

## Ecology Action Centre

### *Minutes for Annual General/General Membership Meeting, 17 June 2000*

Approximately 50 members attended. Chair - Holly Reid. Minutes - Luke Pelot

1. The combined Annual General Meeting and General Membership Meeting was called to order at 7:40PM.
2. The Chair introduced the Centre's staff members to the Members present.
3. Chair presented her annual report to the Members.
4. The Treasurer presented the financial report to the Members based on un-audited statements - audited financial statements to be presented to the Board at a later meeting.
5. White Burgess Langille Inman were re-appointed auditors for the 2000-2001 year.
6. The following amendments to the bylaws were moved, seconded and carried:
  - (a) to delete the words "the Staff Development Director" and "the Staff Policy Director" wherever they appear in the bylaws;
  - (b) to insert at the end of Bylaw 7 "(g) Membership Committee: The Membership Committee shall consist of the Membership Committee Chair and at least two other members. The Committee shall be responsible for membership issues as directed by the Board."
  - (c) to replace Bylaw 7(e) with "(e) Communications Committee: The Communication Committee shall consist of the Communications Committee Chair and at least two other members. It is responsible to develop a strategy and annual plan to build public recognition and support for the Society and its objects and activities."
  - (d) to change the address of the Registered Office in Article of Association 5 from 3115 Veith Street to 1568 Argyle Street, Suite 31; the change the reference to the Societies Act in Bylaw 1(a) from RSNS 1967, c.286 to RSNS 1989, c.42; and to change the reference to section 16 of the Act in Bylaw 1(d) to section 18.
7. The following six new Directors were acclaimed: June Hall (2nd term), Veronica Sherwood, Lianne Crowe, Fred Harrington, Linda Roberts, and Andrew Weatherbee. (The following ten incumbent Directors are completing their term: Cheryl Benjamin, Peggy Cameron, Derek Davis, Karen Hollett, Luke Pelot, Holly Reid, Tony Bowron, Suzanna Fuller, Rochelle Owen, and Erin Rankin.)
8. The Chair led the General Membership Meeting, with the following issues raised:
  - EAC should improve it's capacity to communicate with Members electronically;
  - EAC should move ahead on the acquisition of a building of our own as a 30th anniversary project;
  - the Urban Issues Committee should be encouraged.
9. The AGM was adjourned.

The broad responsibilities of the officers which we (the Board) elect are as follows - but please refer to EAC's bylaws for the nitty gritty.

- (1) Chairperson: *Reggy*
  - presiding at Board and Executive and general membership meetings,
  - leading the Board and EAC generally,
  - dealing with issues that have to be dealt with between Board and Executive meetings,
  - generally, stopping the buck.
- (2) Vice-Chairperson: *Susanna*
  - acts for the Chairperson in their absence,
  - is "Number One" to the Chairperson (Is there anyone who doesn't know what I mean?)
  - member of Executive Committee.
- (3) Secretary: *Andrew*
  - acts for the Chairperson in the Chair's and Vice-Chair's absence,
  - prepares and distributes the minutes for Board, Executive and general membership meetings,
  - member of Executive Committee.
- (4) Treasurer: *Leanne*
  - acts for the Chairperson in the Chair's, Vice-Chair's and Secretary's absence,
  - manages EAC's financial records, and provides monthly financial statements to the Board,
  - member of Executive Committee.
- (5) Chair of the Personnel Committee: *Decek/Kornica*
  - is the formal manager of EAC employees,
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.
- (6) Chair of the Fundraising Committee: *Luke?* *vacant*
  - plans and oversees EAC's fundraising work,
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.
- (7) Chair of the Volunteer Committee: *Cheryl*
  - responsible for EAC's efforts to recruit volunteers, use them effectively, and keep them,
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.
- (8) Chair of the Communications Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ *annual retreat*
  - responsible for coordinating Communications issues across EAC,
  - churns out BTIs quarter after quarter after quarter...
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.
- (9) Chair of the Membership Committee: *Rochelle*
  - responsible for increasing EAC membership,
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.
- (10) Chair of the Policy Development Committee: *catcoat*
  - plans/coordinates the key environmental issues EAC works on,
  - makes sure that Committee meeting minutes are kept and distributed to Board members.