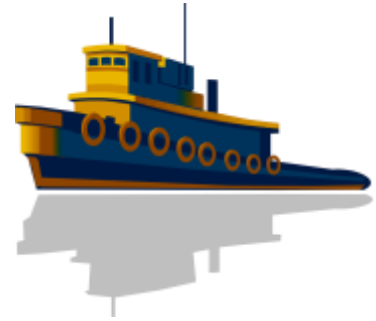


Gibsons Alliance of Business & Community



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 30, 2015
Home/Studio of "Junco" Janice Williams
909 Gibsons Way, Gibsons, B.C. V0N 1V8

Directors present: Suzanne Senger (Chair), Brad Benson (Vice Chair), Katie Janyk (Secretary), Nick Caputo (Treasurer), Marcia Timbres

Regrets: Graham Walker

Members present: John Roper, Doug Ives, Natania Wingrave (Janice Williams, invited guest/host)

MINUTES

Call to Order 2:20 p.m. (Suzanne Senger, Chair)

Agenda: Motion to approve as circulated. (Katie Janyk) Passed

Minutes of 2014 AGM: Motion to approve as circulated. (Marcia Timbres) Passed

Treasurer's Report (Nick Caputo) as attached. Motion to receive and approve as presented. (Marcia Timbres) Passed

Chair's Report: (Suzanne Senger). Suzanne gave a brief summary of the challenges, issues, projects and successes in 2015.

- GABC is supporting citizens and other groups in their complaints and challenges to George-related OCP and Zoning amendments.
- Complaints to professional organizations regarding possible dubious conduct of Town staff and others.
- Freedom of Information requests regarding George Hotel project & Gibsons Marina sale.
- Helping to promote Howe Sound issues.
- Supporting Gibsons Waterfront Defence Association in their work to preserve the Harbourfront.
- Tye workshop on crowd-funding.
- Ombudsperson complaints & requests to examine local government irregularities

- Response to the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce – of which GABC is a member – to their overt support for the proposed George project, their dismissive treatment of our organization and of our members, and diminished level of service to small businesses (motion to follow).
- Legal options & strategies investigated for pursuing conflicts of interest (Rowe) & other nefarious activities at Town Hall. Legal strategists have advised avoiding discussing the “what”, the “when”, or the “how much” until suits are actually launched (at which point exact arguments become public).
- “Punk the George” event at the Town-hosted “information meeting” prior to the George-related Public Hearing.
- Website improvements with Billie Carroll are ongoing.
 - PayPal buttons now functional for both GWDA and GABC donations on our website
- Going forward into 2016:
 - Supporting Friends of the Harbour and Gibsons Waterfront Defence Association is a main activity stream at present.
 - Other issues, like the Gibsons Public Market (GPM), the Marina sale, Shoal Bay properties, Armours Beach improvement, harbour contamination et., are parallel streams for the coming year which we will follow and may assist with as our mandate allows.

Parks Acquisition fund/Gibsons Public Market (Brad Benson): Town proposes to take \$275K out of Parks Acquisition Reserve Fund and put into Capital Projects Reserve Fund for the Gibsons Public Market expansion. This has caused public consternation, and has been a matter of serious concern for GABC. Many of our members have questions about various aspects of the GPM. GPM Fundraising Chair, Pam Robertson, has approached GABC wanting to present info about the market and seek community support from our membership. GABC is seeking more of an exchange of questions & answers, rather than just a sales pitch from GPM.

- Brad has been working to get a neutral sort of meeting with the GPM folks (Pam Robertson & [Executive Director] Gerry Zipursky) so we can hear their spiel and ask all the pointed questions that need to be asked about the project
- The meeting is scheduled for January 21st, 2016 in the sanctuary at Gibsons United Church on Glassford Road.

Shoal Bay update (John Roper): John attended the AGM of Chris O’Toole’s company (CO’T is affiliated with Bob Papau and the other Shoal Bay Property owners).

- Shoal Bay is still pursuing their lawsuit with the Town, KFE, FLNRO and MoE [aka BC Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations and BC Ministry of Environment], and Gibsons Marina (now owned by KF).

