

Sunshine Coast Tourism Annual General Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, April 25, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Voting Stakeholders: Christine Hollmann, Gary Bearchell, Jack Barr, Heather Newman, Linda Williams, Theresa Logan, Shangxuan Ma, Gary Shilling, Gaetan Royer, Gary Shilling, Nancy Cottingham Powell, Yash Bareria, Suzanne Laurie, Tara Latham, Ryan Staley, Sean & Jenny Marshall, Josie Heisig, Heidi Murphy, Stephen Forgacs, Alex Preswick, Cheryl MacKinnon, Heather McGillivray, Dianne McLauchlan, Yarrow Drtina, Matt Emig, Greg Eymundson, Pam McGarel, Earl Almeida, Cheryl Chang

Non-Voting Stakeholders, Elected Officials and Guests: Susan Rybar (Vardo Creative), Laura Plant (Laura Plant Tourism Consulting), Jeanne-Maré van der Merwe, Professional Accountant (S.A.) (Principal, Ocean Breeze Accounting), Sechelt Mayor - John Henderson,

Staff Members: Annie Wise, Andrea Wickham-Foxwell, Crystal Solberg, Wendy Wright, Tammy Gibson (5)

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:04 am

2) **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

It was:	moved by Linda Williams seconded by Thresessa Logan THAT the Annual General Meeting Agenda of April 25, 2025 be adopted. <u>CARRIED</u>
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3) **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

It was:	moved by Shangxuan Ma seconded by Heather Newman
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	<p>THAT the Annual General Meeting Minutes, dated November 13, 2024, be adopted as presented <u>CARRIED</u></p>
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4) FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeanne-Mare van der Merwe presented the draft Year-End Financial Statements for the 2024 fiscal year. Due to the change of fiscal year approved at the last AGM, the 2024 Financial Statements are for an 8-month stub year (May 1 – Dec 31, 2024). The previous year's comparisons were a full 12 months.

<p>It was:</p>	<p>moved by Gary Bearchell seconded by Linda Williams THAT the 2024 Fiscal Year-End Financial Statements be adopted as presented. <u>CARRIED</u></p>
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5) NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT & ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The following 4 Directors have served 1-year of their 2-year terms and will therefore continue another year:

- **Gary Shilling**, qathet Film Society
 - Member at Large - North Coast
- **Qaid Jivan**, The Stonewater
 - Large Accommodation - South Coast
- **Chris Tait**, Klahoose Wilderness Resort
 - Large Accommodation - North
- **Heather Newman**, Pointhouse Suites
 - Member at Large, South Coast

Gary Bearchell thanked the Board Members who have completed their 2-year terms of service, and their positions are up for election this year. The following 7 positions are open for election to 2-year terms at the 2025 AGM:

- 1 x Large Accommodations - North Representative
- 1 x Large Accommodations - South Representative
- 1 x Member at Large - North Representative

- 1 x Member at Large - South Representative
- 1 x Arts, Culture, and Heritage Representative
- 1 x Recreation Sector Representative
- 1 x Small Accommodations (3 units or less), RV/Campground, or Marina Representative

The following available positions only had one nominee each, and thus were elected by acclamation:

- Large Accommodation - North acclaimed by
Jack Barr, Powell River Town Centre Hotel/Beach Gardens Resort
- Large Accommodation - South acclaimed by
Shang Ma, Gibsons Garden Hotel
- Member at Large - South acclaimed by
Yash Bareria, Evergreen Hospitality Group
(inc. Sunshine Lodge, Rockwater Secret Cove Resort, The Oceanside Coast Hotel, The Spot at Porpoise Bay, and the Marine Inn)
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage - acclaimed by
Linda Williams, Coast Cultural Alliance
- Recreation - acclaimed by
Theresa Logan, Sunshine Coast Air
- Small Accommodations, RV/Campground, Marina - acclaimed by
Christine Hollmann, SunLund RV Park/Lund Harbour House

No nominations were received for the Member at Large – North position during the official nomination period or prior to the AGM. As a result, the Board will proceed to appoint an eligible stakeholder representative to this position, in accordance with the bylaws.

Gary Bearchell confirmed at the AGM that he would not be seeking re-election, marking the end of his most recent term. The Board extends a special thank you to Gary for his six years of service as the Small Accommodations representative and Vice-President. His contributions and commitment over the years are sincerely appreciated.

6) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Annie Wise

7) Presentation of the 5-Year Strategic Plan, 2026-2030

8) **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

It was:	moved by Gary Bearchell seconded by Linda Williams THAT the Annual General Meeting has been adjourned at 10:37 am. <u>CARRIED</u>
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