

## **Minutes of First AGM, of Island Queers and Allies Who Care Society, S0077315**

**Sept. 27, 2023, at Pacific Gardens, 347 Seventh St., Nanaimo, BC, V9R 1E3**

1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm (this was delayed for 20 minutes, because of difficulties with using the Zoom platform).
2. Determination of a quorum. There were in fact 20 persons present and 8 more attending by Zoom.
3. Proof of Notice of Meeting. Email notices were sent to all members on August 18 and again on Sept. 11, 2023, with the necessary attachments related to Special Resolution #1.
4. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved/ Seconded by H. Backe/ K. Fetherston. CARRIED
5. Report from the President, J. Chamberlain. He reported that we have awarded almost \$15,000 to five different organizations in our first year. We have 93 members to date. Many strategic decisions have been made in our initial year of operations. We have a solid vision; are off to a terrific start and excited about our second year! Current board members were thanked for their contributions thus far.
6. Financial Statement from the Treasurer, A. Perry.  
Moved/ Seconded by A. Perry/ A. Raley that the report be accepted. CARRIED

In response to a question from B. Sharp, it was noted that will be applying for charitable status with the CRA once we have updated our documentation from this AGM with the BC Society Registry.

7. Special Resolution #1 (requiring a 3/4 vote)

*Be it resolved, as a 3/4 vote resolution of the members of "Island Queers and Allies Who Care Society", that the current society bylaws be deleted and replaced in their entirety by the new set of bylaws identified as "2023 Proposed Bylaws". [see the two attachments.]*

Moved/ Seconded by H. Backe/ A. Raley. CARRIED [26 YES votes, 0 NO votes]

8. Resolution #2 (requiring a simple majority)

*Be it resolved, by a majority vote of the members of "Island Queers and Allies Who Care Society", that the Society proceeds with the process of applying for status as a registered charity, as per the Income Tax Laws of Canada.*

Moved/ Seconded by A. Follows/ K. Herbinson. CARRIED

9. Resolution #3 (requiring a simple majority)

*Be it resolved, by a majority vote of the members of "Island Queers and Allies Who Care Society", that the Society designate the Brechin United Church Refugee Fund as the beneficiary of any unused funds in our bank accounts, in the event of the dissolution of the Society.*

Moved/ Seconded by S. LeBel/ C. Welch. CARRIED

10. Election of new directors (up to 3). New directors must be elected by secret ballot and must receive at least 50% of the valid ballots cast. [NOTE: James Chamberlain's term goes to the AGM of 2025, and three other directors (Joan Merrifield, Dan Coles, Steve LeBel) have terms that run to the 2024 AGM.]

Christopher Bate and Cathy Welch were elected.

Moved/ Seconded by K. Fetherston / H. Backe that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED

11. New Business: NIL

12. Acknowledgements: A. Perry was thanked for her work as Treasurer and Website Manager in the initial stages of the Society's operation.

13. Adjournment: Moved by J. Merrifield at 7:50 pm. CARRIED.