



RVAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 19 January 2017

Location: Pat McGrath Boardroom

CO-Chairs: Zelma Buckley and Antoine Moise

Minutes prepared by: Joanne Robinson (Secretary)

Present:

Zelma Buckley
Debbie Thomas
Paulette Barker
Behiye Cinkilic
Husam Alsousi
Grace Morgan
Hayley Millington-Moustache
Carl Laguerre
Joanne Robinson
Idile Aden
Felian Xia-Baker
Rhea Sandy
Joan Buchanan
Dahabo Ahmed Omer
Andrea Kenny
Natasha Duckworth
Farhia Ahmed

Regrets:

Antoine Moise
Lennie Gamboa
Ralph Daguilh
MaryBelle Dableo
Rosina Kidane

Guest:

Marie Françoise Bertrand

REVP:

Larry Rousseau

Resource Person:

Nairra Tariq

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Zelma Buckley at 6:05 PM

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended was moved by Paulette Barker and seconded by Carl Laguerre; **the motion was carried.**

Adoption of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2016 AGM (for all those who were in attendance) was moved by Carl Laguerre and seconded by Behiye Cinkilic. All in favour – **Motion carried**

Business arising from the previous Minutes:

Questions:

1. Are the 2016 activities items that are always carried out – response: Mostly.
2. Page 2 - briefing by Larry in regards to NCR budget and the cuts imposed on the regional committees' budget – will we have cuts? Response (Larry): No cuts this year or next as the budget was a three (3) year plan. Regional budgets are allocated into 2018. In January 2019 the Council (Finance Committee) will decided the amounts that will be received by the regions.

Adoption of Executive Reports

a. Executive Summary report:

Motion was moved by Zelma Buckley for the acceptance of the Executive Report, this was seconded by Paulette Barker.

Vote: 6 in favour, none against. Motion was carried

b. Financial Report:

Motion was moved by Paulette Barker for the acceptance of the financial report; this was seconded by Hayley Millington-Moustache. – 11 in favour, **motion carried.**

c. RVAC Budget: Paulette Barker spoke to the 2017 budget.

Behiye Cinkilic raised a motion to set aside \$200.00 for the clergy Imam from the community outreach budget as last year the request came late and was denied. This will ensure that if he does ask the funds will be there.

Much discussion occurred around the following:

- It was thought that it would be better to do something for the Muslim community rather than being specific – other issues may arise;
- background was asked to be provided, Behiye Cinkilic provided the background information;
- we need to go back to our mandate to determine where our priorities are- all ethnic groups are not at the table;

- can miscellaneous be called something else such as community – answer – we already have a community section;
- some of the events re-occur each year- could we look into supporting other community groups. The motion was seconded by Carl Laguerre. Eight (8) were in favour of the motion, one (1) against and 2 abstained. **Motion Carried**
- question raised: since this group has the largest representation our food budget is higher than most, is potluck an option. - Answer: No: with people coming from work and different dietary requirements it is not a good idea.

Motion was raised by Carl Laguerre to move \$500 from Human Rights Day to Community Outreach – seconded by Dahabo Ahmed Omer. Eleven (11) in favour, 0 against - **motion carried.**

Paulette Barker Moved the motion to adopt the budget as amended, seconded by Debbie Thomas. 12 in Favour, 0 against. Motion Carried

RESULT OF RVAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

For the position of female Co-Chair – **Joanne Robinson was nominated by Zelma Buckley and seconded by Carl Laguerre**

Hayley Millington-Moustache was nominated by Sandra Griffith-Bonaparte and seconded by Behiye Cinkilic

Both sisters accepted their nominations and an election was held. **Sister Hayley was selected Co-Chair.**

For the position of male Co-Chair – **Carl Laguerre was nominated by Zelma Buckley and seconded by Joanne Robinson. There were no other nominations. Brother Carl accepted and was acclaimed.**

For the position Vice-Chair Communications – **Joanne Robinson was nominated by Zelma Buckley and seconded by Behiye Cinkilic. Nomination not accepted.**

Idile Aden was nominated by Rhea Sandy and seconded by Debbie Thomas. Idil Aden accepted – acclaimed.

For the position of Treasurer – **Paulette Barker was nominated by Zelma Buckley and seconded by Grace Morgan**

There were no other nominations. Sister Paulette accepted - acclaimed.

For the position of Secretary – **Joanne Robinson was nominated by Zelma Buckley and seconded by Hayley Millington-Moustache – nomination declined.**

Grace Morgan was nominated by Behiye Cinkilic and seconded by Carl Laguerre – Grace accepted the nomination.

Dahabo Ahmed Omer was nominated by Farhia Ahmed and seconded by --- Debbie Thomas – Dahabo accepted the nomination.

Grace Morgan was elected Secretary.

Motion was raised to destroy the ballots, seconded by Rhea Sandy – The motion was carried

Behiye Cinkilic thanked the outgoing Chairs for their work
Paulette Barker thanked the Executive with another thanks to Joanne Robinson for taking on the role as secretary
Zelma Buckley (outgoing Co-Chair) thanked the committee and congratulated the incoming Executive.

VARIA:

Activities for 2017 – Document Attached

Comments:

2nd Activity - March 21, 2017: we should be focusing on the elimination of racial discrimination – change plans set out in December 2016 meeting. The executive will meet to discuss and provide changes to the committee.

BHM: looking for event – suggest members check Black History Ottawa website for events. Hayley Millington-Moustache has a quiz that she usually sends out – will discuss with the Executive. The quiz may need to be translated.

Women’s March – reminder to all of the Women’s March on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 11am in front of the Human Rights Monument at Elgin Street (City Hall)

Introduction of two members who are attending for the first time: Andrea Kenny and Joan Buchanan.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm