

PCBF Annual General Meeting
April 24, 2006
LaSalle Secondary School
7:00 p.m.

Board members present: G. Sutherland, Chair, J. Uliana, Vice-Chair, L. Foster, B. McConnell, M. Conner, B. MacAdoo, F. Ivimey, A. Levac

Absent: R. Stoness

Also in attendance: Eric Bennett, solicitor for the Board; Vicky Leakey, KPMG

The meeting was called to order by Chair G. Sutherland who declared that there was a quorum (25+ members) in attendance.

Motion by Peter Walker, seconded by Peter Dorn, that the agenda be adopted. Carried

Chair G. Sutherland addressed the membership briefly, noting in particular that this was a volunteer board, and that decisions were being made to the best of the Board's ability.

Secretary Anne Levac read the minutes of the 2005 AGM.

Motion by Bill MacAdoo, seconded by Michael Nicoll-Griffith, that the minutes be approved, subject to the correction in the name of Lois "Corcoran". Carried

Secretary A. Levac read the minutes of the special general meeting held on June 13, 2005.

Motion by Walter Fenlon, seconded by John Uliana that the minutes of the special general meeting be approved. Carried

Treasurer's Report

(attached to minutes)

There was a brief discussion about the piece of land that the Fund owns in the St. Lawrence Business Park. P. Dorn enquired about where the property is located and what the Board's plans are. L. Foster explained that it was a lot which had been owned by the former Pittsburgh Township and turned over to the Board in the event that a pool was approved for construction. This did not come about, and the Board has since held the property pending its sale, or an agreed-upon use for it.

Unrestricted funds this year: \$211,287.

Legal advice and media costs were higher than usual largely because of the special general meeting held in June, 2005.

Motion by F. Ivimey, seconded by L. Foster, that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried

There was considerable discussion about the expenditures of the Board on various projects. Among the most controversial were the Grand Theatre, Market Square, and the Sheep Dog Trials. The question was asked whether or not the sheep dog trials are a money-maker for someone. P. Walker stated that the Trials were run as a non-profit event. L. Foster pointed out that this was an event that had been supported by the former Pittsburgh Township and that it has always been a very well-attended successful event. The benefit to the area would result from the more than 1,000 visitors from out-of-town who come to the area for the event.

Some members of the audience expressed support of scholarships and funding of projects within the former Pittsburgh Township but did not feel that projects in the city should benefit from the Fund. Board members pointed out that these projects had been discussed extensively and that the majority of members felt the projects in the city - i.e. the Grand

Theatre and Market Square – would benefit many residents of the former Pittsburgh Township and that we would not be able to afford to have these facilities in our own community.

J. Uliana pointed out the Fund's purpose is to benefit the social, cultural, and recreational life of the community, and that the definition of "community" is not always clear.

L. Foster pointed out that she had not voted on the Market Square funding request since she is a member of the fund-raising committee.

It was suggested by some members in attendance that decisions about what projects to fund should have come before the membership first. J. Uliana explained that we respond to requests and that we do not know a year in advance what requests for funding will be received. The Board is required to go to the membership for any expenditures over \$500,000 and, by resolution, the Board has determined that they will not spend more than the interest earned. It was also pointed out that a motion could be put to the next AGM about a change in how decisions are made if anyone wished to do so.

Auditor's Report

V. Leakey of KPMG noted that all books and records had been made available to the auditors and that everything was in order.

Motion by Anne Redish, seconded by Barry Lloyd, that the auditor's report be approved. Carried

Motion by J. Uliana, seconded by W. Fenlon, that KPMG be appointed as auditors for 2006. Carried

By-law Amendment

The Benefit Fund Board had put forward a proposed by-law amendment which would provide a process for replacing a Board member who missed too many meetings. (attached)

Motion by: H. Lloyd, seconded by P. Dorn that the by-law amendment be approved. The mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment to add the words "prior to the vote" to ensure that there was an opportunity for the Board member in question to address the Board before any decision was made. Carried

It was suggested that a list be provided of Board members and the year that they come up for re-election.

Other Business

B. McConnell outlined the progress to date with regard to the PCBF website.

The comment was made by a Fund member that the PCBF has lost the original focus of the Fund. It was suggested that this was the reason for the low turn-out. L. Foster pointed out that members tend to show up for contentious issues, but when they feel that things are going well, we do not get the same turn-out.

Board Membership

G. Sutherland announced that C. Cherry and B. McConnell had served as interim members for part of the year but that C. Cherry had now decided to step down.

The following slate was put forward by the Board: for 3-year terms – Fred Ivimey, John Wilson, Bryon McConnell
- for 2-year term – Jeff Szumlanski

There having been no other names put forward for positions on the Board, there was no vote and the new members were declared elected.

Motion by L. Foster, seconded by B. MacAdoo, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried