

# BULKLEY VALLEY HOSPICE SOCIETY

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

### ALL TO ORDER

David Wilford called the meeting to order. This was our 28<sup>th</sup> AGM and 17 members attended. Introductions were made.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

Eileen Astin read the minutes of the 2018 AGM.

Moved: Lori Widen/JoAnne Reid

That the Director's report be adopted as read.

Carried

### FOLLOW UP FROM THE 2018 AGM

There was no follow regarding the issue of assisted dying.

There is a need to inform the doctors about Hospice and the Ceremony of Remembering and it is hoped to give a presentation at a Medical Staff Meeting. David will talk to Kalah Blackstock about this. It is felt that the Ceremony of Remembering is wonderful but not well known and that all the new doctors in particular need to have the information.

The question of safety of the volunteers working on their own with clients was raised and it was noted that people working in the Court House all carry alarms round their necks.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Wilford read his report for the past year. (See attached)

Moved: Ken Alton/Sandra Willis

That the Director's report be accepted as read.

Carried

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Unfortunately the Financial Statement is unavailable at this date. Tina Hackle, David Wilford and the accountant will finalize it. It will then be presented for approval. Tina did however assure the members that we are in good shape. The new statement will be in a format which will be easier to read and understand, with the individual sources and expenses grouped more appropriately.

We have been mentioned in a will, the writing of which has caused some complications but when it is all sorted out we stand to inherit a sizable sum of money.

### REPORT OF THE COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

Denise Kalina presented her report. (See attached)

She noted that there are 22 active volunteers for sitting and companionship, 5 or 6 on the equipment crew plus the Board, about 45 people all together.

Moved: Nancy Devries/Teresa

That the report of the Coordinator of Volunteers be accepted.

### REPORT OF THE BEREAVEMENT COORDINATOR

Cornelia Huisman presented her report. (See attached)

Moved: That the report of the Bereavement Coordinator be accepted.

Carried

Note: Both coordinators noted how privileged they feel to work alongside the volunteers, board and clients.

#### CALL FOR MEMBERSHIPS

Members were invited to pay their 2019 – 2020 dues.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The slate of officers was presented and as there were no further nominations the Board of Directors was elected by acclamation.

Ken Alton  
Eileen Astin  
Kalah Blackstock  
Tom Buri  
Alice Christensen (member at large)  
Tina Hackle  
Daphne Hart  
Bonnie Lear  
John Perry  
Desiree Read  
David Wilford

#### PLANS AND ISSUES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

The subject of assisted dying needs to be addressed, in particular the differences in grief experienced after assisted dying.

Sandy Armitage, the northern representative for the BCHPC Association has introduced the new representative to Denise and the suggestion was made that the annual conference could be held in Smithers, with Barbara Morningstar presenting her workshop, “Honouring the Mystery”. She has agreed to come to Smithers at the end of October, speaking to the general public on the Friday evening and in depth to a smaller group on the Saturday.

THANKS – To Eileen and Cornelia for goodies

#### ADJOURNMENT

David thanked members for attending and invited members to raise issues as they come up during the year. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.