

Meadowvale Seniors Social Club
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Seniors Room, Meadowvale Community Centre

1. Mary Stepien, interim President, welcomed everyone to the AGM at 10:10 AM and asked everyone to join her in singing O Canada.
2. Mary reminded everyone to make sure they have been checked in as this meeting involved voting for a new executive, and only registered Club members can vote. If you have not already done so, the list is at the table the interim executive is seated at. Please make sure you check in.
3. Joan Duke addressed the membership group, saying that in her experience, this is one of the largest membership groups that have attended an AGM. Joan thanked the members of the interim executive for stepping forward to fill these volunteer positions.
4. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Mary Hochman, assumed the responsibility of managing the meeting at this point. She was assisted by Huguette Lehoux, former Membership Coordinator and Secretary, and Edith Hinz, former Executive member and present convenor.
5. Mary Hochman read through the duties of the various positions.
6. Mary H asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The following nominations from the floor were received:
Membership: Margaret Cruickshanks, nominated Mary Stepien, seconded Joan Duke
Vice President: Kay Hughes, nominated Mary Stepien, seconded Victor Cottrell.
There were no other nominations from the floor, and these names were added to the list. Mary H. confirmed that all previously submitted nominations had a seconder.
7. Mary H. read the list of previously submitted nominations, as well as the list of nominations from the floor. All nominees were elected by acclamation.
8. Mary H. stated that one position still needs to be filled, that of Social Convenor. There were no nominations.
9. The nominees were each declared as elected by acclamation.

10. The Chairperson read the new slate of officers to the membership.

The Meadowvale Social Club's 2022-2024 Executive.

President: Mary Stepien

Vice President: Kay Hughes

Treasurer: Victor Cottrell

Executive Secretary: Barbara Guppy

Assistant Secretary: Joan Hoffman

Membership: Margaret Cruickshanks

Social Convenor: empty

Travel Convenor: Kay Hughes

Fellowship: Mignonette Trinidad

Education Convenor: Joan Duke

Kitchen Convenors: Lilian De Bono, Maureen Yhip

Mary S added that Madhu Patel has volunteered to assist the Executive as needed as Member at Large.

10. The 2022-2024 Executive was sworn in.

The new Executive began the next part of the Annual General Meeting.

11. Cathy E made a motion that the election results be accepted. The motion was seconded by Victor L. Carried

12. The Secretary, Barb, read out the minutes from the last AGM which took place on January 13, 2021. After a brief discussion, Mary S made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Victor C. Carried

13. Treasurer: Victor

Victor reviewed the budget as presented on the handout. A motion to accept was made by Madhu P, motion seconded by Lilian D. Carried

13. The Constitution: Secretary

Barb gave the membership an overview of the process used to review the 2019 Constitution. She thanked the writers of the original Constitution for the work they did, as writing the Constitution was a major undertaking.

It is set out in the Constitution that it must be revised every three years. The executive began this process in July, knowing that it would be lengthy; the detailed document is 20 pages long. After much reading and discussion, we identified points that we felt possibly needed to be amended to some degree.

Your executive focused on:

- Language. This is a lengthy document and we checked for clarity, coherence and consistency of information.
- 2. Strengthening the required items. Our club must comply with applicable bylaws. We wanted to be sure that Human Rights and Data Management in particular were addressed appropriately and clearly in our Constitution.
- 3. Communication. How could we further improve communication by increased use of technology.

There was a question from the floor, from Linda F, about what Barb would be reading, as the Constitution worked on had not been presented to the membership or ratified by them.

Barb stated that she would be reading a Draft Constitution, with proposed amendments. She said that as per the Constitution, there would be a ratification meeting 30 days from now.

Barb stated that she would stop reading after each proposal and open the floor for any required clarification or discussion.

Barb read through the proposed amendments line by line, in order from the start of the constitution. After reading each individual proposed amendment, she stopped and asked if there were any questions or discussions needed about what she had just read. There were few questions from the floor.

At the conclusion of Barb's reading of the draft Constitution, she asked if there were any outstanding questions or issues. There were none from the membership.

M Jones moved a motion that we post the draft Constitution, clearly labeled as a draft, on the Club website where members could easily view it. Seconded by M Patel

Linda F made a motion to post the new one in 30 days after ratification.
Seconded by Frank

Elaine A made a motion to post the old one on the website for the time being.
Seconded by Clem L

Each motion was discussed by the membership and then voted on by show of hands. 55 members voted to post the Constitution on the website, clearly labeled as a draft that is under review by the members.

8 members voted to put the Constitution on the website after 30 days when it had been ratified by members.

0 members voted to post the old Constitution on the website.

The motion to post the draft constitution on the website, clearly labeled as a draft was carried.

The President gave the date of Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10AM as being the general meeting at which there will be a vote on the Constitution.

14. Other business

Mary S

- Scrabble: 15 signed up, only 4 came to the meeting. It has been deferred to the New Year.
- Mississauga Fire Dept- a member of the Fire Dept will be coming to do a presentation about the "Vulnerable Persons Registry" Date TBA
- Indigenous Speaker-will be doing a presentation Date TBA
- Friday, December 16-May and Kay will be hosting the first Tea Social
- There will be karaoke and Christmas carols at the Social

Kay

- Meadowvale Theatre contacted her with an offer of group prices for their production of Cinderella. We need 20 or more to get this rate. It is being performed by the Oakville Choral Society Nov 25, to Dec4. Kay will put a notice on the board. For more information call Mary or Kay
- Jan 12: she has provisionally booked a bus to go to Niagara Falls for the Casino and to see the lights. Kay is waiting for more information

Mary S

There was a question from the floor about the change in weekly fees. Mary S responded that as the Interim Executive has received more information about the Club's finances, it has been discovered that we are in a stronger position than was previously thought. Mary also stated that not all Club members are as financially well off as others. Putting both these facts together, it was decided that the change in fees would be a fair and thoughtful act of consideration towards all Club members.

Mary reminded members that the Club will pay for coffee, tea and tap water. Bring your own snacks. These decisions are made by your convenors.

Convenors: there is a meeting on Mon., Nov 14 at 10:15AM in the Seniors Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 for a light pizza lunch, organized by Joan Duke.