



Eldridge Memorial Library

Minutes

Annual General Meeting – 31st August 2023

(Eldridge Memorial Library)

Present: EML Board Members - Donna Tidd (Chair), Diedra Wandel (Treasurer) via Facebook Messenger , Alan Sinclair (Minute Sec.), Bev Phillips (Vice Chair) Gwen Wilson (past chair, Librarian). All Executive Committee Voting Members present.

Others - Ann Hinchman, Lancy Clough and Kris Saunders **Total Attendees = 8**

Apologies: Judith Dallagret

Welcome

Donna welcomed everyone to the AGM and called the meeting to order. Donna handed the meeting over to Diedra who reported on the financial status.

2022 Financials:

Revenue - \$4,238

Expenses - \$3,960

Balance of revenue against expenses - + \$278

Net Assets as at 31/12/22 - \$65,232

Carried over into 2023 - \$3,656

Long Term Investments - \$41,076

Building /Land Assets - \$21,000

Liabilities - \$ 500

Net Assets - \$ 65,732

After Diedra answered some queries on the accounts , Donna then asked Gwen to report on the Scholarships.

Scholarship Report

Gwen stated that there were two candidates selected for two of the scholarships of which Emma Stewart was awarded the Frederick Garland and Clara Blanche Morehouse Scholarship. Aspen Cossaboo was awarded the Chad Tidd scholarship. There were no applications from the other two scholarships.

Ann Hinchman asked how we advertise the Scholarships. Gwen stated that the two schools within the Digby neck promote and make the students aware of the four Scholarships and the awards are made on a points based system.

Diedra reported on the current value of the four Scholarships , see below

Measham Family Scholarship	= \$4,071.98
Ronald and Naomi Morehouse Science prize	=\$17,952.64
Chad Tidd Scholarship	= \$5,845.06
Fred Garland and Clara Morehouse Scholarship	=\$13,206.27

Diedra reported that a \$500 donation was yet to be added to the Chadd Tidd scholarship.

Bev asked whether we should approve the 2023 EML AGM minutes . Donna stated that we as an executive committee have approved the final draft of the minutes at a meeting in 2022 . Gwen stated that as we do not have any members, therefore the minutes only need to be approved by the Executive committee. Ann Hinchman queried as to how people at the 2022 AGM were able to query what was written as stated by them in the minutes.

Alan replied stating that the 2022 minutes were sent out to everyone who attended the meeting and anyone could have queried anything and he received no corrections/ amendments from the people who attended the meeting in 2022, other than from the executive committee members.

Bev stated that Sandra Cunningham sent an email in response to the section in the last minutes
Quote *“After some discussion on the potential future for the Library in the community, Gwen suggested the people present put their comments in writing to move the Library forward to the executive committee. Donna stated she will put the email addresses on the EML Facebook page”*.

Bev asked whether the email from Sandra was replied to . Donna replied stating she did not see anything in the email that constituted a proposal . Alan stated that he at the 2022 AGM reported that we as a small committee, cannot take on all proposals from the community and just run with them ourselves. We need people to commit to run with the proposals and we as a committee will assist and facilitate as best as we can to make things happen. Donna stated she would reply to Sandra’s email.

At that point Bev stated she knew of a proposal to use the Library for Book readings , Gwen replied stating that would not be an issue for 2024 . Lancy suggested a Book Club and/or a Games night and would be happy to run this. The meeting gave their full support to Lancy’s proposal.

Ann Hinchman stated Libraries are nowadays changing into community resources and asked about attendances at the Library. Gwen replied giving her the figures for 2023 at the end of the

meeting . Ann also stated that we should expand the community activities in the Library as a resource. This was dealt with under “Any Other Business”.

Ann Hinchman then asked who owned the Library and what insurance for Public Liability was in place. Alan reported the EML was a Canadian Charity and as such followed the charity guidance rules and quoted from the constitution, the position of winding up the Charity, where all Assets would go to a Charity of similar aims. This means we as an executive committee are custodians, not owners of the assets. The question of ownership of the building requires some clarification.

Diedra gave a detailed answer on the current insurance we have in terms of public liability and the building/Land.

Any Other Business

We discussed in depth the initiatives from the 2022 AGM to get the community more involved in using the facilities of the Library. Diedra stated we as a committee should put a call out to get people to hold events/ projects using the Library facilities.

Ann Hinchman stated we should use social media to promote the facilities. Gwen replied stating there are quite a few facebook pages for Digby Neck, including the EML Library page, the Sandy Cove page and many others covering the area. Gwen stated that the EML website has a contact page for people to ask the committee any queries.

As a result of the discussion a motion was put forward by Gwen Wilson and seconded by Alan Sinclair.

“ That the Executive Committee will endeavour to make the local population more aware of what the Library has to offer for their use and any projects they may wish implement; to expand the use of the facilities for the good of the community “

The motion was carried unanimously

Adjournment

Donna thanked everyone present for their input and attendance and adjourned the meeting.

Alan Sinclair, Secretary, 3/9/23

6/9/23 - Amendments by Exec members - Bev Phillips, Gwen, Deidra and Alan Sinclair - Clarification and typos.