

## DCC Board Meeting – April 21, 2023

Present: Karen, Robin, Sarah, Christine, Mark, David, Filippa

Guests: Maria Burns, Rob McConnell

**Adoption of agenda:** Moved— Filippa; seconded —Robin ; passed unanimously

**Adoption of March 15, 2023 Minutes as amended:** Moved — David; seconded Filippa; passed unanimously.

**Business arising** – Boxes from Jotidhamma arrived. Cost of packing, shipping entirely covered by GoFundMe campaign that Brian Harris initiated.

### **President’s Report – Robin**

Trying to get Maintenance Committee up and running again. Secretary provided ToR. Waiting for ground to thaw to pour floating slab for Hermitage cabin. Ran out of wood for Main House.

**Motion to accept President’s Report** –Moved – David Filippa;--seconded, passed unanimously

### **Treasurer’s Report** – Filippa [See attached reports]

Discussion about acknowledging Monique’s contribution as volunteer Treasurer. Certificate for a week’s retreat accommodation. Secretary to draft. Filippa will ask Monique to prioritize getting her signing authority for KCU, TD.

**Motion:** To approve payment of \$5K to Greg Evans, accountant, to do review of 2022 financial statements. Moved – Filippa; seconded – Robin. Passed unanimously.

In preliminary discussion with replacement accountant. Wants to talk to more board members in the fall.

**Motion:** Approve costs of increase of \$1k- 1650 for Quick books online and one-time cost of \$1K - \$2K. Moved—Filippa; seconded- David. Passed unanimously.

Discussion of raise for Noon. Filippa will review rates, cancellation policy, staff compensation, alternative fee payment for volunteers.

**Motion:** To accept Treasurer’s report; Moved – David ; seconded – Robin. Passed unanimously.

### **Renewal Report** -- David

Recent renewal committee meeting. Committee members present to make brief reports

Rob McConnell presented on *Tara Cabin renos*. Plans done by Roy Brown on volunteer basis. Using part of existing structure. Will build new roof with gables for whole structure to replace current three-part, leaky roof. Will have two porches. Hoping to get grant for geo-thermal heating, heat pump, passive solar so building will be carbon neutral. Will cost under \$1000 to get drawings that conform to Kawartha Lakes building code. Estimated cost of renos will be \$.5 million. Have about \$120K. Want to call new meeting room after Shelley Buttermore because of her large bequest to the DCC. Lama Mark involved in discussions, will help with fund-raising. Hope to get started this fall.

**Motion:** That DCC approve moving forward with Tara cabin rebuild and release up to \$4K of funds currently allocated to that purpose. Moved – David; seconded – Filippa. Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** That the new Tara cabin meeting room be named after Shelley Buttermor. Moved – David. Seconded – Filippa. Passed with Christine abstaining.

Maria Burns presented on *Temple rebuild*. DCC received surprise invoice for \$22K from Thomas Payne. Proper contract needs to be negotiated, with clear authorities and processes for expenditures.

**Motion:** That Maria Burns be designated as key contact with Thomas Payne and that all communications be copied to the Chair, President and Treasurer and Chair of the Renewal Committee. Moved – David; seconded – Filippa

David spoke with Sara Jo Piper and she is willing to work about 16 hours/ week for 2-3 months on contract researching and writing grant applications.

**Motion:** To hire Sara Jo Piper as grant researcher/writer for \$25 hour plus \$10 room credit for up to 16 hours/week, reporting to Fund-raising committee. Moved – David; seconded – Robin. Passed unanimously.

## **AGM**

- **Reminder notice via email and on FB**
- **Membership renewal reminder**
- **Who's running?** Robin has spoken to a student of Lama Lena's. Mark has reached out to Hagop but doubtful for this year. David has spoken to Amber Pennington.

Robin will talk to NooN about communication with members, planning for weekend. Mark, Filippa, and Robin expect to be at DCC for meeting.

## Tabled reports

**HR Report – Mark**

**Maintenance Report – Robin**

**Programming Report** – Karen

**Marketing report** -- Sara

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**Staff Report** – Noon [see written report]

**Date of next meeting:** May 23 at, 1pm EDT