# Canadian Worker Co-op Federation: 2021 Annual General Meeting, Virtual

## November 17, 2021, 2:30pm to 4:00pm Eastern Time.

# **Draft Minutes**

Parliamentarian: Peter Hough, Board President, <u>SSG</u>. Berwick, NS, Chair: Reba Plummer, CWCF Board President Minutes: Kaye Grant, CWCF Communications and Member Services Manager

#### Part I: Reports

1. Call to Order, and Land Acknowledgement (Reba Plummer, Board President):

*Reba called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm EST and did a land acknowledgement. Instructions and housekeeping were provided.* 

2. Introduction of invited speakers (Reba)

Hugues Bourgeois (Interim Executive Director, CMC), Alexandra Wilson (Director, Cooperators), & Francesca Zaganelli (Membership Coordinator, CICOPA) each brought greetings and remarks from their respective organizations.

3. Verify Quorum (Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director).

A quorum was declared, with 27 delegates participating.

- 4. Approve Agenda (Reba) David Daughton moved, Margaret Tusz-King seconded, Carried.
- 5. Approve 2020 AGM Minutes (Reba): Eric/Tusz-King moved, Marty Frost seconded, Carried.
- 6. Business Arising (Reba). There was no business arising.
- Reports: President, and Executive Director (Reba/ Hazel)
  Reba and Hazel delivered their reports, with the theme of "A Year Like No Other." (see Annual Report)

## Part II: Financial Statements and Budget

8. Financial Report: Presentation of audited financial statements (Evan Proven, Treasurer).

Evan presented the audited financial statements. Kelly Storie moved, Sandra Allen seconded to approve the financial statements. Carried.

Marty Frost asked a question about the write down for CCIF and where does that show up on the balance sheet. Evan deferred to Hazel who noted that CWCF is definitely concerned and will be following up. Earlier Evan had noted that this was a write down that was incurred for

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the 5 years that the fund has been active, but we have only recognized this in our current year financials.

9. Appointment of Auditor (Evan)

Motion to re-appoint Bishop and Company as our auditor next year was moved by Matt Adams, seconded by Eric Tusz-King. Carried.

10. Budget 2021-2022 (Hazel)

Hazel presented the 2021-2022 budget.

#### Part III: Elections and Resolutions

11. Resolutions (Jessica Provencher, Director)

Jessica reported that after the call for regular resolutions in the summer and the call for late resolutions, none have been received. She then asked if anyone had a late resolution to propose, but there were none.

- 12. Director Elections
  - a) Process: Evan Proven from the Nominating Committee presented the process. He reported that there are three board position up for election for three-year terms, and that Jessica Provencher had been nominated for the Quebec position, Reba Plummer for Ontario, and Sandra Allen for BC/Yukon. He also reported that Kelly Storie had been nominated for the one at-large seat with two years remaining to complete a term.
  - *b)* Facilitate Election or Acclamation of Directors. *Evan called for additional nominations, 3 times. There being none, he called for a motion to acclaim these nominees. David Thuss moved, Dawn Walker seconded, Carried.*
- 13. Seek volunteers for 2021-22:

Reba called for nominees for various CWCF committees: Juliet 'Kego, BWPW Co-op, offered to join the JEDI Committee.

14. Announce Place and Date of next AGM (Reba/Hazel): Vancouver, November 17-19, 2022

After trying for two years to get to Vancouver we have again planned for our conference to be in Vancouver next year.

15. Awards

The Worker Co-op Best Practices Award was presented to London Brewing Co-op of London, Ontario, for their practices around organics and local procurement.

The Mark Goldblatt Merit Award was presented to Eric Tusz-King.

16. Other Business / Question and Answer period / (Reba)

None

17. Adjourn AGM:

The AGM was adjourned at 3:06ET

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