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The Guelph Humane Society Incorporated

The 128th Annual General Meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2022

Teams videoconference

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome – Meeting Start 6:31 p.m. Peter Tesche introduced himself as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Guelph Humane Society and was substituting in Chair Meaghan Middleton due to illness, but still in attendance. Peter welcomed all present to the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Guelph Humane Society.

Peter introduced Lisa Veit, Executive Director, Deb Lobbezzo, Director of Development and Cameron Lynk, Event & Fundraising Coordinator. Peter acknowledged the board members in attendance – Meaghan Middleton – Chair, Troy Ford – Secretary, Peter Tesche – Acting Vice Chair and Treasurer, Alex Ciccone, David DiMatteo, Jim Kearns, Lena Levison, Earla Smith and Gael van Veen. Peter also welcomed Murray Short from RLB who will present the financial statements.

Peter explained that no proxy votes were received this year.

Approval of the Agenda – P. Tesche requested a **Motion** (G. van Veen/J. Kearns) to approve the agenda. **Carried.**

Approval of the 127^yth Annual General Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2020 - P. Tesche requested a Motion (L. Caston/T. Ford) to approve the minutes of the 127th Annual General Meeting. **Carried**

Election of Directors: P. Tesche introduced the agenda item Election of Directors. At the 2021 AGM, there was thirteen directors. They were Katie MacDonald, Shane Bateman, Peter Tesche, Troy Ford, Meaghan Middleton, Jim Kearns, Gael van Veen, Alex Ciccone, Lena Levison, Dave DiMatteo, Earla Smith, Jennifer D’Antonio and Clare Wooding.



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There have been two resignation since the annual meeting – Katie MacDonald and Clare Wooding. Jennifer D’Antonio did not seek re-election and Shane Bateman’s term as Past Chair ended as of the AGM.

P. Tesche introduced the directors seeking election – Jim Pietrangelo and Michael Irwin to 3 year terms. Two directors are seeking re-election – Jim Kearns – 1 year, and Troy Ford – 3 years.

Motion to elect Jim Pietrangelo to a 3 year term carried unanimously.

Motion to elect Michael Irwin to a 3 year term carried unanimously.

Motion to re-elect Jim Kearns to a 1 year term carried unanimously.

Motion to re-elect Troy Ford to a 3 year term carried unanimously.

All directors were elected by the membership.

Auditor’s Financial Report FY 2021. P. Tesche introduced auditor Murray Short from RLB to deliver the financial statements and the independent auditor’s report.

Motion (A. Ciccone/M. Middleton) to accept the Auditor’s Financial Report for 2021. **Carried.**

Appointment of Auditor for FY 2022. J. Kearns **Moved** to appoint RLB Chartered Accountants, seconded by A. Ciccone. **Carried.**

Executive Director’s Report: P. Tesche introduced L. Veit who presented a year in review to the membership highlighting the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, the end of 46 years at 500 Wellington St location and the new facility at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd expanded our programming and capabilities. GHS was able to participate in the first cross-border transfer from the US, managed through a significant sector wide increase in rabbits, continued support of wildlife and is the first humane society in Ontario to have Farm Animal space within the facility. Lisa formally thanked the staff, all of the volunteers, the community and the supporters of GHS. Finally, she had a heartfelt thank you to Adrienne McBride for her guidance of the organization over the past years.

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



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Chair's Report – P. Tesche handed the floor to Meaghan Middleton to present her report to the membership. She first welcomed Lisa Veit as the Permanent Executive Director of GHS. She thanks Lisa for her continued commitments over the past few months in the interim role. She thanked Adrienne McBride and Shane Bateman for their tireless contribution. Lastly she thanks all of the volunteers, staff, community and supporters for their support of GHS.

Motion (J. Kearns/A. Ciccone) to accept the Chair's Report. **Carried.**

Concluding Remarks – M. Middleton expressed thanks to everyone for attending. She thanked Murray Short from RLB for presenting the financial statements and welcomed Jim Pietrangelo and Michael Irwin to the board.

Adjournment of the 128th Annual General Meeting.

Motion (L. Caston/E. Smith) to adjourn the 128th Guelph Humane Society Annual General Meeting. **Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.