

## Minutes of ANKORS AGM

Wednesday, June 25, 2020.

1 p.m. Pacific / 2 p.m. Mountain Time

Territorial Acknowledgement & Welcome- Meeting Chaired by Nora.

Present: Cheryl, Nora, Heather C., Heather F., Michele F., Michelle S., Bernice, Ron, Thomas, Adrian, Jasmine, Joe. Peter, Milo, Alex, David, Chloe, Polly, Amber, Alexis, Senna.

Moment of Silence

Acceptance of the Agenda- Adrian moved and Heather C. seconded that the AGM Agenda be accepted. Carried.

Minutes of the June 26, 2019 AGM- Spelling error was noted that Karen McConnell should read Karen McConnell. Michelle moved and Heather C. seconded that the 2019 AGM minutes be accepted as corrected. Carried.

Business Arising- None noted.

Executive Director's Report & Acknowledgements- see email. Cheryl presented her report, highlighting how, on March 15, 2020 and following, the team worked together to set things up for ANKORS services to carry on, determining what was an essential service under the Covid 19 Pandemic protocol and getting PPE. Programs have kept moving forward.

ANKORS has been dealing with the overdose crisis as well. There have been significant losses and the impact has been substantial. Cheryl encouraged everyone to take care of themselves, take breaks and seek support from others.

Cheryl appreciates the dialogue that there has been for other issues like Black Lives Matter and our Indigenous Partners.

Cheryl acknowledged the courage and dedication of Rose Silvery who passed away recently. Rose had been a volunteer in the East Kootenay office. She worked in Harm Reduction.

Cheryl also acknowledged the dedication of Patrick Hermary who also passed away, Patrick had volunteered in the Nelson office for 20 years.

Cheryl acknowledged the retirements of Gary Dalton and Serge Popoff.

Thomas moved and Heather C. seconded the acceptance of the Executive Director's Report. Carried.

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements- Cheryl has gone over the Financial statements with the accountant. Having a complete audit is important.

Cheryl acknowledged Bernice, the Board Treasurer and also Leah, the ANKORS bookkeeper.

It was a clean audit according to the auditor at Pinnacle. There are not a lot of Capital Assets (computers and updating technical equipment). By next year they will probably be amortized.

Ron asked about how much money is in the Foundation Fund in the West Kootenay. The amount is \$24,000.

The East Kootenay accounts are managed by Polly and Cheryl.

In recognition of the dedication and work done by, now retired, Christopher Moore, Milo has set up the Christopher Moore Fund for those connected with the Transconnect Program.

Bernice moved and Adrian seconded the acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements. Carried.

Appointment of the 2020-2021 Accountant- Michelle S. moved and Michele F. seconded the Appointment of Pinnacle to be the Accounting firm for ANKORS in 2020-2021. Carried.

Membership & Board Nominations- ANKORS Membership forms have been sent out by email for completion.

A slate nomination was done for the following people who are up for renomination: Thomas McLeod, Heather Fenner, Tara Wood, Michelle Shewell, Michele Frensel, Adrian Tenesse and Nora Lilligren.

Polly nominated Arlene Henry who is a previous Board Member. She also nominated Stephanie Best.

Heather C. moved and Michele F. seconded the nominations of the people named to be Board members. Carried.

ANKORS Fun Facts & Prizes- Cheryl led a fun ANKORS Trivia game which covered many interesting facts about the organization.

Board of Director's Report- Sent by Email. Nora (Chairperson) presented the Board report.

She is excited about the drug testing being done and the acquisition of an FTIR for the East Kootenay office. She acknowledged and thanked all the amazing staff at ANKORS.

Staff Reports- see website- [www.ankors.bc.ca](http://www.ankors.bc.ca). Staff presented their reports.

Each staff member also gave a short statement about what they are 'fired up' about for the future. Most of the comments focused on expansion of services with more community involvement, attention to anti-stigma issues, the integrated approach at

ANKORS, more training, building connections, appreciation of the leadership of senior staff and support during the Pandemic.

Polly and Michelle S. each gave a tribute of remembrance for Rose Silvery.

Next Board Meeting Date & Time- To be determined for August 2020.

Meeting Adjournment- Michele F. moved and Adrian seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. Pacific time /4:16 p.m. Mountain time.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Cameron.