

AGM2022
Jan 28, 2023
Minutes

The AGM was conducted both in person, at 12 North St.in Killaloe, and online on zoom.

A recording was made on zoom.

In Killaloe power was off, however the Community Resource Centre of Killaloe whose space it was, had one wall where the outlets were live, and while the internet also went off during the meeting, it was restored a few minutes later.

The recording has a lot of time at the beginning – 20 min of tech wrangling, with a slideshow playing, and some blank screen time.

Beginning: Slideshow with Examples of Green/Natural Burial

Megan Spencer: Chair

Welcome, we're just waiting for folks to join us before we get started.

At 20 min. mark on Zoom Recording, AGM begins.

Annual General Meeting
Jan. 28, 2023
1 pm to 3 pm
Zoom Meeting & Killaloe 12 North

Present:

Green Burial Ottawa Valley Coop Board members

In person: Sasha, Robbie, Bern, Ann, Kaz, Katie

Online: Charlotte, Megan, Mary.

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*** denotes poll**

1.Introduction/Welcome

Megan: Chair of Green Burial Ottawa Valley Coop.

Thank you to all members, for donations and joining the coop for this adventure towards accessible natural burial in Ottawa Valley.

Thank you to Sasha, and Bern, for technical support in Killaloe.

Sasha spoke to technical details for online folk. How to ask questions, how to vote on the polls.

Quorum: Members counted in person & online.

Verification of Quorum – 25% of members or 25 people whichever lower.

Count: 14 people in person, 25 people online. Total: 39 at start. Quorum verified and satisfied.

2. Approval of Agenda *

Agenda sent out in advance, handed out in person, and in Chat online.

Motion to approve Agenda: Robbie

Seconded: Charlotte

Call for discussion. None. Call for poll.

27 Yay, 2 Abstained. Reported.

Approved.

3. Presentation of Current, Outgoing and New Directors

Megan Spencer, chair, introduced herself and asked all directors to introduce themselves. After Megan, Robbie, Bern (Treasurer), and Kaz (Membership Officer), then Sasha then online, Mary & Charlotte (Secretary). Mary then spoke to Ann, Outgoing Director who spoke a few words, thanks were offered. Ann replied.

Charlotte then introduced Katie, **Incoming Director** who also spoke a few words of introduction.

4. Approval of Minutes of AGM 2021 *

Minutes of AGM 2021 were sent out in advance, handed out in person, and available in the Chat online.

Motion to approve Minutes of AGM 2021: Robbie

Seconded: Ann

Call for discussion. None. Poll taken.

26 Yay, 4 Abstained. Reported.

Approved.

5. Financial Report *

Bern (Treasurer) presented the Financial Report which had been sent out in advance, handed out in person, and available in the Chat online.

Motion to approve Minutes of AGM 2021: Moved by Bern.

Seconded by: Kaz

Call for discussion. None. Poll raised.

28 Yay, 3 Abstain Reported.

Approved.

*Report as Addendum

6. Membership Report

Kaz (Membership Officer) spoke to Membership.

150 members in good standing AGM 2021.

215 members in good standing AGM 2022.

Many different areas in the Ottawa Valley represented, grown from the Education sessions, and membership beginning focus in KHR - Killaloe area and NAW - North Algona Wilberforce, to include over 65 members in Ottawa now, as well as folks supporting from across Ontario, with some in the US, and BC as examples.

7. Work to date

Kaz introduced the Guest speaker: Susan Greer of the **Natural Burial Association** in Ontario. Technical difficulties ensued again in Killaloe and the video was cut off.

A few minutes later, internet was restored, and Susan Greer spoke of the NBA's vision and work in 2022, and focus for 2023. Focus on Education, Research, Lobbying, Pan-Ontario grouping of other groups working on local Natural/Green Burial projects. In 2023, hoping to relaunch social media campaign which in 2022 was shut down by FB.

Susan Greer also shared the poll that NBA of Ontario had commissioned by Angus Reid with 1000 Ontarians on Green Burial - awareness, interest...etc.

* See Addendum

Big thank you to Susan Greer for her work and dedication - some funding of projects thru Small Change Fund, which can support individual projects and give receipts to donors as Small Change has charitable status.

Megan Spencer then spoke to 2 projects in negotiation at GBOV, which hopefully in 2023 will mean a green burial site in Renfrew County having plots available for sale.

One, a Natural/Green Burial site within an existing church cemetery, and Second, a project of a Green/Natural burial ground, in partnership with a municipality, also in Renfrew County.

Negotiation ongoing, and hopefully soon, we will be able to share more news.

Charlotte spoke to the Vision for 2023 for GBOV.

8. Q & A

A Question and Answer period began with Sasha and Bern moderating from Killaloe. Mostly questions for Susan from NBA.

9. Adjournment *

Business of the AGM 2022 having been completed, despite many technical challenges

Motion moved that the AGM be adjourned: Roberta Della-Pica

Seconded: Charlotte

No discussion. 23 Yay. No Abstain.

Approved.

Thanks to all. Especially remembering our community partners : Community Resource Centre in Killaloe for the meeting space, and Susan Greer, of Natural Burial Association, and Mark Richardson, of Willow's Rest, advocates and partners in the work, as well as all members and folks who have donated.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Documents :

Agenda, AGM 2021 Minutes, Financial Report, NBA Poll