

GNA Directors Meeting – October 10, 2023 at St. Jean Baptiste

Attendees: Susanne Rautio (chair), Robin Jones, Nic Humphreys, Norm Fiege, and Phil Hoen

Regrets: Alan Dibb, Darryl Stein

Guests: David Rittenhouse, Lori Petryk

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Nic; seconded by Norm, approved.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:**
Motion by Phil to adopt September 12 minutes; seconded by Norm, approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:**
Norm reported there is \$3725.54 in the bank. There are outstanding cheques from the lantern festival that have yet to be cashed.

3. **Isabella Ross Memorial**
Phil to report back when there are any decisions to be made by the board on the memorial. He will be working with Fern Perkins on this endeavor.

4. **Lantern Festival**
Robin reported that the lantern festival was a great success. She estimated there were between 400 and 500 people who came over the 4 hours. There is a video on the website that shows how the event unfolded and all the various activities that were available to families. A positive outcome of the festival is that volunteers have stepped forward to help out next year and Tim Gosley will be giving us another puppet; this time a large octopus.

5. **VCAN Biodiversity and parks map**
Susanne continues to work on the VCAN project in cooperation with Rockland NA.

6. **Glenlyon Norfolk Community Briefing and Workshop Schedule**
Robin provided an update on the proposed changes for Glenlyon. No actions arising from the discussion.

7. **Safety in Gonzales**
Susanne mentioned that a meeting with Marianne Alto has yet to occur but it is hoped that it will happen within the next few weeks as the rumour is that council will decide to reduce the number of parks that allow sheltering soon.

8. **Set AGM date and speaker**
Directors agreed to hold the AGM on Saturday, November 18 at 7 pm. **Susanne to ask Fern Perkins to be the guest speaker. Darryl will chair the meeting.**

Next board meeting date.

January 9 at 7 pm at St. Jean Baptiste Church

Motion by Norm to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Phil, approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm