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**Annual General Meeting of the
Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society**
September 12, 2020
Outside at Passmore Lodge

Call to Order 2:01 pm

Welcome & introductions of Board members and staff was given by President Sally Mackenzie.

Membership Report presented by Secretary Penny Tees

At the beginning of the AGM, there were 55 voting members. Attendance at the meeting included 27 voting members, 2 guests & 1 new member, and 2 staff.

Approval of Agenda - *Moved by Merina Matthew, seconded by Helen Moorish, that the agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED*

Approval of Minutes - *Moved by Penny Tees, seconded by Lydia Kania, that the minutes of the 2019 AGM held on October 1, 2019 be approved. CARRIED*

President's Report presented by Sally Mackenzie (Appended)

Committee and Staff Reports were presented by:

Bob Inwood for the Passmore Lodge Building Committee
Sam Simpson for the Board Development Committee
Sue Harder for the Gardening Committee
Ruth Hackett for the Policy Committee
Rita Moir for the Personnel Committee
Julian Ross for the IT Committee
Huguette Marr for the Tenant Selection Committee
Joyce Johnson on Passmore Lodge and the Seniors' Outreach Programs
Tamara Smith for Slocan City Suites

*Notes of the reports are appended.

Moved by Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Linda Louise, that the President's, Committees', Outreach Program, Passmore Lodge and Slocan City Suites reports be accepted. CARRIED

Financial Report

Audited Financial Statements were presented by Treasurer Joanne Feenstra who went over the provided summary of the audit and also provided a copy of entire audit for members who wanted one.

Moved by Joanne Feenstra, seconded by Mabel Kabatoff, that the Audited Financial Statements to March 31, 2020 be accepted. CARRIED

Motion to Appoint an Auditor

There was a question from the floor that our current auditor was now working for a firm with an out-of-province head office rather than a firm who was based locally. It was explained that we were able to continue to work with the same staff who were familiar with our organization and that they were very

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responsive as well as having continuity with the ongoing finances re the building of SCS. The Board will consider this concern before the next AGM.

Moved by Joanne Feenstra, seconded by Merina Matthew, that Grant Thornton be appointed auditor for the fiscal year 2020-2021. CARRIED

Bylaw Amendments

Sam Simpson introduced the two Bylaw amendments and answered some questions from the floor. Penny reported that 18 votes (the required 2/3 of members at meeting) would be needed to pass the Bylaw and Constitutional amendments.

Moved by Sam Simpson, seconded by Ruth Hackett, that the bylaws be amended as follows: to add 12.04 to Article XII to read:

12.04 To further clarify bylaw 12.03, the Canadian charitable organization(s) referred to in bylaw 12.03 shall have aims or purposes similar to those of this Society. The Society will not alter or delete this bylaw without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.

and to have ARTICLE XIII changed (addition bolded) to read:

ARTICLE XIII - AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSE

The Society will not alter or delete the affordable housing purpose set out in paragraph (a) of its constitution **and the Society will not alter or delete this bylaw** without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission.

Motion CARRIED by more than the required 2/3 majority.

Constitutional Amendment

Rita Moir introduced and spoke to this amendment – notes appended.

Several people spoke in favour of the bylaw: Slocan Village Councillor, Madeleine Perriere who also gave an update on Slocan Village housing plans, RDCK Area “H” Director, Walter Popoff, and members Paul Wilkinson, Leo Mitrudin, and Sam Simpson.

Moved by Rita Moir, seconded by Ruth Hackett that section (a) of our Constitution be amended as follows (additions bolded):

The purposes of the Society are:

(a) To operate exclusively as a non-profit Society to provide and maintain geared-to-income residential accommodation and/or related services in the Slocan Valley and area, in order to assist **in the relief of poverty** and to support low and moderate income **households** in need of affordable, appropriate, adequate or accessible housing.

CARRIED unanimously.

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Election of Board

Sally turned the Chair over to Julian Ross for the election of officers, who identified the five directors who still have one year left in their term of office, and will not be a part of the election. Julian clarified that the board can operate with less than 12, but that 12 directors is the maximum allowed.

Julian asked Sam Simpson from the Nominating Committee to present nominees. She identified that there are six vacancies for 2-year terms, and 1 vacancy for a one-year term. Nominations have been brought from the Board Nominating Committee for:

2-year terms: Incumbents Sally Mackenzie, Huguette Marr, Joanne Feenstra, Sue Harder; and Ann Harvey.

1-year term: Mabel Kabatoff, an incumbent.

Moved by Penny Tees, seconded by Ruth Hackett, that nominations be closed.

A member questioned this motion as nominations from the floor had not been called for.

Julian then called three times for further nominations for directors and none were received, resulting in election by acclamation.

The motion on the floor re closing nominations was voted on and CARRIED.

Moved by Lois Lawrence, seconded by Merina Matthew, that the acclamations for Directors be approved. CARRIED

Recognition of Retiring Board Member Rita Moir. Sam Simpson spoke to the work, dedication and leadership of Rita Moir over the past 25 years to the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society. Rita received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Adjournment was declared at 3:43 pm

* Appended reports are in the AGM office file.

President

Secretary