

Rideau Environmental Action League
Annual General Meeting
Wed. July 14, 2021
Via Zoom

Present: Daisy Au, Sandra Mark, Kathryn Powell, Jenny Davis, Barb Hicks, Katie Hoffman, Stephanie Roorda, Dave Thornley, Joni Thornley, Nancy McFadyen, Karen Schecter, Cheryl Beckett, Valerie Morris, Mercedes Steedman, Daniel Cunningham, Susan Pate, Malcom Morris, Lauralee Merkley, Brianna Salmon, Lois Dewey, Anita Payne, Peter Au, Vanessa Bernicky

1. Welcome

Katie Hoffman welcomed everyone.

2. Overview of evening

3. Guest Presentation

Malcolm Morris, CAO of the Town of Smiths Falls, presented "The Evolution of the Blue Box Program in Ontario – Thinking outside the Box". Mr. Morris outlined the history of the blue box program in Ontario, the current state of the program and where it is headed in the future.

(see attached presentation).

4. Update on REAL `s Activities

Barb Hicks updated REAL members on the activities over the past year including how REAL coped with Covid including the Reusable Face Mask project, online auction in place of our local food dinner and the closure of the REAL Deal Store for several months. Other highlights included the activities of the Journey to Sustainability Committee (J2S), DePave. Upcoming projects include the Lending Tool Library, Fall Shoreline cleanup, new REAL Deal Sign, expansion of the butterfly garden and more J2S presentations.

Business Meeting

Members were reminded that with a paid-up membership of 15.00 they could vote.

6. Approval of the agenda:

MOTION: That the agenda of the Annual General Meeting of July 14, 2021, be accepted as presented. Moved by Peter Au. Seconded by Donna McKenna. Carried.

7. Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2020 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of July 15, 2020 be accepted as printed. Moved by Donna McKenna. Seconded by Barb Hicks. Carried.

8. Presentation of Financial Summary

Dave Thornley thanked the Town of Smiths Falls, Township of Rideau Lakes and the Township of Montague for their community grants. Sales at the REAL Deal were up 9%.

Expenses for salaries were higher because the store was open for an additional day every week.

9. Motion to accept Financial Statements of REAL for the Year Ended Jan. 31, 2021

MOTION: That the Financial Statement of REAL for the year ended Jan. 31, 2021 prepared by Stephen Kotze of In Balance Inc. be accepted as printed. Moved by Dave Thornley. Seconded by Barb Hicks. Carried.

10. Motion to appoint accountant for 2021-21

MOTION: That Stephen Kotze of In Balance Inc be appointed REAL's accountant for 2021-2022 fiscal year. Moved by Donna McKenna. Seconded by Dave Thornley. Carried.

11. Introduction and Election of Board of Directors

Donna McKenna took over the election of Board members. Four members (Barb Hicks, Karen Schecter, Peter Au, Donna McKenna) are going into their second year of their term.

Motion: To re-elect Dave Thornley to the Board for a two-year term.

Moved by Barb Hicks. Seconded by Peter Au. Carried.

Motion: To re-elect Katie Hoffman to the Board for a two-year term.

Moved by David Thornley. Seconded by Barb Hicks. Carried.

12. Motion: That the July 14, 2021 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Katie Hoffman at 8:24 p.m.