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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Victoria Canoe and Kayak Clubhouse (VCKC) 355 Gorge Rd West, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4 2019**

1. Meeting officially began at 7:10pm and Gabe Epstein (President) gave a short welcome to a full house. Gabe also briefly introduced the members of the board to those gathered.
2. **Agenda Adopted.** Rob Wickson motion/Russ Godfrey seconded. (All in favour.)
3. **Approval of the Minutes from 2018 AGM.** Julia Menard motion, Vera Wynn-Williams seconded. (All in favour.)
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Chris Kask provided an overview of the 2019 Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Rob Wickson asked about the GIC that was switched to savings. Chris explained that, technically, an approval from the board is required to move these funds back into a GIC -- something that the board will look at in the near future.

**Approval of the Treasure's Report.** Rob Wickson motion, Chris Bullock seconded (All in favour.)

5. **Special Resolution #1: "Be it moved to rescind the existing GTCA constitution and replace it with the new constitution, as proposed and recommended by the current GTCA Board of Directors."** Gabe gave a brief description of the changes within the new Constitution. Motion to approve, Vera Wynn-Williams, seconded by Arden Little. (All in favour.)

**Special Resolution #2: "Be it moved to rescind the existing GTCA bylaws and replace them with the new bylaws, as proposed and recommended by the current GTCA Board of Directors."** Gabe gave some more overview of the proposed changes to the Bylaws, noting that these changes have been public for the required 30 days prior to this meeting. Motion to approve, Russ Godfrey, seconded by Evan Leeson. (All in favour.)

6. **Presidents Remarks.** Gabe directed everyone to the Annual Report, mentioned our new Vision Statement and six new objectives. Also, we have new 'Working Groups' that we are asking members to join. It was also mentioned that Lights on the Gorge group is looking for a bit more help. A big thank-you to all those who volunteer and continue to do so!

**Vera Wynn-Williams (VP)** gave members an overview of our new document 'Community Design Guidelines', a document that Vera has been taking the lead in building. This document contains a list of what we'd like potential developers to know BEFORE they begin to design a new project for our neighbourhood. It was noted that this document is not 'final' and we are always open to more input/suggestions. Some discussion followed.

7. **Election of 2019-2020 Board.** Harry Lewis (a former GTCA president) presided over the elections. Harry gave a brief introduction of himself and a bit of history of his own involvement, noting the creation of the GTCA was 20 years ago, in 1999. Election results as follows:
  - **Officers:** President- Gabe Epstein (acclaimed); Vice President – Vera Wynn-Williams (acclaimed); Treasurer – Chris Kask (acclaimed); Secretary – Scott Karpes (acclaimed); Membership Secretary – Irena Jaswinski (acclaimed); Communication Director – Phil Lancaster (nominated and acclaimed).
  - **Returning Directors at Large:** Katherine Brandt, Pam Loadman, Arden Little, Chris Bullock, Edward Pullman, Russ Godfrey, Evan Leeson Elise Cote.
  - **New Directors at Large:** Jon Rathbone – nominated by Scott Karpes, seconded by Vera Wynn-Williams. Lewis Rhodes – nominated by Arden Little, seconded by Gabe Epstein. Paul Savinkoff – nominated by Russ Godfrey, seconded by Rob Wickson.

8. **Motion to Adjourn, 8pm, Evan Leeson, seconded by Michelle Sealey.**

**Adjournment followed by a social time with all present.**

**Special note:** Saanich Councilors present for AGM and subsequent social time: Colin Plant, Ned Taylor, Judy Brownoff, Zack DeVries, and Susan Brice.