

**Minutes of the GROWLS AGM
Held April 22, 2021**

Over the Internet by Zoom (during Covid-19 pandemic)

Attending: Steve Struthers (Chair), Liz Ciocea, Sharron Palmer-Hunt, Linda Blokhuisen, Wendi Ferrero, Tom Ainsworth, Judy Albert, Michael Salter, Carol Hemrich, Laurie Jackson, Rhonda Bruce (power outage prevented Rhonda from full attendance)

Regrets: Pam McCartney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:05 and acknowledgement was made to being on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

2. Minutes of Last AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were reviewed. Liz Ciocea moved to adopt them, and Steve Struthers seconded the motion.

3. Financial Statements

Rhonda Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer, provided financial statements (appended). Steve Struthers moved to adopt them, and Sharron Palmer-Hunt seconded the motion.

4. Directors

All present directors (list below) are continuing. No new directors were elected.

- Rhonda Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer
- Liz Ciocea
- Pam McCartney
- Sharron Palmer-Hunt
- Steve Struthers, Chair

Directors hold four public meetings per year and meet before each public meeting.

5. Wildlife Report

Liz Ciocea presented the wildlife report.

- GROWLS received 189 calls to the rescue number, 250-714-7101. Highlights included:
 - 52 Calls for were Deer: 6 MVI, 16 concern about the condition of deer, 21 dead on property, and 9 fawns.
 - 8 Calls for were Eagles, 2 of which were about pairs locked together.
 - Owls: 2 calls.
 - Hawks: 2 calls.
 - Hummingbirds: 5 calls.
 - Bats: 9 calls.
 - Turkeys: 5 calls.
 - Seal pups: 10 calls.
 - River Otters: 10 calls.
 - Misc. Birds: 36 calls; 10 window strikes.

6. Activities Through the Year

- Pam McCartney spearheaded a brochure for Island residents that describes local wildlife.
- Steve Struthers shared some photos of eagle rescues done in the year.
- Liz Ciocea shared some photographs of bat management.
- The Eagle Nest Monitoring continued in 2020. Photographs of nest sites were shared.
- Frog Watch Program: Michael Salter made a presentation about the program.
- Mark Hendricks was thanked for his ongoing work to maintain the GROWLS web site.

7. Meeting Adjourned

The photographic format of the AGM was very interesting. Thanks to Sharron Palmer-Hunt for putting it together. It is on the GROWLS web site at http://www.growls.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Growls_Agm_April_22_2021.mp4. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

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Profit & Loss Statement**February 2020 through January 2021**

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| | Year to Date | % of YTD Sales |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Income | | |
| Donations | \$8,298.78 | 88.5% |
| Fundraising | \$1,079.29 | 11.5% |
| Total Income | <u>\$9,378.07</u> | <u>100.0%</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Advertising | \$303.94 | 3.2% |
| Bank Charges & Interest | \$32.02 | 0.3% |
| Bookkeeping | \$283.50 | 3.0% |
| Donations & Bursaries | \$3,625.00 | 38.7% |
| Promotion and Printing | \$1,116.60 | 11.9% |
| Office Supplies & Postage | \$90.82 | 1.0% |
| Telephone | \$539.53 | 5.8% |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$5,991.41</u> | <u>63.9%</u> |
| Net Profit/(Loss) | <u>\$3,386.66</u> | <u>36.1%</u> |

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Balance Sheet**January 2021**

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Assets | | |
| General Chequing Account | \$1,156.44 | |
| Canada Helps Savings Account | \$1,627.12 | |
| Savings Account | \$17,004.64 | |
| CU Shares Account | \$41.32 | |
| Equipment | \$99.00 | |
| Total Assets | | <u>\$19,928.52</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| GST Paid | (\$62.99) | |
| Total Liabilities | | <u>(\$62.99)</u> |
| Equity | | |
| Retained Earnings | \$16,604.85 | |
| Current Earnings | \$3,386.66 | |
| Total Equity | | <u>\$19,991.51</u> |
| Total Liability & Equity | | <u>\$19,928.52</u> |