

Annual General Meeting 2016

Held at the Saturna Recreation Centre on Saturday 30th July 2016

Item 1.0) Call to Order

The President, Lee Middleton called the meeting to order . An Attendance List was taken and the President declared a quorum, 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 2015

The Minutes of the AGM of July 2015 were posted on the SNC website prior to this AGM.

3.1)A motion was made to approve the minutes, 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, restating the desire of the Members for an improved service with ideally a Canadian IP address and the actions that the Board have taken to achieve progress towards this goal.

Initial attempts at linking to downtown Vancouver proved unsuccessful due to the level of signal interference, but we did establish good relationships with Skywaywest and have trained our own tower climbers,(Brent Sohier and Peter Clark). Subsequently we have continued to work with Skywaywest to establish a link to Steveston to a CBC owned tower. In addition we have upgraded our current feed from Orcas Island. There remain areas of Saturna which are hard to serve due to terrain constraints and we are looking at ways to overcome these by improving our radio backbone and perhaps adding fibre optic cables.

We suffered two major system failures this year which caused serious disruption to many members, and as compensation we have made a refund. Despite external causes being to blame for one failure, we realised that we needed to augment the skills of our volunteer Board to provide better responses to such outages. We therefore appointed Michael Pierce as Manager, and retained James Clendenon of Skywaywest as an external consultant.

In the year ahead we have identified the need to further train Ryan Dentry to support Harvey Janszen in the technical field, to improve the resilience of the power supplies to the network, and to increase coverage of the island using provincial grants if applicable.

In response to questions from the floor, the President confirmed:

a) Insurance cover was out to market for quotations and should be in place soon.

b) The system has been upgraded in capacity and the intention is that all new additions will be designed to allow further capacity.

c) The Board is aware that communication to the members about the system health is poor and that a communications protocol must be high on our list of improvements this 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. She gave an overview of the report, and in response to questions from the floor stated:

a) The timescales used to write off depreciation of capital equipment was conservative and could be made shorter, but it is in line with common practice. She noted that electronic equipment was notoriously difficult to value over time. The Board could reduce the period if it desired to.

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

Item 6.0) Approval of the Actions of the Directors

6.1) A motion was made and seconded and approved.

Item 7.0) Election of Directors

6.1) The current Board resigned.

6.2) Lee Middleton, Bernie Ziegler, Barb Ropars, John Robertson, James White, Tom Haggar, Michael Pierce, Harvey Janszen, confirmed that they would stand for a further term.

6.3) Ron Lewis was nominated as a candidate for the Board.

6.4) There being no further nominations the following were declared elected as Directors of the Board -) Lee Middleton, Bernie Ziegler, Barb Ropars, John Robertson, James White, Tom Haggar, Michael Pierce, Harvey Janszen, Ron Lewis.

Item 7.0) Special Business

None

Item 8.0) Unfinished Business

None

Item 9.0) New Business

9.1) Thanks were given to Harvey Jantzen, Ryan Dentry, and Michael Pierce for their efforts over a difficult year.

Item 10.0) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2.00pm.