RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
AGM meeting minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre
12150 224th Street, Maple Ridge, B.C.

PRESENT: Don Mitchell (President), Fran Preston (Vice President), Susan Schenkeveld (Secretary), Karen Hjort-Olsen (Treasurer), Richard Newman (Director), Bobbi Duncan (Director), Angie Hodgins (Director), Margaret Attwell (Director), Gayle Lyons (Director)

STAFF: Maria Perretta (Executive Director)

LIAISONS: Tony Cotroneo (Manager, Recreation Services for Maple Ridge)

1.0 Call to order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

2.0 Confirmation of Quorum:
A quorum was confirmed at 38 members

3.0 President's Opening Remarks:
Don Mitchell welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, and acknowledged the hard work of the outgoing Board, Maria and her staff, as well as volunteers which contributed to another successful year.

Tony thanked the society for all their hard work and their contributions to both municipalities, as well as acknowledging the especially valuable contribution of the outgoing President, Don Mitchell and his enormous contribution to the two communities.

4.0 Approval of the agenda:
MOTION: Arlene Major moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Les MacMillan . **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of the minutes:
An error in the spelling of Michaels name was noted in last years (2022) minutes.
MOTION: Michael Buckingham moved that the amended minutes of September 28th, 2022 be approved. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED**

6.0 Business arising from the minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting:
It was noted that there were no outstanding business items from last year.

7.0 Reports

7.1 President's Report

Don Mitchell summarized the years' events, acknowledging that 2022/2023 was the first full year of activities post COVID. Membership numbers were rebounding, and participation in various activities continued to rise across the two centres.

7.2 Finance Committee Report

Karen Hjort-Olsen reported on last years' finances highlighting that in spite of increased food costs and staff wages, a small deficit occurred and with the development of a Board investment strategy, the finances were well managed.

7.3 Auditor Report

Craig Whyte of Paterson Schultz Volpatti Colley reviewed the Financial Statements ending March 31, 2023 as per the print out in the AGM packages echoing the significant increases in food over the past year. All the finances were in order.

8.0 Appointment of auditor for 2023-2024

MOTION: Dorothy Cornish moved that the services of Paterson Schultz Volpatti Colley as auditors be confirmed for the 2023-24 year. Seconded by Karen Hjort-Olsen. **CARRIED**

9.0 Nominations and elections.

There were no elections needed as there was one vacant Board position. Five open positions with only 4 nominations. The new Board members and returning Board members provided a brief overview of their experience and interests (Deborah through a written note) and their enthusiasm for the upcoming year.

The new Board members are
Patricia Gordon
Deborah Jamieson

Returning Board Members are
Bobbi Duncan
Richard Newman

Continuing Board Terms are
Gayle Lyons
Margaret Attwell
Karen Hjort-Olsen
Angela (Angie) Hodgins

10.0 New Business:
There was no new business.

11.0 Question and comment period:
Les MacMillan thanked Don for his dedication and contributions to the Society over the past 8 years.

12.0 Introduction of members of the new Board of Directors
Gayle Lyons
Margaret Attwell
Karen Hjort-Olsen
Angela (Angie) Hodgins
Patricia Gordon
Deborah Jamieson
Richard Newman
Bobbi Duncan

13.0 A Farewell to Don Mitchell and Fran Preston
Don and Fran were acknowledged and lauded for their dedication and wonderful service to the Society for the past 8 years.

14.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 140 pm

K. L. Hjort-Olsen

Karen Hjort-Olsen, President

Sept. 25/24

Date

G. Lyons

Gayle Lyons, Secretary