

Present: Mayor Suzan Hewat, Karen Pidcock, Catherine McCormick, Angel Desjarlais, Ellen Watters, Lorna Louise, Catherine Whitehead, Barb Szuta, Bev Gaal, Bobbie Huber.
Trustees: Anne Heard, John Whitehead, Margaret Wanke, Celia Cheatley, Leah Honkanen, Jen Diosy.
Staff: Eva Kelemen (secretary).

Quorum is met

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Anne Heard welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the land we live on is the traditional and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, Syilx (Okanagan), and Sinixt Nations and that we are privileged to live here.

1. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda. John / Catherine McCormick/ carried.**
2. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 AGM. Leah / Jen / carried.**
3. Business Arising from Minutes: none
4. Chairperson's Report (attached) Highlights: Anne thanked Eva and Angela for all the good work during changing pandemic circumstances. Strategic goal achievements included updating the staff benefits package to include pension contributions & sick days and continuing centennial celebrations with a new logo (by Dan Trobak), entering a Gratitude Float in the (*not May Days 'Don't burst my bubble'*) parade, and making progress towards the New Library Project (NLP) for Kaslo & Area D. Many thanks to the following committees:
 - a. HR Committee: Celia, Leah, and Eva for the benefits review and update,
 - b. NLP Fundraising Committee for the new library project (NLP): Mayor Hewat, Lynn van Deursen, Sabrina Edwards, Danielle Soucie and Margaret, Celia, Leah, Anne, Eva & Angela. Five events raised \$33,220 and a billboard was constructed on the future library site by Paul & Lynn van Deursen.
 - c. NLP Planning Committee: Margaret, John, Anne, Eva and community members Chris Temple and Lynn van Deursen for participating in the Request for Proposals process to further the design and costing.
 - d. Kaslo Library Building Committee (KLBC): Mayor Hewat, Councilor van Mill, CAO Dunlop, and from KDPL: Margaret, John, Anne, and Eva.**Motion to receive the chairperson's Report. Anne/ Celia/ carried.**

5. Financial Report (attached) Reported by Eva since our treasurer, position is vacant. The 2021 Income Statement is now called a Compilation Engagement Report since Notice to Reader statements are no longer issued as of December 2021. Current assets are higher than in 2021 due to the New Library Project fundraising efforts. Operations were not back to normal in 2021 with low revenues for the book sale and book sponsorship program and no spending on technology improvements. There were no capital expenses in 2021 and several budget lines were underspent. This means that \$6,047 can go into reserves. The New Library Project is shown under expenditures as having a profit of \$80,541. Page 8 of the Income Statement shows the revenue and expenditures for the NLP but does not capture the entire project since donations can be received by the library or the village. Please refer to page 6 of the income statement for details. Briefly:

As a public library association, KDPL cannot legally own land or buildings. The board is working in partnership with the Village to achieve a new library. For example, land was purchased in September 2020 via Village reserves and a \$180,000 CBT Land Acquisition Grant. Through fundraising efforts, KDPL repaid the \$120,000 to Village reserves by June 2021. A second example is included in the notes to the financial statement (page 5), where we acknowledge the generous donation from the Pearson family of \$100,000 towards the NLP in 2021 that is held by the Village in the Library Reserve Capital Fund – Bylaw 1257. A second donation of the same value is scheduled for 2022. Financial support for the NLP to December 31, 2021 adds up to \$492,061 including donations (\$268,341), grants (\$190,500), and fundraising events (\$33,220). Subtracting

the land purchase and conceptual design work, \$184,211 (held by KDPL and the Village) is available towards design and construction. We are truly grateful for all the support so far.

Eva thanked Suzan Hewat of Minichiello & Company for all her bookkeeping work.

Motion to receive the financial report. Jen/ Leah/ carried.

Motion to adopt the 2021 Financial Statements. Ellen/ Celia/ carried.

6. Library Director's Report – by Eva (report attached) The KDPL History book celebrating the first 100 years is finally available to borrow after many delays. Argenta library and Kootenay Lake Archives will also receive a copy.

The pandemic closed the library at this time two years ago and changed operations, programs, scheduling and how we meet. COVID safety plans were created, amended, and posted per WorkSafe BC requirements. Though exhausting, we have been most fortunate that most people in our community stepped up and cases stayed low in the first 2 years. Zoom meetings have meant increased connections with librarians across the province and even the opportunity to meet author Terry Fallis (who donated his time as part of the 2021 auction fundraiser). Operating hours and rules fluctuated. Now we are open 4 days a week including 2 evening options and masks became optional a few days before the AGM.

Per the strategic plan, the volunteer program has been carefully reviewed and updated for sustainability and safety. It will include a smaller team going forward. Many thanks to: Candace Frary, Elaine Richinger, Linda McLennan, Dianne Wilton, Franke Sarson, Jill Fryling, Bella Whitehead, and Eric Moon for volunteer work. Betty Lukacs was hired via Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ). We hired Franke Sarson via the CBT Student Works program and (thanks to the) donations in memory of Murray Pearson. When the program ended, we hired Franke as Auxiliary staff. Janet Pearson and Gail Badry (also Auxiliary staff) resigned in 2021. I thank them both for filling shifts over the years to keep the library open. Many thanks to Angela Bennett, our Program Coordinator, for planning and delivering 82 Covid-safe programs in 2021 including maker kits, Zoom crafting, activities in the park, StoryWalks, and more. Also, many thanks to our sponsors/partners: CSJ, CFNKLS, CBT, RDCK, CBAL, Kootenay Savings, and Village of Kaslo for programs and projects.

On a final note, we saw a lot of new faces at the library in 2021. Registrations have increased and so has the population according to the census!

Motion to receive the library director's report. Ellen Watters/ Mayor Hewat/ carried.

7. Election: Ellen Watters completed 8 years of service as a trustee for KDPL, which is the maximum number of consecutive years to serve according to the Library Act. We thanked Ellen at our last AGM. Charles de Pape resigned on October 26, 2021. The board thanked Charles for his contribution as treasurer from 2016-2021 in the October minutes and would like to say thank you at the AGM as well. On to elections...

Anne Heard, and John Whitehead are continuing their terms.

Margaret Wanke, Celia Cheatley, and Leah Honkanen are willing to stand again.

Jen Diosy was appointed to the board at the January 2022 meeting and is willing to stand.

Angel Desjarlais was nominated by Anne Heard and is willing to stand.

Chair called for nominations allowing sufficient time for them.

There were no more nominations.

MOTION: that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Anne/ John/ carried.

8. New Business

- a. Building for the next 100 years (report attached) Eva reported that in October 2021, the Planning Committee issued a Request for Proposals on BC Bid for an architectural firm to further our design and incorporate energy efficiencies and carbon neutral materials within a budget that remains affordable for our community. It also requested Class B costing for greater accuracy. Several excellent proposals were received. We hired Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects in early December. Having detailed plans and costing will support the next infrastructure grant submission. Our design team meets regularly and excellent progress has been made. We plan to host a launch party in 2022 to share the updated design.

9. Adjournment: **Celia 8:08 pm**