

## **Island Queers and Allies Who Care**

7:00 pm, Wed. Dec. 14, 2022. (Meeting of Volunteer Board, via Zoom)

Present: James Chamberlain, Andrina Perry, Joan Merrifield, Cathy Welch, Steve LeBel

1. Applications for financial support: we have one application so far, and expect 1 or 2 more by the end of Dec. 15. Applicants had 3 weeks to submit an application. James will send the relevant portions of the applications to Steve, who will construct a message for all donors to vote. There will be a 6-day window for voting.

2. Donations to date for this quarter (Q4) add up to \$3610.

3. Awarding funds: our goal is to award the funds for this quarter before Jan. 5, 2023.

4. Expanding the board: one donor has asked about joining the board. James will speak with this person to learn about their skills, and will mention that we plan to have our first AGM in the Fall of 2023. At that point, some of the board positions will be open for election. And we could decide then to expand the board. As a point of information, the first AGM needs to be held within 15 months of the society's registration (which was in Nov. 2022).

5. Board positions and terms: Initially, some positions will be for one year, some for two, and some for three. That way, the positions will be for staggered terms. At the current time, our board members and their positions and terms are as follows:

President: James Chamberlain (Term to end at AGM of 2025)

Vice-President: Joan Merrifield (Term to end at AGM of 2024)

Secretary: Steve LeBel (Term to end at AGM of 2024)

Treasurer: Andrina Perry (Term to end at AGM of 2023)

Member-at-Large: Cathy Welch (Term to end at AGM of 2023)

6. Bylaws and Constitution: After each AGM, we need to submit the minutes, including the names on the Board. There is a fee for this, as well as for changing the Bylaws.

7. Our future: Our goal is to apply for Tax-deductible status, as a charitable entity, after 4 or 5 successful quarters of activity. That way, we can demonstrate our viability and our procedures, and verify the successful applicants.

8. Other business:

(a) we need to look at the rules for charitable status.

(b) we need to create a membership form for potential members of our society, and set a fee. (Steve will draft one).

(c) we need to look at the process of issuing tax-deductible receipts, to go into effect after we attain charitable status.

(d) we need to look at revising the bylaws. This means bringing a new package of Bylaws to the AGM this year.

9. Next meeting: in March or April, 2023.