

## **Annual General Meeting 2015**

Held at the Saturna Recreation Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015

### **Item 1.0) Call to Order**

The President, Lee Middleton called the meeting to order at 11.00am. An Attendance List was taken and the President declared a forum, there being at least 10% of the Members present.

### **Item 2.0) Notice of Meeting**

The Notice was read and the meeting duly convened.

### **Item 3.0) Minutes of the AGM 2014**

The Minutes of the AGM of July 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 were circulated.

3.1) Note item 1.0) of the Minutes should read “quorum” not “forum”

A motion was made to approve the minutes, so amended, which was seconded and carried.

### **Item 4.0) Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

None.

### **Item 5.0) Reports**

5.1) President's Report

The President made his report, giving the history of the present feed from Orcas Internet in Washington State, and reiterating the desire from Members that an alternative provided by a Canadian supplier was sought.

A proposal has been made by “Skyway West” for such a Canadian feed, transmitted on a public frequency from Vancouver to Saturna at a monthly cost very similar to our current arrangement.

A test broadcast is being planned to confirm viability, and if proved positive, then final details on the contract terms will be sought, along with the installation costs. If all these prove advantageous then there is even scope for reviewing the monthly cost to members downwards.

An essential element to setting up any new contracts is that the Coop has proper insurance policies in place, and this will be a priority for the Board in the coming year.

## 5.2) Financial Statement

Jean Elwell, Chartered Accountant, has prepared the Financial Statement -Saturna Net Co-operative, Year ended January 31, 2015 which is appended. The Treasurer gave an overview of the report

A motion was made to approve the report, which was seconded and carried.

## 5.3) Technical Report

Harvey Jansen reported that the Coop has accrued \$60,000 over the last two years as planned to provide financing for the new mainland link and system upgrade. It is likely that the actual costs will be lower as equipment costs have fallen in the interim, although the \$US to \$CDN remains a significant variable.

A test of signal quality is being planned and the equipment required for this has been purchased. It is intended that the System Backbone will be upgraded in parallel to match the increased capacity of the new link.

## Item 6.0) Election of Directors

6.1) Ian Gaines does not wish to stand for re-election , and was thanked for his service.

6.2) The remaining Directors declared that they were prepared to stand for a further year, and since no other nominations were received they were elected by Acclamation -Lee Middleton, Bernie Ziegler, Barb Ropars, John Robertson, James White, Tom Haggar, Michael Pierce, Harvey Janszen.

## Item 7.0) Special Business

None

## Item 8.0) Unfinished Business

None

## Item 9.0) New Business

9.1) William Douglas made a statement regarding his perceived poor treatment by some members of the Board regarding his dispute with the Coop.

9.2) A Member from the floor inquired whether Directors' Meetings were open for members to attend. The Chair confirmed that these meetings were open to members other than any session "in camera".

## Item 10.0) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12.20pm.