



Annual General Meeting North Okanagan-Shuswap Green Party

MINUTES: May 15, 2014

Call to order, 7:05 P.M. @ Schubert Centre, 3505 30th Ave, Vernon
(19 members present - See attached sign-in list)

Agenda & Notice of Proposed Constitutional Amendment as post mailed to members April 26, 2014, and as attached were distributed.

1. Acceptance of Agenda Motion to Accept/Chris George; 2nd/Dave Smith

Copies of the 2013 AGM Minutes and Financial Report were distributed.

2. Acceptance of 2013 AGM Minutes: Motion to Accept/Duncan Rueger; 2nd/Karen Durant

3. CEO's Report – Linda McGrew:

“This past year we engaged in a number of successful events, including two public speaking events.

Our ‘**Stand on Guard**’ event featuring the dynamic duo of Elizabeth May and Arthur Black was attended by over 300 people and raised over \$1700. The John Streiker presentation entitled “**Consequences of a Hot Planet**” attracted 150 people. Advertising and press releases promote Green Party principles.

We participated in the **Grindrod Garlic Festival**, **Enderby Seed Swap**, and **Armstrong Green Fair** where visitors were invited to take part in a challenging quiz, based on the IPCC Report, and developed by Dave Smith.

We published several **eNews Letters** and took the opportunity to write a number of ‘**letters to the editor**’ some of which actually got published.

We initiated a series of précis “**E. May Columns**” in the **Vernon Morning Star**, thanks to Greig Crockett. Our MP Colin Mayes responded to one column and this generated many letters to the editor from the general public.

The board participated in a **Proportional Representation** exercise (with Terry Vulcano), which proved very revealing as to the number and types of PR systems. It was challenging to assess which system might work the best nationally or provincially. Elections Canada mandated a **change in our riding boundaries**, as a result of which we have been renamed “**North Okanagan-Shuswap**”. The coming year our focus will be on increasing membership, nominating then electing our new candidate, and building up to the 2015 election.”



4. Financial Report for 2013 – Dave Smith (see attached Financial Statement):
 - We started the year with a total of \$34,129.75 in all accounts, and finished the year with \$37,479.70, for a net gain of \$3,349.95
 - With the reduction of monies provided from the Federal Government, we will continue to see reduced financial support from the GPC; we will have to increase our fund raising activities.
 - Accepted Motion to Accept/Karen Durant; 2nd/Chris George
5. Appointment of Auditor – Dave Smith:
 - As the income for the year was below the audit threshold, no Audit was required.
 - Motion to continue with the appointment of Chris Miles at Culver & Associates (305-1177 West Hastings, Vancouver V6E 2K3)
 - Accepted Motion to Accept/Greig Crockett; 2nd/Linda McGrew
6. Membership Report – Linda McGrew (for Janet Denison)
 - Janet contacted the membership by phone from England to urge they renew their memberships and turn out for the AGM.
 - It was pointed out by Huguette Allen that this was a very good use of available technologies
 - Janet will be continuing her work while she is in England
7. Special Resolutions – Greig Crockett discussed the differences between the old and the new constitutions before submitting the following motion:
 - *“It is moved that the existing constitution of Okanagan-Shuswap Federal Electoral District Association be replaced with the template constitution recommended by Federal Council as amended at the North Okanagan-Shuswap AGM 2014, and as approved by the Green Party Constitution Committee.”*
 - Motion to Accept/Dave Smith; 2nd/ Huguette Allen - vote – passed unanimous
8. Recommendation and Election of Executive – Greig Crockett :
 - Call for nominations from the floor
 - New Board Nominees: Marilyn Courtenay; Anne Mercer
 - Existing board members standing for re-election: Greig Crockett, Janet Denison, Steve Fultz, Dave Smith
 - New members standing for election – Marilyn Courtenay; Anne Mercer
 - Motion to vote on Board Members as a slate
 - Motion to Accept/Greig Crockett; 2nd/Linda McGrew - vote – passed
 - Election of Board by Slate
 - Motion to Accept/Greig Crockett; 2nd/Dave Smith - vote – passed
9. Other Business:
 - Greig Crockett reviewed the candidate nomination process and pointed out that because of a requested delay from Central Party, the nomination period



- is still open. Approval to 'close' nominations June 15th has not yet been received. Nominee volunteers invited.
- We are looking for computer savvy volunteers to help with the Newsletter, website & web communication.
 - Motion from the floor – It was moved by Huguette Allen that:
“The new board recommend to Central Party that the Green Party of Canada consider using internet technologies to incorporate several regional sites as satellite locations for Bi-Annual General Meetings, in order to encourage more participation at reduced cost, avoid unnecessary travel, and minimize our carbon footprint.”
Discussion followed regarding the use of technology and whether the presence of satellite locations would imperil the presence of a dynamic critical mass at the main Bi-Annual venue.
Motion to Accept/Huguette Allen; 2nd/DS – vote – passed
 - It was pointed out by Chris George that under the new rules, we will need scrutineers for all the polls in the 2015 election.

10. Adjournment: 7:50 P.M. Motion to Adjourn/Karen Durant; 2nd/Russ Collins

“GREEN in 2015”

Our two candidate Nominees to date, **Chris George & Dave Smith**, were introduced. Each nominee spoke for 8 minutes and answered questions.

SOCIAL Action:

Mary Stockdale spoke on behalf of The **Dogwood ‘No Tankers – No Pipeline’ Initiative** to launch a referendum campaign against the Northern Gateway pipeline.

Sean Cameron gave a power point presentation favouring the proposed **Rail Trail** from Vernon to Kelowna, in the event the CN rail line does not continue to operate as a commercial venture.

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