

THS Board Meeting (#10)

Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 6:00 pm
By Teleconference

Present: Julie Barac, Malcolm Bernstein, Krista Bulmer, Damian Creber, Mark Dilworth, Yussef Hafez, Charissa Lai, Adrienne Macdonald, Gary Milakovic, Peter Newell, Alexandre Rochtchine, Josh Shanahan, Nabila Tisha

Regrets: David Bronskill

Staff: Phil Nichols, CEO; Abu Nana, Director of Finance; Claudette Turner, Recording Secretary

Krista Bulmer asked Josh Shanahan to convene the meeting as she would be absent for the next few minutes. Josh called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Regular Business

1.1 THAT the Agenda be approved.

Moved: Josh Shanahan Seconded: Gary Milakovic ... **Carried.**

1.2 THAT the Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Board meeting be approved.

Moved: Josh Shanahan Seconded: Peter Newell ... **Carried.**

2. Financial Reporting

Abu Nana advised that the Society's cash position is healthy. Revenue exceeded budget expectations in April for Major Giving, and Legacies and Bequests. These gains compensated for lower-than-expected revenues from Fundraising and Promotion (Annual Fund) and covered the slight variance in expenditures. Most expenditures were on target.

Public Veterinary Service's (PVS) gross revenue continues to grow, and the net revenue remains above budget. Increased expenditures in May are expected as some costs have yet to be realized. Otherwise, the Society is aligned with the budget.

Krista Bulmer assumed the Chair and thanked Josh Shanahan for chairing the meeting in her absence.

3. CEO Update

Phil Nichols reported that the Society is performing well. Programming is ramping up again. He noted that more foster homes are needed for large dogs, especially those who have behavioural challenges.

4. AGM Planning

The Board discussed the AGM voting package to be sent to members.

- 4.1 THAT the AGM voting package be approved as amended (proxy and candidate profiles) subject to any non-substantive changes required before mailing.

Moved: Krista Bulmer

Seconded: Gary Milakovic

... **Carried.**

5. Committee Reports

Audit & Finance – Damian Creber advised that Committee matters were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Animal Welfare – Adrienne Macdonald advised that the Committee has moved forward with its two subcommittees, one of which is focussing on a community program policy piece, which is in the final stages of development; and the other a review of breed-specific legislation and the Dog Owners Liability Act (DOLA), which is being worked on through the summer.

Development – Nabila Tisha advised that a status report had been provided earlier in the meeting. She noted that a major gifts officer will be starting the following week. Alexandre Rochtchine provided an update on the golf tournament which is scheduled for September 17. There will be a reception following the tournament that individuals can attend without playing in the tournament if they wish to support the event in this way. Nabila and Alexandre emphasized the need for Board participation, especially for the reception.

Governance – Krista Bulmer advised that Committee matters would be discussed in-camera.

6. Other Business

6.1 THAT the new memberships and all timely renewals be approved.

Moved: Krista Bulmer

Seconded: Josh Shanahan

... **Carried.**

7. Next Meeting

The Board agreed to a summer hiatus, with the next Board meeting to be scheduled following the AGM.

8. In Camera

The Board moved in camera at 6:45 pm and rose at 7:45 pm.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Adrienne Macdonald, Chair

Gary Milakovic, Secretary

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