

COMMUNITY FIRST HEALTH CO-OP
MINUTES OF THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE NELSON LEGION BRANCH #51 BUILDING
JUNE 13, 2017, 7:00 PM.

Registration - Commenced at 6:30 pm. Sixteen members and two guests have registered.

Speakers - Pegasis McGauley introduced Rick Turner, Co-chair BC Health Coalition who spoke on the current BC Supreme Court challenge to Canadian needs-based health care. He outlined this constitutional challenge launched by Dr. Brian Day in 2009, who is the owner of Vancouver's for-profit Cambie Surgery Centre, and who is known for unlawfully billing patients and public funds. The B C Government, together with the B C Health Coalition and Canadian Doctors for Medicare who are interveners in the litigation, is mounting a strong defense against Brian Day's clinics in court to preserve our Canadian public health care system. The audience submitted many questions to Mr. Turner at the end of his presentation.

Intermission - The audience was invited to enjoy home-made baked goods and refreshments before the start of the Annual General Meeting.

Commencement of Annual General Meeting - A quorum was confirmed of more than 15 members.

Adoption of Agenda - The June 13, 2017, AGM agenda was accepted as circulated.

Approval of Minutes of last AGM - The minutes of the June 14, 2016, AGM were approved.

Nominees for Directors - Pegasis McGauley, Chair of the Community First Health Co-op (CFHC), thanked the members of the Board that have left. There are two resignations being Lynn Adams, a long-time Board member active in the Wellness Centre and Resource Centre, and Lynn Goodison, who has been working on our elder care committee. Three board members who have reached their six-year limitation and are required to take one year off are Eric Ramsden, Marion Hunter and Pegasis McGauley.

Pegasis introduced five nominees for new directors - Jacqueline Carr, Mia Gardiner, Sarah Popoff, Doug Stoddart, and Debby Zeeben. These positions are for a three-year term on our Board of Directors. They were acclaimed to the Board by the members in attendance.

Reports - Sharon Browning on the **financials** to March 31, 2017, with an increase in revenue over March 31, 2016; Debby Zeeben on the **Nelson and Area Wellness and Education Centre** thanking all the volunteers and contractors for their efforts to keep the building operating; Marion Hunter on the **Health Fair** this past April with its theme on mental health. On Saturday, this was held on World Health Day. This year a Friday night panel was held by three mental health workers, and on Saturday the Wellness Centre provided all-day mental health sessions on information and prevention. The plan for next year is to have various organizations in Nelson offer health and wellness information, etc. at different venues throughout town so that more people can take part; on her representation for CFHC on the **Upper Columbia Co-op Council** and the many different co-operatives in the area; Eric Ramsden on our **website, blog and Facebook** page and also our radio interviews; Barry Nelson on **West Kootenay Community TEETH Clinic Society (TEETH)** and its overwhelming success since inception and the expansion of dental procedures in clinics outside of Nelson. At present, there is a long waiting list. Pegasis mentioned that Lonnie Facchina, who is travelling at this time for the MS Society, is the founding director for the **BC Association of Community Health Centres** of which CFHC is a member. Pegasis also mentioned that Lynn Goodison on our Elder care committee is the Home Help co-ordinator for Seniors Coordinating Society. At present, there are 55 clients being helped with a sliding scale for fees.

Nelson Chamber of Commerce Award - CFHC was awarded "Professional Services Excellence" and the award was passed around the audience.

Auditor - Resolved as a Special Resolution by members of the Community First Health Co-op at their Annual General Meeting held June 13, 2017, that pursuant to section 109 of the Cooperative Association Act, the Co-op hereby waives the appointment of an auditor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm with the statutory meeting scheduled for Friday, June 16, 2017.