RIDGE MEADOWS SENIORS SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, Sept 18, 2025
Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre
12150 – 224 th Street, Maple Ridge, BC

PRESENT – Karen Hjort-Olsen, Bobbi Duncan, Patricia Gordon, Deborah Jamieson, Margaret Attwell, Leslie Carnie

STAFF – Maria Perretta, Executive Director

LIAISONS – Mike Hayes (Pitt Meadows Councillor), Jackie Didrikson (Recreation Program Service Coordinator Pitt Meadows)

REGRETS – Kathy Baxter (on leave)

1.0 Call to Order

- Karen Hjort-Olsen called the 26th Annual General Meeting to order at 1:05 pm

2.0 Confirmation of Quorum

- Quorum (25) was met with 30 members in attendance.

3.0 Opening Remarks

- Karen Hjort-Olsen welcomed everyone and thanked our liaisons, Councillor Mike Hayes and Jackie Didrikson for attending.

4.0. Approval of the Agenda

- **MOTION**: Don Mitchell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Don Parker. **CARRIED.**

5.0 Approval of the AGM Minutes from Sept. 19, 2024

- **MOTION**: Rose Hutchings moved to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Pat Mills. **CARRIED**.

6.0 Business arising from the minutes of 2024 AGM – No outstanding business from last year.

7.0 Reports

7.1 President's Report

- Karen Hjort-Olsen thanked staff, volunteers, Board members, RMSS members and Maria Perretta, RMSS Executive Director for the hours, energy and enthusiasm they put in that makes RMSS so special.

7.2 Audited Financial Statement by Paterson Schultz Volpatti Colley

- Craig Whyte reviewed the Financial Statements ending March 31, 2025 as per the printout in the AGM packages. He pointed out that due to the membership numbers being up, membership dues revenue was higher. All the finances were in order.
- **MOTION**: Fran Preston moved to accept the auditor report as presented. Seconded by Beth Turner. **CARRIED.**

8.0 Appointment of Auditor of 2025-2026

- Karen Hjort-Olsen reported that the Board had appointed Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte to be auditor
- **MOTION** – Les McMillan moved that the services of Dale Matheson Carr-Hilton Labonte as auditors be confirmed for the 2025-2026 year. Seconded by Fran Preston. **CARRIED.**
- Karen Hjort-Olsen thanked Craig Whyte for his ten years as auditor and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

9.0 Nominations and Elections

- Bylaws state nominations must be submitted no later than two weeks in advance of the AGM. There were no elections needed as there were five open positions and four nominations.
- The new Board member nominee and the returning Board Members nominees provided a brief overview of their experiences, interests and enthusiasm for the upcoming year.
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        - Beth Turner
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        - Patricia Gordon
    - Continuing Board Members
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10.0 New Business – there was no new business

11.0 Question and Comment Period

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    - Karen Hjort-Olsen responded that
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        - Maria Perretta, Executive Director is still working on improving the parking at Maple Ridge Centre.
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12.0 Introduction of the New RMSS Board Members present

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13.0 Adjournment

- **MOTION**- Don Parker moved to adjourn the AGM Meeting. Seconded by Don Mitchell. **CARRIED.**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.

K. L. Hjort-Olsen Oct. 22/26

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