

# BCYADWS AGM

**Date:** December 10, 2019

**Chair(s):** Ann Livingston

**Minutes:** Gina Egilson

**Location:** Sheraton Guildford Surrey.

## **Call in information**

Call-in Information: Time: Dec 10, 2019 1:00 PM Vancouver

Feel free to call in at 11AM for educational session

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**Others Present:** ---**Video**--Alex Shertobitoff, Amber Streukens, Molly Frost, Paige Phillips, Jack Phillips, Mona Rosengren, Charlene Burmeister, Caty Redford, Shawn Wood, Niki Hanson, Brent Donovan, Claudette, Brad, Randy, Ashley (Sustain) ---**Inhouse**--- Erica Thomson, Kat Wahama, Tracey Scott, Sebastian Cameron, Gina Egilson, Katt Cadieux, Kevin Donaghy, Ray Philip, David Clarke, Willow Morgan, Heather Spence, Cheryl Woods, Jessica Van Noren, Heather Tunold, Amanda, Pete Woodrow, Delilah--WIND, Flora Monroe, Brent Olson, Ron Ruhlke, Brittany Graham, Prairie Chiu, Kerry Waters, Eris Nyx, Dave, Keith, Samona, Summer, Matt, Alyssa Coulter, Jon Brathwaite, Cheryl Woods, Sukh Khungay, Deanna Stewart, Doug Smith, Xero Friederike, Lora Calvert, Hawkfeather Peterson, Lorne Peterson, Alicia,

## **Motion and Action Items:**

---**Motion**---to approve the agenda as presented---Erica Thomson, seconded by Hawkfeather---None opposition, carried

---**Motion**---to accept 2018 minutes as reviewed---Samona Marsh, Hawkfeather seconded---None opposed, carried

---**Motion**---to accept Financial Report as Presented---Erica Thomson, Samona Marsh seconded, none opposed, carried

---**Motion**--to appoint Prairie Chu as objective ballot counter--Hawkfeather, Katt Cadieux seconded---none opposed, carried

---**Motion**---to accept nomination ballot as proposed---Samona Marsh, Sebastian Cameron seconded, 2 Opposed -- Passed

---**Motion**---to adjourn---Hawkfeather, Sebastian Cameron seconded, carried--meeting adjourned

## **Pre Meeting Education and Welcoming**

Culture Saves Lives - Territorial Welcoming and Drumming  
Katt Wahama, Tracey --Low Barrier Chorus

--Culture Saves Lives -- cultural introduction and song

---Katt Wahama, Tracey --Low Barrier Chorus

## **Introductions**

---**Video**---Alex S, Amber, Molly Frost, Paige Phillips, Jack Phillips, Mona Rosengren, Charlene Burmeister

---**Inhouse**---Ann Livingston, Erica Thompson, Katt Wahama, Tracey, Sebastian, Gina Egilson, Katt Cadieux, Kevin Donaghy, Ray-NewLeaf, David Clarke, Willow Morgan, Heather--Kelowna,CANDU, Sheryl - kelowna outreach 1st inhalation site, Jessica VanNoren, Heather, Amanda, Pete Woodrow---mrsos, Delilah--WIND, Flora Monrow--VANDU, Brent--SIS,VANDU, Ron--VANDU--drinkers group, Brittany-VANDU, Prarie Chu, Kerry Waters, Aris, Dave, Keith, Samona, Summer, Matt, Shawn Wood,

---Ann - history and intro, education session re: funding, research projects, general user group structure/governance/engagements, BC / Yukon seed funding requirements,

## **Recognition of outgoing Board of Directors.**

### **0/ Purpose / Constitution**

---Recognition of previous years' board and executive  
Kevin Donaghy, Jack Philips, Hawkfeather, Daniel Snell, Sebastian Cameron, Harvey Clause (Doug Smith), Mona Rosengren, Alex Shertobitoff, Roy Flett, Jason Grey, Charlene Burmeister, Willow Morgan, Samona Marsh, Spike Peachy, Adrienne House, Shawn Wood, Katt Cadieux.

---Review and read Constitution aloud point-by-point.

### **1/ Review and approval of agenda**

---**Motion**---to approve the agenda as presented---Erica Thomson, seconded by Erica Thomson---None opposition, carried

### **2/ Approval of 2018 AGM minutes**

---Reviewed and explanation each agenda item from previous meeting  
---Acknowledgement of members who have passed  
---Noted that the nomination process can be improved for subsequent years  
--- Comment from floor that we should respect the hotels we visit as in years past here have been incidents.

**Motion**---to accept 2018 minutes as reviewed---Samona, Hawkfeather seconded---none opposed, carried

### **3/ Financial reporting**

--- Year end has been changed to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Highlights from report:

1. PHSA (BCCDC) funding for last year was \$62,500 plus some \$ for taking people to STIMULUS conference.
2. Govt of Canada (CMHA/CAI OPEN) funding was \$40,000 for last years conference/AGM & we paid \$40,000 for the New Leaf Safe Supply Conference at Pender Island

3. ~\$80,000 from CAI is deferred to this year's budget for seeding 4 DUGs \$20,000 each. (PG, MR, Chilliwack, FSJ)
4. Payroll-Ann got backpay for Sept, Oct. ~\$13,000
5. Everyone worked last year as volunteers.
6. Office expenses included furniture, computers, rent, internet, telephone etc
7. Accommodation & Stipends & travel is for board meeting on May 23,2019 & last year's Nov AGM /conference & attending REDUN camp out.
8. We sent \$20,000 to POUNDS in PG ahead of receiving \$

--- Reviewed current period's financials

Notes:

We received \$500,000 from BCCDC for 6mo on Nov 1

To seed grassroots drug user groups across BC

The CAI \$80,000 to seed 4 user groups is in this budget.

