



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Pearkes

Present: Vera, Arden, Brandon, Meaghan, Chris K., Jennifer, Nicole, Scott, Xi, Mauricio, Paul, Julia, Nathan

Regrets: Phil, Chris B., Reb

1. Meetings
 - a. Agenda review – Brandon/Paul.
 - b. Approval of the March Minutes (add Paul, delete Meaghan) –Brandon/Scott
2. Introductions – welcoming new members Julia and Nathan
3. Communications
 - a. Newsletter – to printer next week, delivery early June - \$4600 – Brandon to investigate feasibility of purchasing a printer – approx.. \$14,000 – decision to remove board members emails from newsletter
 - b. Membership – change membership to Zeffy – 7 new volunteers have come forward
-Brendan proposes a welcome package for new residents, liaising with realtors
4. Finance Report - need to send out reminder for membership renewals – Xi to take this on
 - Discussion about fiscal responsibility and possibility of increasing ad costs, different rates for different advertisers
5. Working Groups
 - Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - Fairy door workshop at TC chaotic but very successful – learning experience
 - Music in the Park Aug. 20 – need board member participation
 - Land Use Working Group report
 - Ironclad's plan for Albina project is ready and they want to present to the board OCP adopted – LAP's pulled out of OCP and are now "unofficial" as OCP takes precedence
 - Canada Day
 - \$3,000 federal and \$7500 Saanich grants have been received- Top Shelf and Amica have paid
 - Food vendors full and 60 market vendors – 10 of 30 registered for Gorge on Art – entertainment set
 - Community Connections – Started in 2021 – Brandon has reached out to Gabe and will chair but needs board
 - Help – discussion about potential event for members and volunteers on Aug. 7 or 14 – Vera will take this on
 - Natural Areas – Paul to set up meeting with Tricia
5. AGM Recap
 - Saanich a no show – barely made quorum
6. Gorge Park Cleanup – Successful – park very clean
7. Other business
 - Wascana Garden Sign – problems with Saanich so we may have to pay for sign - \$1100 left in garden fund
 - First Nations Land Acknowledgement – Brandon to look into this and will come up with a couple of statements to bring to the board

- Community Garage Sale – lots of interest in this.

7. Adjourned at 8:40– Nicole/Paul