet Young and key fundraiser Katherine Wilton. An appreciative round of applause was given to the board and to Ann* and Janet who are retiring this year.

1. GWA board 2025

Tony announced that Vince Olfert has agreed to be the new treasurer, although he was not in attendance due to a work commitment. He also announced that Katherine will be vice-president of the 2025 board.

Adrian Young moved a motion to accept the new board. The motion was seconded by Vicki Cairns and given unanimous approval by members.

2. Wharf report

Tony thanked Adrian and Bruno Huber for the work they did in the spring to reinforce the bracing on the dock. He also mentioned that a plan is being developed that will make it easier to move the ramp up onto the pier for storage. That work is set for spring.

Thoughts are also being given to the floats, which are getting old and will likely have to be replaced, at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000, within the next five to ten years. With that future expense in mind, the board recently transferred \$5,000 from the operating fund to the capital fund, bringing the latter to \$17,000.

3. Membership report

The GWA email list has 232 email addresses in its roster, which reach 305 individuals (since some people share email addresses). Of the approximately 325 households in Granthams (using a generous boundary definition), 196 households currently receive GWA emails. Of that number, 81 households – 41 percent – have made GWA donations in 2024 so far. That's the largest number ever, though it's not the largest percentage, which was 52% in 2019.

Tony noted that the wharf is for use by the entire Granthams community, whether or not people have contributed to the maintenance costs.

4. Financial report

Ann presented the 2023 financial report and the 2024 interim report.

- In 2023, the organization had an operating surplus of \$1,185.
- So far in 2024 (Jan 1 – Oct 24), the GWA has an operating surplus of \$3,292
- The GWA operating balance as of Oct 24 was \$14,927.
- The GWA capital cost fund is now \$17,000.

Tony noted that these figures do not include towing charges for the removal of the floats this fall.

Lee Turnbull made a motion to accept the financial report and it was seconded by Hans Kuhlmann. Approval was unanimous.

5. Members Q & A

The only issue raised was about dues and whether they should be increased from the current level of \$50 per year. While there seemed to be agreement that the fee should be raised, there were mixed views about whether it should be increased to \$60, \$75 or \$100 per year. Some suggested that while it should be raised, those who never use the wharf or can't afford to pay more could stick with \$50. Tony said the board would consider the suggestions and let members know via email of its decision.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by three fabulous games of bingo with gift card great prizes (thanks again to Katherine!) for first and second place winners.

***Addendum – 5 Dec 2024**

Ann Oosterhuis has graciously agreed to stay on as a board member to help with the Treasurer transition and other GWA board efforts.