

**MINUTES**  
**GNAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Ruth Swyers, Debbie Caddigan, Zita Taylor, Suzanne Joyal, Jennie Aliman, Jane Wilson, Alison O'Connor, Mary Lovelace, Mari Teitelbaum, Tahera Mufti, Suzanne McCarthy, Cindy MacDonald, Paul O'Donnell, Matt Bonsall, Sheryl Groeneweg, Dinos Dafniotis, Clare Rogers, Megan Malloy, Ian Nicol, Mary Tsai-Davies, Kate McCarthy, Clive Doucet

**1. Welcome**

Ian welcomed at 7:10 pm

**2. Review / adopt agenda**

**Motion to adopt the agenda: Jenny Aliman. Seconded by Tahera Mufti**

**3. Review / adopt minutes from 2008 AGM**

**Motion to adopt the minutes from last year: Clare Rogers. Seconded by Matt Bonsall**

**4. Chairperson's report (Ian)**

- As listed on page 1 of the annual report
- 2008/09 another good year. Many noteworthy events:
  - Fantastic programming with high attendance and creativity (i.e. Be in the Band)
  - Revision of employment policy and procedures – the end product of a long process to ensure good HR policies
  - Annual retreat
  - Youth speakers series event
- Minimal operations surplus – approx. \$8k – in-line with not-for-profit status
- Partnership with St. James Tennis club to expand available space and relationships
- Losing many great board members (Debbie, Ruth and Suzanne) but turnover is good to ensure fresh ideas. Thanks to all outgoing board members. Thanks to incoming board members for taking on the commitment.
- After 7 years – thanks to everyone from Ian.

**5. Treasurer's report**

- Review and Engagement report by Paul Forgues
- Adjustment to statements by recording 'Unearned Revenues'
- Mary and Mary have managed the books monthly to ensure we do not produce a significant surplus
- 6% increase in programming despite the recession
- Thanks to Mary, Mary and Dave

**Motion to approve the financial statements for 2008/09: Tahera. Seconded by Christy Oliver**

## 6. Executive Directors report

- Successful in fulfilling GNAG's primary goal in delivering recreational services to the community.
- Focus this year on bringing in new participants was successful – 18% enrollment growth (other details in the report)
- Thanks to staff, volunteers, community and board.

Highlights include:

- Cisco/Bluesfest/OFC/St. James – Be in the Band
- Dancing in the Street
- Glebe BIA's Pumpkin Patch Party in conjunction with Halloween party
- NAC BC Scene concert series – 1 of the free concerts
- Mutchmor's Art and Mutchmor Read's programs
- Standing committees – thanks to –
  - i. Glebe House Tour (Warren Newberry),
  - ii. Taste of the Glebe (Tahera Mufti) –
  - iii. Be in the Band (Mark Monohan and Alan Marsden) –
  - iv. The Enchanted Ball (Kailena) –
  - v. Snowflake Special (Christine Ferraud and Christine McCallister) –
  - vi. Craft Fair, Jewellery Show and Garage Sale (Clare Rogers)
  - vii. Lobster Kitchen Party (someone from Pelican Grill)
  - viii. Speaker Series (Matt Bonsall)
- Programs
  - i. Reduced to 1 theatrical production to further focus attention – 12<sup>th</sup> Night
  - ii. Childcare programs – breakfast program, afterschool program, lunch program – significant attendance increase (30%).
  - iii. Staff - Introduce Alison O'Connor as Children&Youth co-ordinator. Jenny Aliman, a longtime instructor at the GCC has retired will be missed – thank you for 20+ years. Thanks to the City of Ottawa staff for being the front-line professionally and caring.
  - iv. Organization
    1. Board retreat allowed for the development of the Operational Plan for 09/10
    2. Involved in City of Ottawa Parks & Recreation Plan
    3. Thank you to the Dream Team – Mary Lovelace, Paul and Clare. Wonderful team supporting the community and Mary in her job. Thanks for all the hard work.
    4. Thanks to the 2008/09 board of directors. Specifically thanks to Ian for his humour, energy and diligence over the past 7 years.
    5. Looking forward to working with the new board and welcome them to the community centre

## 7. Nominating committee report

Tahera spoke on behalf of the nomination committee. Purpose of the committee is to seek out new members through various means.

Announced the slate.

Chair	Kate McCartney
ViceChair	Mari Teitelbaum
Secretary	Katie Faught
Treasurer	Megan Malloy
GCA Rep	Karen Campbell
Voting Members	Matt Bonsall Sheryl Groeneweg Suzanne Joyal Tahera Mufti Christy Oliver Zita Taylor John Richardson

**Motion to accept the new board moved by Ian. Seconded by Ruth**

#### **8. Other Matters**

Clive Doucet talked about proposed Lansdowne Park re-development

- Starting public consultations this Monday
- Every day there are negative things uncovered in the proposal. Most recent discovery is that the deal includes all of the existing park space. Thus there will be almost no improvement in greenspace.
- It's a disaster for the community and for the City.
- It's in disrepair now, but the potential is significant – canal, Aberdeen pavilion, bridge. It should be Ottawa's Central Park.
- Looking to solicit support. Pls sign a petition to return to better process. Also there is a training session for those that want to go to the consultations representing local interest.
- Includes an alternate proposal to highlight the need to return to the 'process'

Ian has a few more thank-you's to outgoing board members – flowers presented to Debbie, Ruth and Suzanne and for Jenny Aliman.

#### **9. Adjournment**

**Moved to adjourn by Mari at 7:45 pm. Seconded by Suzanne**