

SGI Green Party AGM - 2020

Sunday, September 27, 2020, 3-4:30pm. On-line Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order by CEO Harald Hommel, Welcome and territorial acknowledgements.

2. Attendance: 40 (Quorum 25 members as counted)

3. Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party Electoral District Association

“When determined by the SGI-EDA executive as necessary or desirable, an AGM or other General Meeting may be held in whole or in part using telecommunications or online technology which allows simultaneous and real-time communication between attendees. Participation in such an online meeting shall constitute “attendance in person” at the meeting.”

Moved: Jim Hesser, Seconded: Linda Brown. 100% Approval.

4. Approve the Agenda: Moved: Shelagh Levey, Seconded: Dan Kells. Approved.

5. Approve Minutes from June 2019 AGM:

Moved: Ian Cameron, Seconded: Linda Brown. Approved.

6. CEO's Report: Harald Hommel

Events from the past year: Many volunteer hours were spent setting up offices in Sidney and Ganges, and campaigning (led by Michael Strumberger), Cordova Bay Days, celebrating Elizabeth's 65th And Not Retiring birthday with a fundraiser on SSI, the Saanich Fair, followed by two fundraisers at MAOA (Writ Around the Corner and a Birthday Party/Rally) and a BIG BIKE fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke foundation. All of this effort and hard work culminated in the successful re-election of Elizabeth in October. A Volunteer appreciation Party was held in December. All of this depends on the assistance and dedication of the SGI EDA members, and the many other supporters of the Green Party here in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

7. Federal Council of the Green Party of Canada Report: Bob McKie (newly elected councillor).

There have been many meetings, including numerous in camera meetings to address Human Resource issues, and the formation of new committees; including an Election Readiness Committee headed by Samuel Moisan-Domm samuel.moisan-domm@greenparty.ca

and an IT and Data Committee headed by Bob McKie.

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Please contact them if you are interested in joining the committees.

Bob reported there are two initiatives he plans to undertake.

The first is to communicate with GPC members throughout BC. He intended to drive about the province to meet people but Covid has made that impossible for now, although he still intends to when it is safe to do so.

Second is to connect with Young Greens and mentor them into the GPC.

Bob acknowledged that we have a wonderful Young Green as President Pro Tiem Liana Canton Cusmano

8. **Financial Report:** Sharon Forrester. 2019 calendar year. Our total donations were \$195,000. Total expenses were \$197,000 including election expenses. The major expenses of the EDA were office rental, and contractors hired as Campaign Manager, office admin and communications. Election expenses of \$99,920 were reported separately to Elections Canada, by the Official Agent. The major expenses were advertising and costs of the office during the writ period. The ending bank balance for SGI at Dec 31, 2019 was \$103,600. Financial Reports: [Campaign Expenses](#), [Income Statement](#) and [Balance Sheet](#).

All Reports Approved.

9. **Election of the New Executive**

Outgoing: Tom Mitchell, Michael Stumberger, Shelagh Levey, Dave Charles, Ellen Guttormson, Patricia Roberts.

Remaining: Harald Hommel, Dan Kells, Sharon Forrester, Linda Brown, Bob McKie

Special Recognition: Robyn Ross

Incoming, Acclaimed: Helena Murray-Hill, Karen Lindsey, Alex Pasek, Nancy Searing.

Motion to Adjourn: Bob McKie

Guest Speakers:

SGI MP Elizabeth May, OC

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen

Minutes recorded by Nancy Searing