

Grand River Bead Society
Annual General Meeting
Minutes June 15, 2015

1. **Meeting called to order** at 7:00pm (1900h)

2. Opening Procedures

The meeting was opened by Beth Clinton who welcomed all and presented the meeting agenda.

i. Approval of the minutes from the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM (June 16/ 2014) were read by Frances.

There were no errors or omissions.

Minutes moved for approval (Moved: Veronica Husbands / Seconded: Catherine Salmon . Passed (no abstentions, no opposed)

3. President's Reports

Beth presented her report to the membership. The following points were made:

- a) Because there was no Bead Fair in 2014, we lost out on revenue and had to dip into the reserve funds
- b) A by-law committee was struck to review by-laws. The by-laws were passed at the Board level, at the May meeting. To be in compliance with the Ontario Ministry for Not for Profit organizations our by-laws were reviewed by a lawyer, and can only be changed by the members
- c) Membership dropped from 79 last year to 59 this year. This loss is also attributed to the fact that we did not have a Bead Fair where a lot of vendors join to get a better“ table“ rate
- d) Marketing has been busy. The GRBS is a member of the Guelph Arts Council and had a presence at multiple shows (eg. Ancaster Gem and Mineral Show, TBS etc.) We have had displays at the Guelph Civic Museum and Westminster Library. Our Marketing information has been distributed across Ontario.

President's Report moved for approval (Moved: Alison Ellett / Seconded: Marilyn Gardiner . Passed (no abstentions, no opposed)

4. Treasurers Report

Jane Penner provided an extensive treasurers report for the membership. She reminded the membership that her report covers the fiscal year ending August 31/2014.

Gross Earnings (Memberships/ Visitor fees/ Kit fees/ Bead Fair).....	\$13,449.50
Costs of Goods Sold (Bead Fair expenses, subsidizing Class kits Instructor fees..)	(\$9,984.59)
Operating Expenses*.....	(\$4,558.92)
Total Losses for 2014.....	(\$1,095.01)

Advertising/ Debt loss from Guelph Place/ Bank fees/ PayPal fees/ Stationary/ Printing/ Rent/ Membership to GAC.

Going forward in 2015, the Board made decisions to mitigate costs and save money

- a) We are no longer subsidizing Bead kits
- b) We are not renting The Hampton Inn for July and August 2015

All bills have been paid up to date and as of today we have:

- 1) In the bank:.....approximately \$5700.00
- 2) Inventory (totes)(we make approx \$5/bag sold).....(\$529.00)
- 3) Expenses for 2015 Bead Fair.....(\$2100.00)

Income (so far 2015)

- a) Income from Bead Fair Vendors (tables).....\$2,130.00
- b) Memberships \$1941.00
- c) Visitors fees.....\$70.00
- d) Kits bought.....\$1,865.00
- e) Totes.....\$375.00
- f) Raffle of a Cancer Bracelet..... \$15.00

Expenses (so far 2015)

- a) Meeting fee expenditures.....\$300.00
- b) Meeting Costs.....\$249.00
- c) Bank fees.....\$52.00
- d) Pay Pal fees.....\$14.50
- e) Membership (Guelph Arts Council).....\$50.00
- f) Office Supplies.....\$12.95
- g) Room rental (Hampton Inn and Suites).....\$2542.50
- h) Projector (bill to come in).....\$200.00

Jane asked if there were any questions. Being no questions The Treasurers Report was called for approval (Moved: Jana Skaldan/ Seconded: Pearl Blay . Passed (no abstentions, no opposed)

5. By Laws:

Beth passed the meeting over to Marilyn Gardiner who chaired the ByLaw Ad Hoc Committee. The by laws were posted on the website and everyone was encouraged to read them. There was a copy on each table for reference purposes. There was one question about whether it might be easier if we did not state our Executive structure (Section 2.01) consisted of 9 members, if we had a minimum amount of say...6 members if there was a problem recruiting. It was pointed out that the solutions for Filling Vacancies (2.03) addressed this issue. That was the only question the By Laws were called for approval. (Moved: Jane Penner/ Seconded: Gail Garbe. Passed (no abstentions, no opposed)

6. Elections:

Beth explained that there were 4 vacancies to fill on the board due to members terms ending and members leaving the Board before their their was up.

Secretary: A Two year term for Secretary needs to be filled. Nominations were taken from the floor:

Nominated: Lin Chapman (Moved by: Jana Skladan/ Seconded by: Marilyn Gardiner)

No other nominations were put forward. Lin Chapman is secretary by Acclamation

Board Members (for President/ Programming/ Volunteer Coordinator): These three year terms are elected from Board members and at this time Nominations to the Board were called for:

Nominated: Beth Clinton (Moved by: Lin Chapman / Seconded by: Marilyn Gardiner)

Nominated: Catherine Salmon (Moved by: Frances Malyk / Seconded by: Liz Piper)

Nominated: Sherry Stockton (Moved by: Frances Malyk / Seconded by: Marilyn Gardiner)

Nominated: Pearl Blay (Moved by: Natalie Squires / Seconded by: Marilyn Gardiner)

Nominated: Natalie Baird declined

All other nominees agreed to run and a ballot was taken to choose three members.

The meeting was suspended while the ballots were counted. On re-convening the following members were voted to the Board: Beth Clinton, Catherine Salmon, Sherry Stockton.

Treasurer: A One year term is needed to be filled for Treasurer. Nominations were taken from the floor. Alison Ellett stepped forward.

Nominated: Alison Ellett (Moved by: Natalie Baird / Seconded by: Veronica Husbands)

No other nominations were put forward. Allison Ellett is Treasurer by Acclamation

The ballots are to be kept for a week and then destroyed. Moved by Jane Penner, Seconded by Maris Weiss. Passed (no abstentions, no opposed) Ballots will be destroyed Monday June 22nd.

7. New Business

i. Beth gave a brief history of the Grand River Bead Society and made mention of the two Founding Members; Marilyn Gardiner and Roxann Ozols; that are still a big part of GRBS. To recognize them for their hard work and dedication to GRBS it has been decided at the Board Level that they be given Lifetime Memberships. Both came up to receive their certificates and have photos taken.

ii. Catherine Salmon came up to notify everyone that Louise Duffy, a long time member of GRBS passed away this week. Her memorial information will be posted on the website. Her service will be in Cambridge.

iii Maria Batraks stood and formally thanked all people leaving the Board for their past hard work .

8. Adjourn : **AGM Meeting** adjourned at 8 :00pm (2000h)

(Moved by Jane Penner / Seconded by Sherry Stockton. (Passed)

The meeting was passed over to Sue Henry and her earring tutorial.