

GLEBE REPORT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020
ZOOM MEETING DUE TO COVID-19

Attendance: Liz McKeen, John MacNab, Patricia Lightfoot (Chair), Jennifer Humphries, Jeanette Rive, Judy Field, Della Wilkinson, Line Lonnum, Martha Bowers, Sophie Shields, Andy Joyce, Marianne Bournes, Beatrice Keleher-Raffoul, Steve Zan (recording secretary)

The Chair started the meeting at 7 pm. The draft agenda was adopted (proposed by John, seconded by Jennifer) and the 2019 minutes were accepted (proposed by Jeanette, seconded by Della).

Chair Report: Patricia reminded the Members that the GR requires a distribution manager for residential deliveries. John MacNab has been filling in this role admirably for over a year. It was noted that Teddy Cormier and Eleanor Crowder had assumed the responsibility for the commercial deliveries. Our Social Media Coordinator transitioned from Alex Stecky-Efantis to Sophie Shields. Both have grown our on-line presence effectively (1700 Twitter followers, 800 Instagram followers, and 400 Facebook followers). Patricia mentioned that we now have decorated newspaper boxes at three locations in the Glebe and two in Old Ottawa South – all five are shared with the OSCAR community paper. Board members, Steve Zan, Patricia Lightfoot and Chris McNaught sought nominations for re-appointment and these were confirmed. Patricia closed by thanking the entire Production Team and Area Captains who delivered admirably during the past year, especially during the pandemic.

Editor Report: Liz McKeen has filled the role for six years now and began her report by thanking her team who put the paper together (Jock Smith - layout, Roger Smith, who replaced Kerry Smith, as copy editor, Peter Polgar – website, Sophie Shields– social media, and the proofreaders - Martha, Jeanette, Dorothy, Valerie, Susan, Carol and Jeanne). The GR needs a new business writer to allow us to report on commercial openings and movements in the Glebe. We now have 450 subscribers to our e-newsletter. While it is noted that paper publication was cancelled in May and June, Liz noted that many readers are happy to see us back in print again.

Treasurer Report: Line Lonnum stated that we had a surplus of \$6800 in 2019, after a loss of \$4000 in 2018, primarily driven by increases in advertising rates. The 2019 financial statements were approved (motion by Steve, second by Beatrice) and Baker Tilly were reappointed as auditors (motion by Judy, second by Beatrice).

AOB – Andy Joyce commented favourably on the artwork for the newspaper boxes. John MacNab formally thanked all the GR staff who worked hard all year, especially during the summer lock-down to deliver a high-quality community newspaper.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm (Steve Zan -recording secretary)