

## **SOOKE REGION FOOD CHI SOCIETY**

**Annual General Meeting 2018:** 2:15 – 3:00pm

June 10, 2018, Sunday

**LOCATION:** Sunriver Community Gardens

**Attending:** Anita Wasiuta, Britton Jacob-Schram, Gerard LeBlanc, Martin Bissig, Daniel Peiser, Cameron McGowan, Catherine Keogan (and Callum), Patricia Whiteley, Augusta Popovich, Kenny Jones, Henry MacKeigan, Jo Phillips, Bradley Hedberg, Patrick Gale, Caroline Hudson, Maeve Downey, Ellen Lewers, Paula McCormick.

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**Official Call to Order** – Anita 2:20pm

Motion made to approve the 2018 AGM agenda

Moved by Kenny Jones, seconded by Martin Bissig. **CARRIED.**

### **Introduction of Board Members**

Britton Jacob-Schram, Anita Wasiuta, Martin Bissig, Gerard LeBlanc and Amelia Shaw (absent).

### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Anita welcomed the group and thanked Bradley Hedberg for creating the strawberry shortcakes for the AGM. Anita then shared some of the highlights of 2017:

- The Grow-a-Row program once again offered to Sooke Food Bank thousands of pounds of food with financial support from the District of Sooke and the many GAR volunteers especially Paula McCormick.
- Seedy Saturday 2017 saw over 1000 attendees in five hours with thanks to the Sooke Fall Fair for preparing lunch for the attendees and vendors.
- The 2017 Apple Fest had over 500 people attending, which was lower attendance from 2016 due to the rainy weather.
- The 2017 Awareness Film Night Farm and Film Gala featured a great documentary “*The Untold Story*” together with local seed vendors and farmers.
- The Sunriver Community Orchard is continuing to produce fruit with the help of the electric fence to keep the bears out.
- The Sunriver Community Gardens’ parking lot was resurfaced and extended thanks to a financial partnership with the District of Sooke, the Sunriver Community Allotment Gardens and Food CHI.

Gerard LeBlanc, Food CHI’s participant in the CRD’S regional Food & Agriculture Strategy Task Force, reviewed the Task Force’s focus including the review of a regional farmland trust.

Martin Bissig spoke about the success of Food CHI’s Apple Press and asked for volunteers for fall 2018.

Anita reviewed the 2018 focus including funding to expand the Grow a Row program, support Farmer2Farmer learning and networking, continue with Seedy Saturday, Film Awareness Night and Apple Fest and continue building relationships with local governments, staff and decision makers.

### **Minutes - Britton**

Reviewed 2017 AGM Minutes with group, asked only those present during the 2017 AGM to approve the motion.

Motion to approve the 2017 AGM minutes, moved by Kenny Jones, seconded by Paula McCormick **CARRIED.**

### **Financial Report** – Anita on behalf of Amelia Shaw

Reviewed the financials and read out the board comments to clarify the financial statements.

- Food Chi now functions on calendar year-end
- The largest expense was the Apple Press (\$2200), and the parking lot update (\$4000 Food CHI & Allotment Garden)
- The 2017 Grow a Row contractor was paid in January 2018 and thus will appear in the 2018 financial report
- The majority of Food CHI’s funds are unrestricted funds, targeted toward direct programming.

Anita Wasiuta called for a motion to accept the 2017 Financial Report, moved by Ellen Lewers, seconded by Britton Jacob-Schram **ACCEPTED.**

**Nominations** – Jo Phillips (Member of Food CHI)

Anita thanked Britton Jacob-Schram and Amelia Shaw for their board work and dedication to Sooke Region Food CHI as they retired from the board.

Jo Phillips asked all current Food CHI board members to step down at this point before carrying on with the nomination procedures according to the BC Societies. Jo read the nominations, and asked for nominations from the floor which there was one person, Jo declared the election and called for motion to approve.

Motion moved by Ellen Lewers, seconded by Britton Jacob-Schram **CARRIED**

Declared the board elected – Martin Bissig, Gerard LeBlanc, Anita Wasiuta and Caroline Hudson.

*AGM portion of meeting adjourned, 2:55 pm.*

**Signed:**

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**Anita Wasiuta**

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**Caroline Hudson**