

# Minutes RVA 2017 AGM

February 7, 2017

**Present:** John Shearer, Tino Bevacqua, Annette Matlar, Brian Kusiewicz, Liana Medynski, Lee Hodgkinson, Jarrett Brown, Roland Rotter

**Regrets:** William Mayda, David Proulx

Meeting started at 2000hrs.

**1) Welcome:** As Chair, Vice President J. Shearer opened the meeting at 8:00 pm thanking everyone for coming out despite the inclement weather. He extended the apologies of President W. Mayda who was unable to attend the meeting. He proceeded to outline the purpose of the meeting and how it would proceed. He stressed that all residents of Richmond are members of the Richmond Village Association (RVA) and that the members of the Board direct activities on their behalf. He went on to say that the strength of the RVA is the volunteers who step forward to get things done and that there is always a need for more volunteers.

Meeting attendees were asked to refer to several documents placed on their chairs.

These documents included: the Meeting Agenda; draft Minutes of the February 2, 2016 RVA Annual General Meeting (AGM); the RVA 2016/17 Annual Report; a draft of the final 2016 RVA Budget Report.

**2) Agenda Review:** The agenda was reviewed

**Motion:** K. Neufeld moved to accept the Agenda and it was seconded by L. Medynski Carried.

**3) Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM Meeting:** The Minutes were reviewed and no changes were required.

**Motion:** It was moved by L. Medynski and seconded by L. Hodgkinson that the minutes be approved. Carried.

**4) Recognition of 2016 Board Members:** J. Shearer extended his thanks to the Board members for their efforts over the past year.

**5) RVA Volunteer of the Year Presentation:** J. Shearer stated that it is often difficult to identify one volunteer who is most worthy of recognition among all the volunteers. This year the Board was unanimous in selecting two ladies who absolutely epitomize what volunteering is all about. The RVA is honored but at the same time saddened to present both awards posthumously.

Carole Ann Connolly was elected to the RVA Board in February 2016 and immediately made a real impact. She took charge of all the programs and events delivered by the RVA. Her dedication, energy and enthusiasm were infectious and an inspiration to all.

Sarah McKay worked tirelessly for several years as a volunteer for the RVA and was a driving force behind the Youth Programs in Richmond. Many youth came to know Sarah as the one who ran the Friday night youth drop-in at the Community center. Sarah also supported the RVA financially and assisted the RVA in moving issues forward through her quiet but strong determination.

J. Shearer presented the awards to Brad and Terry Connolly and to Curtis McKay and his daughters.

J. Shearer stressed the success of all RVA activities is based on the work of volunteers and that there is always a need for volunteers.

**6) Financial Review:** The draft of the final 2016 RVA Budget Report was presented by A. Matlar. T. Bevacqua was recognized as the driving force behind the RVA's fund raising activities including for the Richmond 200 celebrations in 2018. No questions were asked about the Report

**Motion:** J. Brown moved to accept the Report and it was seconded by J. Lawrence. Carried.

**7) Review of 2016 Accomplishments & looking forward to 2018:** J Shearer opened the topic by noting that 2018 is coming at us quickly and that we will be celebrating the 200 year history of the village while looking at a bright future. He went on to review the many successful events that were held in 2016 (Please refer to the Richmond Village Association Inc. 2016/17 Annual Report). While many of the events and activities are focused on families and the youth of Richmond and the beautification of the village, activities such as the ROSS Gateway to Groceries, the Richmond Walking Club, advocacy activities and public information meetings are equally important initiatives by the RVA.

T. Bevacqua spoke about activities being planned for the 2018 celebrations. Fund raising is currently short of current expectations, but a number of activities are planned over the year. Among these activities are a garage sale on May 13, a head shaving on May 20, A Taste of Richmond on May 25 and a Barn Dance on June 24. He also noted that there will be a gala on December 31 to ring in 2018 at the Richmond Arena. he asked for people to get involved by volunteering and by making donations at the TD bank in Richmond.

**8) New Board Election Process:** J Shearer opened the election process by presenting a list of the current Board members who were interested in standing for re-election.

They included:

1. Tino Bevacqua
2. Annette Matlar
3. Brian Kusiewicz
4. Liana Medynski

5. Lee Hodgkinson
6. Roland Rotter
7. William Mayda
8. David Proulx

J. Shearer asked if there were any objections to any of the names put forward. There were none. The members were acclaimed.

J. Shearer introduced Doug Arnold as the scrutineer for the election. D. Arnold outlined the process for the election and the commitments of the Directors. He called for nominations and three individuals were nominated.

1. Leanne Neufeld
2. Ryan Pinet
3. Justyna Lawrence

**Motion:** R. Rotter moved to close the nominations and was seconded by L. Medynski.  
Carried

As the number of re-elected members and new nominees did not exceed the maximum of 12 positions on the Board, no election was deemed necessary.

**Motion:** J. Shearer moved to accept the new Board and B. Kusiewicz seconded the motion. Carried

**9) Adjournment:** It was moved by K. Neufeld and seconded by L. Medynski to close the meeting.

Meeting ended at 2110hrs