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The Guelph Humane Society Incorporated

The 127th Annual General Meeting Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Teams videoconference

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome – Meeting Start 7:03 p.m. Shane Bateman introduced himself as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Guelph Humane Society, welcomed all present to the 127th Annual General Meeting of the Guelph Humane Society.

S. Bateman introduced the board of directors; Vice Chair Clare Wooding, Secretary Troy Ford, Treasurer Peter Tesche, Directors: Jennifer D’Antonio, Katie MacDonald, David DiMatteo, Lena Levison, Meaghan Middleton, Earla Smith, Gael van Veen, Jim Kearns, Alex Ciccone. He further introduced Executive Director Adrienne McBride and Associate Director Lisa Veit.

Motion to amend the agenda to include Bylaw Amendments and changes of the noted Auditor Report date shown as FY 2019 to 2020, as well as a change to the noted date of the Appointment of Auditor date shown as FY 2020 to 2021 – Moved by P. Tesche and seconded by C. Wooding

Approval of the Amended Agenda - S. Bateman requested a **Motion** (P. Tesche/L. Caston) to approve the agenda. **Carried.**

Approval of the 126th Annual General Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2020 - S. Bateman requested a Motion (P. Tesche/C. Wooding) to approve the minutes of the 126th Annual General Meeting. **Carried**

Amendment to Bylaws - S. Bateman reviewed the 3 amendments being presented to the Bylaws and allowed members to review and ask questions.

Motion to approve amendment to Bylaws to the number of directors from 11 to 13 within clause 16 – moved by P. Tesche, seconded by J. Kearns. **Carried.**



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Motion to approve amendment to Bylaws of the Conflict of Interest Clause shown in clause 23 – moved by G. van Veen, seconded by P. Tesche. **Carried.**

Motion to approve amendment to Bylaws of the Official address to 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd. Guelph ON – moved by G. van Veen, seconded by P. Tesche. **Carried.**

Election of Directors: S. Bateman introduced the agenda item Election of Directors. At the 2020 AGM, there was eight elected directors. They were S. Sutherland, K. MacDonald, C. Wooding, S. Bateman, P. Tesche, J. D’Antonio, T. Ford, L. Murphy.

Since this time, there have been two resignations since the annual meeting – Stephanie Sutherland and Linda Murphy.

S. Bateman introduced the directors seeking election – Jim Kearns, Gael van Veen, Alex Ciccone, Lena Levison, Meaghan Middleton, David DiMatteo and Earla Smith. One director is seeking re-election - Peter Tesche.

Jennifer D’Antonio is not seeking re-election.

Voting was conducted by proxy through email and regular mail and through a poll conducted through Menti.com.

All directors were elected by the membership.

Auditor’s Financial Report FY 2020. S. Bateman handed the floor to P. Tesche who introduced auditor B. Billings from RLB to deliver the financial statements and the independent auditor’s report.

Motion (P. Tesche/L. Caston) to accept the Auditor’s Financial Report for 2020. **Carried.**

Appointment of Auditor for FY 2021. P. Tesche **Moved** to appoint RLB Chartered Accountants, seconded by G. van Veen. **Carried.**



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Executive Director's Report: S. Bateman introduced A. McBride who presented a year in review to the membership highlighting the impacts of COVID-19, starting a low cost spay/neuter clinic, rescuing and adopting out 105 cats, continued support of wildlife and our ongoing Duke's Fund work.

Motion (C. Wooding/L. Caston) to accept the Executive Director's report to the members. **Carried.**

Chair's Report – S. Bateman presented his report to the membership. He thanked all of the volunteers and leadership with their continued teamwork. Congratulated all of those who put forth time and money in the past 10 years to get us to our new home.

Motion (G. van Veen/P. Tesche) to accept the Chair's Report. **Carried.**

Motion (P. Tesche/T. Ford) to destroy the ballots within 24 hours. **Carried.**

Concluding Remarks – S. Bateman expressed thanks to everyone for attending in Teams. He thanked Brooke Billings from RLB for presenting the financial statements. Thanked the members, staff and volunteers and most of all the community for their support.

Adjournment of the 127th Annual General Meeting.

Motion (J. Kearns/L. Caston) to adjourn the 127th Guelph Humane Society Annual General Meeting. **Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.