



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Where: Via Zoom, hosted by Bob Lucy

When: Wednesday, 18-Nov-20, 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Cynthia Hawksworth, Sandrine Lio, Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Carl Ross, Stew Vinnels, Gary Weeks

Directors absent: none

Agenda:

Welcome

Guest speaker

Business portion of AGM

1. Determine if there is a quorum
2. Review of agenda
3. Present and adopt minutes from the last AGM
4. Treasurer's report
5. Report from financial review committee
6. Adoption of Treasurer's report
7. Summary of 2020 activities
8. Decide on next year's membership fee
9. Elect members to the Board of Directors
10. Discussion on important issues for 2021
11. Adjourn business portion of AGM
12. Social time

Open discussion

Guest speaker

The formal AGM meeting was preceded by a presentation entitled "Where Have All the Insects Gone?" by Dr. Linda Gilkeson. She discussed the alarming decrease in insect populations and some of the causes. She gave suggestions as to how the home gardener can create insect-friendly environments. Her presentation is available on her website: <http://www.lindagilkeson.ca/presentations.html>.

Welcome

Bob opened the AGM meeting at 7:10 p.m.



1. Quorum

There were sixteen members in attendance, enough to satisfy the requirements for a quorum. Bob gave a brief summary as to how the meeting would be conducted using Zoom.

2. Agenda

Bob reviewed the agenda and no modifications were proposed.

3. Minutes of last AGM

Bob presented the minutes from the 2019 AGM and summarized each item. No modifications were proposed. Stew moved, Sandrine seconded, that the minutes be accepted. Fifteen in favour, with one abstention.

4. Treasurer's report

Sandrine gave an overview of the how the FCA finances are managed. She noted that our expenditures were greater than our revenues this year. The large "miscellaneous" item was because of one-time contracts related to our priority items. For example, an arborist was hired regarding the trees at 855 Falaise Cr.

5. Auditors report

Alan Taylor summarized the audit that he and Mac had carried out. They noted the overall deficit for the year and suggested that the membership fee may need to be increased. A note explaining the miscellaneous items would have been helpful. They were satisfied that the FCA finances are being managed appropriately.

6. Adoption of treasurer's report

Cynthia moved, Stew seconded, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Fifteen in favour, with one abstention.

(Our MLA, Lana Popham, joined the meeting at this time.)

7. Summary of 2020 activities

Bob presented a list of the main activities that had been identified at the 2019 AGM as priorities for the FCA during 2020 and summarized what had been accomplished.

We had planned to draft a letter to long-time residents who are leaving our community. However, nothing was done.

A lot of effort was devoted to the proposed development at 855 Falaise Cr. A community meeting with the developer was held in January, 2020. Some of the community concerns have been addressed but parking remains an outstanding issue.



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Bob drew attention to a large development proposed for Elk lake Dr. that may have an indirect impact on our community. He wondered if the FCA should be better prepared when we are asked to respond to proposed developments.

Bob took the opportunity to point out that, as a neighbour to 855 Falaise Cr., he had not properly recused himself from discussions related to the property. Cynthia suggested that the constitution may need to be amended to better address conflict of interest and related issues.

Some progress has been made regarding the noise wall. On 29-Sep, two Directors met with Mayor Haynes who agreed to work towards getting the noise wall onto the list of Saanich priorities. To help with his effort, the FCA is preparing a background document. Lana pointed out that she will be meeting with the Mayor and will discuss the issue with him. The ministers in the new government will be known on 24-Nov and she will work with the minister responsible for highways.

With regard to crematorium emissions, the Mayor has contacted Lana and she is looking into provincial regulations.

Stew pointed out that we appreciate Lana's help with our priority items. With regard to the noise wall, it may be possible to get some funding through Infrastructure Canada.

With regard to native plants, the developer of 855 Falaise Cr. has agreed to use them in creating hedgerows between the neighbouring properties.

Parking along Falaise Dr. remains a problem during large funerals. The construction of the noise wall may present an opportunity to add additional parking along the street.

Due to COVID, the picnic had to be cancelled this year.

A successful Family Day event was held in February.

The garage sale was cancelled because of COVID.

We have continued to promote the Block Watch program. There may be only two captains in our community.

It was decided that it would not be a good idea to start a mini-library during the pandemic but we might consider it at a later date.

We hosted a Zoom seminar on the Saanich Climate Change Plan.

We have supported the development of the Mountain Road forest property as a CRD park.

We co-operated with the Broadmead community association to host an all-candidates meeting prior to the October provincial election.



A lot of effort has gone into improving Falaise Park. Stuart mentioned the bench honouring Tannis Warburton and the planting of fifteen new trees. More flowering plants will be obtained after Christmas.

Mac reviewed the FCA membership. In 2019 we had 200 members; this year we have 198. Board members go door-to-door to solicit membership fees and the feedback from residents helps to set our priorities.

8. Membership fee

The present membership fee is \$5. This year, our expenditures were greater than our revenue. The Board recommended that we increase the fee to \$10/member. There was considerable discussion of the issue but a general feeling that \$10 should be reasonable and not lead to a serious drop in the number of members. Lana asked if we have a category for associate members but we do not. She pointed out that her office will print our newsletters. Stew's office paid for the printing of the newsletters this year. Having the newsletters printed saves the Association several hundred dollars a year.

Stew moved, Mac seconded, that we increase the membership fee to \$10/member. All in favour.

9. Election of directors

Bob pointed out that we need three directors but can have as many as nine. Required positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar. Bob presented a list of those who have agreed to serve as Director. Sandrine has chosen not to serve again. Holly Holt and Alan Taylor volunteered to serve.

Bob called for a vote on the new slate of directors and all were in favour.

10. Issues for 2021

- Participate in the public hearing related to 855 Falaise Cr.
- Continue to press for a highway noise barrier.
- Address the issue of parking along Falasie Dr. during large funerals.
- Collaborate with our Mayor, Councillors and MLA on issues of importance to our community.
- Continue to work on the problem of crematorium emissions.
- Get a picnic table in the Park.
- Try to get younger people involved with the Association.
- Organize annual events, including Family Day, the garage sale and the summer picnic.

11. Adjournment

In response to a question, Bob pointed out that residents can participate in community activities without being members of the Board.

Bob will send an email to the new Directors indicating when their first meeting will be held.

Gary thanked Sandrine for her service with the Board.



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Bob adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

12. Social time

Lana pointed out that her office is hosting a drive-through Christmas event to collect socks for those in need. She will send an email with additional details.