

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, June 18, 2011 – 2 p.m.
The Company House
2202 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS



Attendance:

- Members
 - Matt Numer
 - Kirk Furlotte
 - Christina Hunt
 - Doug Bungay
 - Curtis Cartmill
 - Curtis Lawrence
 - Mary Ann Daye
 - Nathaniel Smith
 - Tim Hughes
 - Rosie Porter
 - Adam Sterling
 - Sean Foreman
 - Hugo Dann
 - Kevin Kindred
 - Kyle DeYoung
 - Anita Louise Martinez
- Guests
 - Nesta Yeo
 - Marion Steele
 - Sheena Jamieson
 - Jane Moloney
 - Matthew Campbell
 - Bobbi M

1. Welcome

- a. Called to order at 2:06 by Matt Numer
- b. Matt called for change of agenda; Issues roundtable moved to post-adjournment so that there will be more time for discussion.
 - i. Curtis Cartmill moved to approve changes.
 - ii. Second by Nat Smith
 - iii. Approved by consensus

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Moved by Curtis Cartmill
- b. Seconded by Hugo Dann

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting – June 29, 2010

- a. Moved by Sean Foreman
- b. Seconded by Curtis Cartmill

4. Annual Activity Report – Matthew Numer, Chair

- a. Tabled 2010-2011 Annual Activity Report
- b. Communications

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- i. Highlight: federal election survey
- c. Elders
 - i. Highlight: work with Northwood
- d. Gala
 - i. Last year: Eric Smith won Darlene Young Community Hero Award
 - ii. This year: Matt Alber as keynote speaker and performer. A concert by Alber will follow the next day at the Company House. (Spoken to by Curtis Cartmill)
- e. Law Reform
 - i. Kevin Kindred: update on works with NS Barrister's Society
- f. Elders
 - i. Lynn Murphy spoke to growth of group; over 100 members in less than one year.
- g. Other highlights from Annual Activity Report
 - i. Success of the Q104 social campaign
 - ii. March's LGBT Community Development Conference – full report to be posted online this summer.
 - iii. IDAHT rally created in partnership with a number of community groups.
 - iv.
- h. Vision for the future
 - i. Fundraising: Matt sets a new revenue goal of \$75,000 to provide stability.
 - ii. Board structure: we've moved successfully to a committee system where board meets only every second month (or as needed)
 - iii. Community centre:
 - 1. NSRAP has put in an offer to take over Safe Harbour's community events/programs.
 - 2. NSRAP has put in an offer to take over Safe Harbour's space at Veith House.
 - 3. A private sponsor has offered to pay for first year of rent, so little risk for NSRAP.
 - 4. Veith House can provide office space, community space and staff services.
 - 5. Matt hopes that this space can be a connecting point for other services. Eventually, this could become its own organization.
 - 6. Discussion by members of the benefits of Veith House as a possible gathering space.
 - iv. Elders: "There is still a lot of work to be done." – Matt
 - 1. Need to clarify between social group Elderberries and NSRAP responsibilities.
 - 2. Matt hopes for online training and an archive of stories for LGBTQ residents of care facilities.
 - 3. Training will lead to an official "ally" certification.
 - v. Membership:
 - 1. Membership will now run from July 1st, if you signed up after March.
 - 2. Elite membership group – monthly donations will help NSRAP with stable income.
 - 3. Board members are encouraged to each find five Elite Members.
- i. Hugo spoke to other events:
 - i. Reception for Bill Siskay
 - 1. Matt advised information will be added to annual activity report

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5. Financial Report – Sean Foreman, Treasurer
 - a. Sean commented on the growth of NSRAP since its beginning
 - b. Kevin brought up the issue of our “education fund.” Previously administered through Safe Harbour, donations could be tax refundable if money was directed to education. With the closing of Safe Harbour, we are looking at a separate system to continue to be able to offer donations.
 - c. Sean tabled financial statements for the year, ending March 31, 2011.
 - i. Sean Foreman moved to approve financial report.
 - ii. Curtis Cartmill seconded.
 - iii. Motion is carried.

6. Election of the new Directors of the NSRAP
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Matthew Numer
 - ii. Sean Foreman
 - iii. Curtis Cartmill
 - iv. Kirk Furlotte
 - v. Doug Bungay
 - vi. Margaret Denike
 - vii. Lucas Thorne-Humphrey
 - viii. Scott Comber
 - ix. Lynn Murphy
 - x. Kevin Kindred
 - xi. Adam Sterling
 - xii. Rosemarie Porter
 - xiii. Nathaniel Smith
 - xiv. Brenda Merritt
 - xv. Anne Carswell
 - b. Note: initiative for next year’s board of directors and membership base – target various non-represented communities.
 - c. Discussion on ongoing issue of directors outside of HRM; possibly finding new directors from LGBT Community Development Conference advisory board.
 - d. Concern regarding members not being aware of membership only being annual.
 - e. Discussion on financial cost of membership.
 - f. Nat Smith volunteered to chair the membership committee to address these concerns.
 - g. Curtis Cartmill moved that all 15 nominations be elected.
 - h. Seconded by Hugo Dann
 - i. Motion approved

7. Adjournment at 2:55 p.m.
 - a. Motion to adjourn moved by Curtis Cartmill
 - b. Seconded by Kirk Furlotte