Car rental was to travel to Safe Supply Pender Island

Donation is Ann donating consulting fee received from Dr. Peter Centre & giving it to BCYADWS.

**---Motion---to accept Financial Report as Presented---Erica Thomson, Samona Marsh seconded, none opposed, carried**

#### **4/ Nominee presentations and Voting**

**---Motion--to appoint Prairie Chu as objective ballot counter--Hawkfeather, Katt Cadieux seconded---none opposed, carried**

Explanation of nomination process, membership, regional breakdown, nominating committee process extracted from bylaws.

---Question posed to floor as to whether there should be nominations from the floor

---Review of the proposed ballot

Hawkfeather - wanted it noted--- fairness of late nominations/nominations from the floor--- unfair to those who were rejected.

--- Explanation that the newly elected board can meet and decide if board is complete or lacking representation and then bring people in to fill those vacancies.

**---Motion---to accept nomination ballot as proposed---Samona Marsh, Sebastian Cameron seconded, 2 Opposed -- Passed**

\*\*\*\*Charlene---wanted opposition noted that more indigenous representation needed\*\*\*\*

----Ann---explanation that it is discussion for incoming board--conceded

\*\*\*\*Malcolm----wanted opposition noted as he didn't know about the nomination process and deadline

\*\*\*\*\*HF---noted that the incoming board should meet in discussion re: indigenous representation, bringing in members of said community for input

\*\*\*\*Prarie Chu---inquiry as to process for acceptance/rejection criteria

---HF--- Explained deadline to submit bio main requirement and the collaborative purpose of the nominating committee.

--Voting Commenced via in-person ballots, texting and Zoom poll.

## **5/ Regional reporting / Working Lunch**

### **----REDUN--Nelson/Interior**

---Amber/Alex ----REDUN

---policing homeless

---Grand Forks--Mona, after car accident--things slowed down to standstill---

----4 pillars, CAT meetings, outreach, a lot of stigma

----lots of homelessness, rig digs, no warming centre--C4 group who is severely in opposition to the homeless and blocking any attempts at this.

---Mayor--friendly---suggested suing city.

### **----KANDU---Caty Redford**

--- Caty was occupied.

### **----POUNDS---Prince George--**

---Katt, Nikki

----office space secured for 1 year.

----regular meetings

---private partner--17 units for low-income housing, harm reduction + OPS coming soon.

---more training and employment opportunities

### **----CSUN**

---Update Charlene

----office space, harm reduction, peer engagement, advocacy

--- Unstable funding but looking forward to continue working collaboratively.

### **----BCAPOM---**

----announced the legal victory

-----HF---metadol D---methadone now back to being available due to the fight they waged---Laura Shaver put herself up as plaintiff

### **----WAHRS**

---with status card---2 nasal Narcan/day

---4 months ago---started stock-piling and handing out to community---higher dose, noticing better response back

--- Started an outreach program to build community, more is coming stay tuned on website.

### **----SNAP---SALOME/NAOMI ASSOCIATION OF PATIENTS**

---Heroin-assisted therapy now available in Surrey---Dr. Henderson

### **---VANDU**

--- OPS is running, Meetings 5 days a week,

### **----NEW LEAF**

----co-hosted Safe Supply Conference

----Kevin---spoke to how hostile this community was to user groups, severely limiting/prohibiting ability to conduct work

----going to start fresh--take-away-made mistake of being service-oriented....going forward with more political activism and grounding

**---MRSOS--**

----1st meeting very engaged and successful  
----final stage of securing space--awaiting landlord approval  
----CHILLIWACK---Converting Habits and Attitudes into New  
---secured office space---2 side/side---in between 2 shelters and 5 corners....renovations in process  
----applied for business licence  
----already facing some community resistance/conservative

**---COALITION OF PEERS DISMANTLING THE DRUG WAR**

----safe supply focussed, but group very disheartened and board has dropped from 13 to 5

**----CONNECTIONS---SECHLT**

----CAT--supported/partially funds rent of office space  
----chill space  
----awaiting more funding

**---CAPUD---**

---BCCDC pulled space after DUG found to occupy it...subsequently sued for human rights violations, and WON!...the lawyer who fought this, now working on decrim with them

**----SOLID--**

--- Hired 2 more substance use navigators and office support.  
---hired 2 more peers, peer support

**6/ Board announcement**

**VCH-** Kevin Donaghy, Samona Marsh, Hawkfeather Peterson.  
**Fraser -** Erica Thomson, Connie Long, Gina Egilson, Sebastian Cameron  
**Vancouver Island –** Paige Phillips, Kerry Waters  
**Northern –** Willow Morgan  
**Interior -** Caty Redford, Heather Spence  
**Aboriginal –** Shawn Wood

Note that Board will meet shortly to discuss if the board is complete then will elect executives. Executive has to be representative of entire province---will be brought to the exec board election.

Acknowledgements to organizers and staff whom put on and coordinate the AGM.

**7/ Closing and moment of silence**

**---Motion---to adjourn---Hawkfeather, Sebastian Cameron seconded, carried  
--meeting adjourned**