



Annual General Meeting
June 28th, 2021. 7- 8:10 p.m.
Via ZOOM

Board members present Thelma Costello, Janice Moreside, Leo Blain, Derek Schnare, Janet Irwin, Gord Tate, Olivia Corkum, Ron MacDonald

Staff: Lorraine Burch & Erin Perry

Attendees: Recorded on Membership Master List : 20 people in attendance ;16 were voting members

1. Welcome: Thelma Costello opened meeting at 7:02 p.m. by welcoming attendees and providing a Land Acknowledgement describing the long journey ahead to fully understand the impact of injustices on the First Nations of Canada and the role OHC has to foster a more equitable health system in the future.

2. Minutes of June 20, 2020, Annual General Meeting

MOTION: to approve the minutes for the AGM held June 20, 2020, as circulated.

Moved by Leo Blain

Seconded by Janet Irwin

Motion: Carried

3. Report from the Chair

Thelma Costello's full report is attached to the minutes. OHC and NSH work collaboratively in physician recruitment, and this has been slowed by the pandemic. 2020/2021 saw a strengthening in partnerships with OHC focusing on Health & Wellness as well as gardens and food. She highlighted all the good work undertaken by various volunteers: Syd and Sandy Dumaresq, Wilson Fitt, Kit McCurdy, Ed Bloodworth, Kim Geldart and Kelly McKnight, the OHC Foundation chaired by Ron McDonald, the Community Wellness Partnership, the Doctor Recruitment Committee and many others. Special thanks to Cindy Robichaud, walk-in clinic administrator for the amazing work she has done throughout the pandemic. Outstanding work by Lorraine Burch Executive Director for her leadership; the board has recognized that she is pulled in too many directions, therefore Erin Perry will be joining the OHC team assisting Lorraine on a part-time basis.

4. Treasurer's Report

Leo Blain presented the Financial Statements for the year end of March 31, 2021. The independent auditors report was prepared by AC Belliveau Veinotte Inc. and a special thanks to them for this. Also, a very special thanks to Lorraine for managing the finances and Thelma for being "a driving force for the board". Our community has been very supportive. One of our major successes throughout the year was paying down the debt which was approximately \$530,000 to approximately \$130,000. OHC received grants and donations which helped tremendously throughout the year. The financials will be posted on the OHC website.

Comment from Thelma

1. OHC should be looking at a capital reserve for building infrastructure in the future.

Comment from Gretchen McCurdy

2. Please explain the balance of the debt. Leo replied that 50 K of the GIC of 330K was held back to service the debit going forward; the balance of the debt is approximately \$130,000.00

MOTION: to accept the financial report

Moved by Gretchen McCurdy Seconded by Janice Moreside

Motion: Carried

5. Report from the General Manager

Lorraine Burch's full report is attached to the minutes. Thelma and the OHC Association Board along with the volunteer committees and NS Health staff have been such a tremendous support during the pandemic. Lorraine highlighted the new partnerships and programs that were introduced this year, specifically our partnership with NSH and how we can help to service our community better. AAFter a NUKBER OF YEARS There are no major capital expense building projects on the horizon, just regular maintenance and upkeep. We had good success with grant applications; received 3 United Way grants to support the work of the Musical Friends/Growing Friends collective. Special thanks to Cindy Robichaud and our Walk-in clinic doctors and nurse practitioners for all the support throughout the past year. The Community Check In project was launched; Cindy called all patients over the age of 60 to let them know that the Walk-in clinic would remain open during the pandemic, to ask how OHC might assist them with any fears or concerns- in total Cindy asked 12 questions. A research team from NS Health and Dalhousie will assess the data collected from the over 1000 calls Cindy made. This summer OHC will have an opportunity to apply for funding that has been provided to the Nova Scotia Association of Community Health Centres to help with vaccine education thanks to a grant from the Public Health Agency of Canada. We are awaiting response from an application to Bell Let's Talk that will mean we can open a Mental Health Walk-in clinic if the grant is approved. Lots of exciting work ahead! Thelma added that we were able to provide Chester Playhouse with a space in our community room over the summer months.

6. Report from the Foundation

Ron McDonald report is attached to the minutes. Ron summarized the work of the Foundation and thanked its dedicated Board members; the continued support from Lorraine and our from community. He pointed out that the Foundation has grown immensely in the last five years and is looking forward to building on the momentum created. Memorial and regular donations up more than 25,000, fundraising more than doubled our results from the previous year. Moving to Canada Helps as our online platform for donors. Can be found on our website under the Foundation tab. Special thanks to Janice Moreside. Board also sends a special thanks to John Chandler for the last two years of service.

7. Report from NSH

Joanne Wentzell, Director of Primary Health Care for the Western Zone and Margo Walsh-Leaman, OHC first floor Collaborative Care clinic manager attended the Zoom call on behalf of NS Heath. Tanya Nixo, VP of Operations for NSH Western Zone sent her regrets and is looking forward to her tour of OHC. Report will be attached to the minutes. Prior to the pandemic NSH and OHC refreshed their partnership agreement. Everyone is looking forward to working together in establishing a process for community rounds and information sharing, community check in program and shared indicators. Thank you, Lorraine for the warm welcome and assistance you provide.

Comment from Gretchen McCurdy

Wonderful to have the partnership and sharing of information, congratulations to all for working together so well. Thank you from all of us in this area.

Moved by Derek Schnare

Seconded by Janet Irwin

Motion: Carried

9. Report from Gord Tate on Vision, Mission & our Five Guiding Principles

A Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles document should encompass an organization's values and, for OHC, place it in the center of the health system ecosystem. At the end of the day a document like this should be the heart of any Board and be the reference tool for all major decisions. Through discussions with a small working group of our board members this new document was created. Gord reviewed each of the 5 new Guiding Principles.

Comment from Thelma

OHC made a conscious decision to improve on inclusion and diversity initiatives, decide what excellence means and how we can measure it, and find better ways to collaborate and communicate. This document will act as guide for all the work ahead. Thanks to Gord Tate and Janet Irwin for their leadership.

MOTION: To approve the reports from the Chair, Executive Director, and the Foundation

Moved by Derek Schnare

Seconded by Janet Irwin

Motion: Carried

10. Election of Board Members from Derek Schnare

MOTION: to reappoint Board members, Gord Tate and Olivia Corkum to the Board for an additional 3 -year term.

Derek Schnare read the bio's for Gord Tate and Olivia Corkum and said that the Board would benefit greatly from their involvement.

Motion: Carried, all members in agreeance

11. Q and A session

Jim Muckle- outlined potential opportunities for creating programs focused on Brain Health. Possible three-way partnership with local schools, health care staff and law enforcement. Joanne Wentzell was not aware of any resources available through NSH, but she would investigate it. Margo Walsh-Leaman spoke about the Better Program that the two Family Practice Nurses at OHC are working on – this will help patients with

chronic issues related to neurological needs; the <http://fountainofhealth.ca> might be another resource support.

Nate asked if anyone is aware of possible access to tools and resources through Brain Injury NS? <https://braininjuryns.com/>

Lorraine- Thanks for the suggestions Jim and for the sessions you have facilitated at OHC in the past. I will follow up with you regarding fall planning and will make connections with others who can offer resources or support. The Alzheimer's Society of NS is one organization that has some great resources; they are planning for a 6-week session at OHC this fall.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully

Lorraine Burch OHC Executive Director

Erin Perry OHC Admin Assistant

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