

Fernie Pride Society
Annual General Meeting Agenda March 9,
2020

The Spruce Room, Park Place Lodge, 742 - 7th Ave (Highway #3), Fernie BC at 6:30pm

Attending Society Members: Jennifer Asselin, Melissa Creelman, Courtney Baker, Kevin Allen, Bryan Butala, Virginie Closson, Andrea Brennan, Anie Hepher, Sara Funk, Mary Cosman

Attending Nonmembers: Aimee DeCorby, Mike Hepher, Casi-Jo LaSalle, Sarah Laverick, Gordon Sombrowski

- I. Welcome
 - a. Thank you all for coming to the Fernie Pride Society AGM.
 - b. Table introduction of AGM attendees.

- II. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting will now come to order at 6:39 PM.
 - b. This is the annual general meeting of the members of the Fernie Pride Society. Kevin Allen, acting President, will act as Chair of the meeting, Courtney Baker will be recording the minutes of the meeting.
 - c. I will chair the formal business portion of the meeting, following which there will be wine and cheese and an informal opportunity for questions, general comments, and discussion.
 - d. Quorum for this Meeting is 5 voting members in good standing. There are 10 members present, so quorum is satisfied.

- III. Approval of the Agenda

Notice having been served in accordance with the articles of the Society and a quorum being present: Motion to accept the Agenda.
Moved: Bryan Butala, Seconded: Sara Funk. Amendments: none. Unanimous.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2019 Fernie Pride Society AGM.
Moved: Jennifer Asselin, Seconded: Virginie Closson. Amendments: none. Unanimous.

- V. Presentation of Financial Statements

The next item of business is the presentation of the Financial Statements. In your documents you will see the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. I will do a quick review of both of these statements, and then there will be an opportunity for questions. 2019 was a fortunate year for sponsorships and there is currently just shy of \$24,000 of unrestricted retained revenue. Profit and Loss provides general overview of revenue and expenses for the Society. In 2019, just over \$46,000 was generated in revenue. 2019 net profit was just under \$7,800.

Comments: 2019 financial audit was not done by Gordon Sombrowski and Mary Cosman. Mr. Sombrowski has volunteered to complete this for the upcoming year.

Motion to accept the Financial Statements. Moved: Andrea Brennan, Seconded: Melissa Creelman. Unanimous.

Appointment of Auditors a)

 - a) Motion by Kevin Allen to appoint Gordon Sombrowski and Mary Cosman as financial auditors for upcoming year.
 - a. Motion to accept volunteer auditors. Moved: Kevin Allen Seconded: Melissa Creelman. Unanimous.

- VI. Election of Directors

We will now proceed with the election of directors.

 - a. Board positions are two-year terms.

- b. We currently have vacant Director positions. Kevin Allen, Melissa Creelman, and Jennifer Asselin will remain on the Board in the second year of their two-year terms.
- c. During the election the membership will vote to elect Directors to the board as Directors at Large; after the AGM the board will meet separately from the membership to elect Directors to the executive positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- d. We currently have new nominations to the board. Andrea Brennan, Anie Hephher, Dan Whillans, and Mary Cosman have expressed interest in joining the FPS Board.
- e. Sarah Laverick has expressed interest in joining the FPS Board from the floor.
- f. I declare those nominated to be duly elected directors of the Society to hold office until the next annual meeting that coincides with the end of their two-year term or until their successors are elected or appointed pursuant to the provisions of the by-laws of the Society.
- g. Election of the FPS to be made by slate with above listed names. Moved: Jennifer Asselin Second: Sara Funk. Carried: Unanimous.

VII. Annual Report

2019 Highlights: Hired Courtney Baker as administrator. Implemented the RCMP Safe Place Program in Fernie. Donated queer and trans books to Fernie Heritage Library. Worked with SD5 and SOGI representative in the high school. Hosted monthly Beers & Queers at the Valley Social. Events in 2019: TransCare 101 Workshop, decriminalization event, United Church education session, one-off education workshops. The EVPS had over 1700 attendees and Lori Bradish did another amazing job for us. And the Griz Days parade was a success and the FPS won an award and a \$100 donation.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Is there old business carried forward from the 2019 AGM. None.

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X. Adjourn

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