



Minutes of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International, British Columbia Pond

Thursday, June 11, 2015 held at The Vancouver Golf Club, 771 Austin Avenue, Coquitlam, BC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by MLG Ian Thompson who welcomed the Ganders present. There were a total of 34 members in attendance.

INITIATION:

The following 12 goslings were initiated into the pond:

Eric Lalli, Brett Thibault, Jacob Singh, Evan Miles, David Voth, Leon Sharp, Michelle Boyd, Barzin Assadi, Francois Naudi, Lisa Nykoluk, Brandon Stevenson & Steve McDonald.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM ~ July 3, 2014:

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated. A motion by Terry McCarthy, seconded by Barry Slocombe to accept the minutes. Approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Wielder

Bryan Fitzpatrick gave his report as follows:

Total members currently = 118

Dues paying = 92

Life members = 26

An anniversary report was also provided for the coming year. Neil Mack – 10 years; Terence McCarthy – 40 years; Tim Northup – 25 years; and Barry Slocombe – 40 years.

A motion was moved by Bryan Fitzpatrick & seconded by Eric Laity to drop Dan Dudgeon, Dean Guilfoyle, Ryan McAvena & Gary Schoenhaar for non-payment of dues. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mike Sully to accept the Wielder report. Approved.

Keeper

Keith Klimko gave a report on the finances of the Pond for the year ending June 30, 2015. Our total income was \$15,070.38 and expenses were \$13,807.92, resulting in a surplus of \$1,262.46 for the year. The total assets of the Pond, represented by a bank operating account, Special Reserve Fund and Benevolent Fund, are \$18,799.35.

A motion to approve this report was made by Keith Klimko and seconded by Mike Sully. Approved.

Most Loyal Gander

MLG Ian Thompson gave his report on the past year. Thanks to the Pond and Executive for support and also thanks to the golf & curling committees as well. Our 100th anniversary is two years away and Ian discussed some of the history of our pond.



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Golf Committee – Kent Braun

Kent advised that our tournament will be held on September 11th at the Fort Langley Golf Club. The Seattle leg of the A.Z. DeLong match was held a few weeks ago at Kayak Point. Only 4 players from BC attended and we lost the match.

Bob Byrne circulated two proposals that dealt with rule changes for the Inter-Pond match. If a team cannot field at least 3 players they forfeit 3 points for each player less than 3. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Terry McCarthy to adopt proposal one as circulated.

Curling Committee – Norm Martin

Martin Moran read the report on behalf of Norm.

Participation in the lower mainland league continues to be strong as we are, and have been, at the maximum number of teams we can accommodate, 12, for at least the last 5 years. We are continuing on at the Royal City Curling club in New Westminster on Thursdays with a 5:00 PM start time.

We actually have three other people that have expressed an interest in entering teams in our league and, as such, we should still be at the maximum even if we lose an existing team for next season.

Representation at the Western Canadian bonspiel was a bit low this year for the BC pond at four teams. This is not surprising given how many teams made the effort to attend the 50 year anniversary spiel the year before in Banff. Also, this year's event was hosted by the Edmonton pond in Canmore and was moved a week later than normal. As such, a few people from BC could not attend as it overlapped with the Children's March break.

We still showed fairly well participating in a couple of event finals. The BC Tuson team won the "A" event following up on Convey's BC team winning the "A" event the year before.

Next year's bonspiel event is in jeopardy. The Saskatchewan pond was scheduled to host. They have withdrawn as hosts of the regular bonspiel as they were unprepared to host a Men's bonspiel. Saskatchewan is instead hosting a one day "funspiel" on the last Saturday in February. A number of the usual teams have advised they will not attend. Unless action is taken, the bonspiel in Canmore will be the last one and will end a 51 year run for the event.

Motion by Martin Moran, seconded by Bob Byrne to receive the report. Approved.

Following the report there was discussion on the bonspiel being men's only vs. mixed. The BC Pond is in favour of a mixed format.

Sick & Visiting – Eric Laity

PMLG Eric Laity gave his report and advised that he made 2 visits in the hospital over the last year. Please call Eric if anyone is sick and he will arrange a visit.



NEW BUSINESS

Special Olympics

Keith Klimko made a motion that we donate \$750 to Special Olympics BC. This motion was seconded by Eric Laity. Approved. Gander Francois Naudi gave \$20 to be added to the donation for a total of \$770.

Motion to amend signing officers

From: Keith, Bryan, Ian & Angela

To: Bryan, Angela, Martin & Wendy – any two must sign.

Motion was made by Keith & seconded by Mike Sully. Approved.

Grand Nest Delegates

Motion by Martin Moran, seconded by Francois Naudi to approve Angela Shears & Wendy Knizek as our Grand Nest Delegates. We pay for one hotel, one flight and two registrations. Motion carried.

Vancouver Island Puddle

PMLGG Lorena Kohlruss has moved to Vancouver Island and there is interest on the Island for setting up a Puddle. Motion by Martin Moran, seconded by Mike Sully to support the Puddle on Vancouver Island. Approved.

100th Anniversary

Our Pond is approaching a milestone and Martin Moran made a motion, seconded by Angela Shears, to form a sub-committee to plan for this event. Approved.

Model Initiation at Grand Nest 2018

Martin Moran moved that our Pond runs the model initiation in Edmonton, subject to no cost to the Pond in addition to the regular expenses we incur by sending two delegates. This was seconded by Wendy Knizek. Approved.

Grand Nest Convention – 2022 or 2023

Motion by Martin Moran to strike a committee, and advise at Grand Nest 2015 of our intentions, to explore hosting a Grand Nest convention in 2022 or 2023, with no firm commitment until the committee reports to the Pond and receives Pond approval. Motion was seconded by Bryan Fitzpatrick. Discussion on costs and our ability to handle it. Grand Nest has a convention planner that helps with costs. Edmonton committee has 12 members so doesn't require full commitment from all members. Motion carried.



MEMORIAL SERVICE ~ no members have passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS ~ the nominating committee provided their report and after three calls for nominations from the floor, PMLG Ian Thompson moved that motions be closed. The following officers have been designated for the term 2015 to 2016:

Most Loyal Gander	Martin Moran
Supervisor	Stacey Rose
Wielder	Bryan Fitzpatrick
Keeper	Wendy Knizek
Guardian	Rosa Pinto
Custodian	Mayank Anand

The installation of officers was done by PMLGG Lorena Kohlruss.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTIONS ~ It was moved by Ian Thompson, and seconded by Mike Sully, to approve all actions of directors for the last year. Approved.

PRESENTATION TO KEITH KLIMKO ~ a special presentation was given to Keith Klimko as he is stepping down after serving 10 years as the Keeper of the Golden Goose Egg.

MEETING ADJOURNED ~ The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Minutes prepared by Bryan Fitzpatrick