

**SATURNA ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2022**

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 1 pm. 16 members were in attendance and quorum of at least 10 was confirmed.
2. Agenda was approved as circulated.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting June 26, 2021 by Stephen Hardy, seconded by Tony Marchigiano. **Carried.**
4. There was no business arising from the minutes.
5. President Eva Hage tabled her report and thanked the directors for the past year of service. She spoke to the challenges that the Saturna emergency services face, particularly Saturna Island Rescue and that it remains a key priority for the Board to continue to work towards a more sustainable structure. Eva announced she would not be standing for re-election. Motion to accept the President's report by Tony Marchigiano, seconded by Stephen Hardy. **Carried.**
6. Treasurer Stephen Hardy presented SIFPS Annual Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2021 prepared by Grant Thornton, Chartered Professional Accountants. He touched on a few key items: SIFPS is in excellent financial health; the loss for the year ending Dec 31, 2021 was \$24,000, which is in line with the previous year. The loss includes the non-cash costs of amortizing capital assets. The society has a very healthy cash reserve of approximately \$300,000, an increase of \$26,000 from 2020. Motion to approve annual financial statements as presented by John Wiznuk, seconded by Ron Monk. **Carried.**
7. Eva presented the Corporate and Administration Committee report in Melanie Watson's absence. She mentioned that insurance costs keep increasing and that there will be a search for a new insurance broker. Motion to accept the Corporate and Administration Committee report by Wayne Quinn, seconded by Paul Brent. **Carried**
8. John Wiznuk presented the asset management and operations report. The highlights of the year were the installation of solar system at ESB#2 thanks to a grant from the CRD (the grant was received in 2021) and the procurement of a sprinkler trailer that will be very valuable in fighting wild fires thanks to a resiliency grant. John mentioned that a

decision has been made to replace Tender 1. Tex McLeod asked if there was sufficient money set aside to pay for the purchase of a new tender. John assured him the cash reserve is sufficient and has been planned. Eva also explained the 5-year financial outlook for tax requestions that is submitted to the CRD every year takes into account planned capital replacements to ensure there is enough money set aside for the day when the asset has to be replaced. Motion to accept the Asset Management and Operations report by Tex McLeod, seconded by Stephen Hardy. **Carried**

9. Ron Monk presented the Human Resources Committee report and spoke briefly about the challenges with SIR and the possibility of looking at some form of amalgamation, what form that would take remains to be determined and will be a key priority for the next year. He thanked all the volunteers for their commitment and hard work. Motion to accept the Human Resource Committee report by John Wiznuk, seconded by Tony Marchigiano. **Carried.**
10. There was no new business, but Tex McLeod reminded everyone that Adam Olsen, our MLA, will be on island on June 15 for a drop-in session and that it may be a good idea to bring the challenges with SIR to his attention.
11. The acts of SIFPS directors between June 27, 2021 and June 3, 2022 were approved. Moved by John Wiznuk, seconded by Wayne Quinn. **Carried.**
12. John Wiznuk, on the behalf of the Board, thanked outgoing president Eva Hage for her service over the past 12 years.
13. Eva asked Wayne Quinn to present the nominees for election of the SIFPS Board for 2022-23. The nominees were:

President:	Vacant
Vice-President:	Ron Monk
Treasurer:	Stephen Hardy
Corporate Secretary:	Melanie Watson

Directors at Large:
Ian Gaines
Tony Marchigiano
Tex McLeod
Keith Preston
Peter Stolting
John Wiznuk

14. The 2021-2022 directors resigned. Moved by John Wiznuk, seconded Ian Gaines. **Carried**

15. Wayne Quinn led the election for the SIFPS 2022-2023 directors. All nominees were acclaimed in the positions listed above.

16. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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