- Shoal Bay contends that they are not only entitled to riparian/water access to their waterfront properties, but are entitled to deep water access and actual private moorage (docks) in front of their properties.
- The Province holds the head lease with the Town, and is adamant that 'riparian' access to deep water does not mean private moorage/dock access.
- Stipulations in the Town's lease with Gibsons Marina requiring channel reconfiguration [to give Shoal Bay a deep water channel from their beachfront to the breakwater/open water] within 30 days of the start of any redevelopment work on either Hyak/George or Shoal Bay properties, are apparently not sufficient to mollify the Shoal Bay owners; so the lawsuit(s) remain active, and the matter will be before the Courts.

More on the George.... Discussion emphasizes that community members who may have supported the Rowe Slate in the municipal election in 2014 are now frustrated that there has been NO NEGOTIATION ON THE HEIGHT of the proposed George. This frustration is coupled with a resignation to what seems like a "done deal", and a lack of power to effect change.

Armours Beach update (John Roper): A bit of history about the 'clubhouse', the beach, needed improvements, the yacht club, and the Town, and discussion around whether or not (and how) the re-development could move forward. John will continue to pursue this.

Chamber of Commerce:

MOTION: That the GABC does not renew our membership in the Gibsons & District Chamber of Commerce; **AND** that we send a letter to the Chamber stating our reason(s) for withdrawing, and also stating what measures we expect the Chamber to take in order for us to reconsider joining in the future. (Suzanne Senger) Passed.

Election of Directors for 2016 (John Roper, ad hoc Chair):

Nominations received prior to the AGM for the GABC Board of Directors for 2016:

- Suzanne Senger
- Brad Benson
- Nick Caputo
- Graham Walker
- Katie Janyk

□ Marcia Timbres

Nominations from the floor: Natania Wingrave

There being no further nominations, and there being no objection from any member present to any of the nominees, all of the above listed nominees are hereby declared elected by acclamation as Directors of the Gibsons Alliance of Business and Community Society for 2016.

Adjournment: MOTION to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. (Suzanne Senger)

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Janyk, Secretary

APPENDIX I: Treasurer's Report Gibsons Alliance Of Business and Community Society

Balance Sheet At December 30th, 2015

This Statement is for the account activity from Dec 1st, 2014 - Nov 30th, 2015

Assets:

Cash	
Accounts receivable	\$ 0.00
Inventories	\$ 0.00
Total assets	

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 0.00
Total liabilities	\$ 0.00

Stockholders Equity

Contributed capital	\$ 0.00
Retained earnings	\$ 0.00
Total stockholders equity	\$ 0.00

Total liabilities plus stockholders equity \$ 0.00

- The combined totals in the chequebook registers of both accounts equals the balance of deposits on the Sunshine Coast Credit Union 'Statement of Accounts' dated November 30th, 2015.

Income Statement At December 30th, 2015

This Statement is for the account activity from Dec 1st, 2014 - Nov 30th, 2015

Revenues	GABC	FOH	
Donations	\$7,410.00	[REDACTED]	
Expenses	\$7,423.39	[REDACTED]	
Expenses include permits, advertising, fees for professional services, FOI request fees, research and legal fees			
Balance (Nov. 30, 2014)	\$1,260.59	[REDACTED]	
Plus Donations	+ \$7,410.00	[REDACTED]	
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	\$8,670.59	[REDACTED]	
Minus Expenses	- \$7,423.39	[REDACTED]	
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(Balance Nov 30th, 2015)	\$1,247.20	+ [REDACTED]	= [REDACTED]

- The 'Friends of the Harbour' deposit account includes transfers from the GABC main chequing account.
- The combined totals in the chequebook registers of both accounts equals the balance of deposits on the Sunshine Coast Credit Union 'Statement of Accounts' dated November 30th, 2015.

Assets:

Cash	[REDACTED]
Accounts receivable	\$ 0.00
Inventories	\$ 0.00
Total assets	[REDACTED]

Submitted by Nicholas Caputo, Treasurer