

SATURNA ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY (SIFPS)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2021 @ 1pm

1. Wayne Quinn declared a quorum with more than 12 members present, and the meeting was called to order at 1 pm.
2. **Moved** by Ron Monk to accept the Agenda as posted on the SIFPS website and also emailed to members. **Carried.**
3. **Moved** by Eva to adopt the minutes from the Annual General Meeting of June 27, 2020. **Carried.**
4. **Business Arising from Minutes:** None.
5. Wayne Quinn thanked all for attending, and suggested a moment of silence in memory of Harvey Janszen. **Moved** to accept President's Report as posted on the SIFPS website. **Carried.**
6. **Eva Hage** thanked the Chiefs for their support during a challenging year. **Moved** to accept the Financial Report by Grant Thornton, and as posted on the SIFPS website. **Carried.**
7. **Moved** to accept the Corporate & Administration Committee Report as reported and posted on the SIFPS website and as explained by Melanie Watson. **Carried.**
8. John Wiznuk gave an update on the solar panel procedure and application for solar for ESB2. **Moved** to accept the Operations and Asset Management Report. **Carried.**
9. Deb reported that she has received a quote for equipment packages and confirmed that it is the maximum amount. Deb thanked Peter and Brent for their assistance in the grant application. **Moved** to accept the Human Resources Committee Report as posted on the SIFPS website. **Carried.**
10. **New Business:** None.
11. **Moved** to approve the acts of the SIFPS Directors for the period from June 28th, 2020 to June 25th 2021. John Hutchison commented on the stellar job being done by volunteers on the SIFPS board and the SIR and Fire Dept **Carried.**
12. **Review of the Report of the Nomination Committee** as posted and amended on the SIFPS website to reflect that Wayne Quinn has stepped down as president. **Moved** by John Wiznuk to accept the Nomination Committee Report for 2021-2022 as amended. **Carried.**
13. **Resignation of 2020-2021 Directors** All members of the 2020-2021 Board of Directors resigned their positions.
14. **Election of 2021-2022 Directors**
 - a. Nominated for **President:** Eva Hage. Call for an additional nomination was made three times and hearing none, Eva Hage is President by acclamation.
 - b. Nominated for **Vice President** Ron Monk. Call for an additional nomination was made three times, and hearing none, Ron Monk is Vice President by acclamation.
 - c. Nominated for **Corporate Secretary:** Melanie Watson. Call for an additional nomination was made three times, and hearing none, Melanie Watson is Corporate Secretary by acclamation.
 - d. Nominated for **Treasurer:** Stephen Hardy. Call for an additional nomination was made three times, and hearing none, Stephen Hardy is Treasurer by acclamation.
 - e. The following have been nominated to the **Board of Directors:** John Wiznuk, Peter Stolting, Ian Gaines, Deb Simpson, Tony Marchigiano, and Doug Hayward. Call for an additional nomination was made three times, and hearing none, all 6 were declared elected as Directors-at-Large for a total of 10 Directors.

Adjournment – Moved to adjourn the meeting. **Carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year ends my 14 year association with the Saturna Island Fire Protection Society. I am confident that I am stepping away from a group that will move forward with good leadership and commitment by those who will carry on. At the beginning of this 14 year period, I witnessed two small operations minimally funded and equipped, and volunteers working from undersized or no building facilities. Today after the initiatives of many Board members, our two volunteer groups: Saturna Volunteer Fire Department and Saturna Island Rescue (SIR) operate with quality equipment, up to date training experience, significant financing and practical and efficient building facilities.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our two volunteer leaders; Fire Chief Peter Clark, and SIR Crew Chief Vanessa Verbitsky for their commitment and dedication to provide leadership, quality service and response, sometimes under the most difficult circumstances. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who support both of these operations with their selfless contributions.

As your Board President there are a few projects that stand out over the past year and merit reference. Firstly, our solar panel installation on ESB#1 became fully operational in 2020 and to this day is achieving significant contribution to reducing our electric bill at this building by more than 40 percent. This installation was primarily funded by the federal gas tax rebate program.

Another significant achievement was our positioning a second "ambulance" at ESB#2 to serve the East Point area. The Board are grateful for the community fund raising effort in support of putting this vehicle into service.

Although not yet developed, the Board has begun a process to develop a fire training centre on Saturna so the volunteer firefighters can experience structural fires. Two twenty - foot shipping containers will be modified with windows and doors to simulate a building structure.

Also noteworthy is the Board's renewal of a three year funding agreement with Island Health who provide a financial contribution for operational support for SIR. Finally, the Board were required to convert all fire department radio systems from analogue to digital to accommodate the CREST emergency radio program for the southern Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands area. New radios have been acquired on a finance payment plan minimizing impact on annual cash flows

The Board's financial position remains solid, our buildings are in very good condition, and our fleet is well maintained and regularly serviced to be road ready when emergency calls are received.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and contribution throughout the term. It is with profound sadness that I acknowledge the recent loss of Board member, neighbour, and friend Harvey Janszen. Harvey served 7 years and maintained the SIFPS website during his tenure. He also installed plumbing and fixtures at our two service buildings. Our community at large will feel his loss.

Best wishes to our new Board going forward.

Wayne Quinn, President
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