



# 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 27, 2021

**Annual General Meeting: 1:15pm via Zoom Conference** (The small team facilitating the electronic meeting was based out of the Westport Free Methodist Church)

**Attendees:** **Attendees (48):** Mark Kotchapaw, Sandy Thomson, Tavis Weigard, Joe Popma, Suzanne White, Pauline Naftel, Jennifer Zwiers, Cheryl Thomson, Dawn Vandyk, James Giroux, Julie Douglas Freitas, Kathleen Young, Lindsay Giroux, Miranda Thomson, Sharon Blackwell, Tanya Heyman, Tim Priddle, Elizabeth Priddle, Merrilyn Barber, Lindsay Walton, Nathan Walton, Scott Young, Neil Barber, Nicki Amoralt, Alex Derouchie, Dan Kaiser, Trish Kaiser, Connie Wylie Naftel, David Naftel, Rachel Smith, Titus Smith, Bruce Wallace, Charissa Lapp, Tim Priddle, Jessica Walker, Tyler Walker, Peter Moo, Christine Laws, Faith Toelle, Joannette Wallace, Melinda Billett, Sam Priddle, Dorothy Caldwell, Karen Koivumaki, Andrew Zwiers, Sue Ganders, Garry Castle, Shannon Castle

**Guests (3):** James Giroux, Rose Whelpdale, Ken Vissers

**Regrets (25):** Patrick Allard, Jerome Billett, Laura Barkley, Doug Brown, Mac Cameron, Marilyn Cameron, George Clarke, Andy Falleur, Gen Falleur, Brian French, Juanita Fritz-Millett, Steve Fritz-Millett, Marie Lane, Yvonne Leach, Stuart Leyenaar, Anita Murray, Irene Nesbitt, Cathy Nixon, Joanne Paterson, Patrick Speck, Maddy Tibelius, Peter Tibelius, Phyllis Turell, Allison Weldon, Debi Weldon

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

**Suzanne White, Chair**

- Welcome to members and guests joining us
- Explanation of AGM and Roles
- Technical considerations for Zoom AGM, how we are going to use Zoom polls to vote

### **Motion to approve the 2021 AGM Agenda, as previously distributed.**

- Motion to approve - Melinda Billett, with Secunder - Mark Kotchapaw
- Motion passes

## 2. Devotional

**Suzanne White, Chair**

- Suzanne White read from Lamentations 3:21-26,
- God can create good out of our struggles (like the pandemic)
- Our hope is in Jesus
- Sometimes we need to wait on God
- Even though we had struggles at IAWAH, we've had some great things happened with YDLP and the Family campground

- Closed devotional in prayer

### **3. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes**

**Suzanne White, Chair**

The 2020 AGM Minutes were sent Dec. 2020, and now again in the AGM document by email in advance of this meeting.

#### **Motion to approve the 2020 AGM Minutes, as previously distributed.**

- Motion to approve – Cheryl Thomson, seconder – Andrew Zwiers
- Motion passes

### **4. ED Report**

**Ken Vissers**

- Referred to 2020-2021 Annual General Ministry Report sent out before the AGM
- Talked about his calling to lead IAWAH Christian Ministries
- There are big changes and challenges in the Camping business
- Online tuck shop was a success
- Some space used as retreats for pastors
- Health/safety plan for summer programs was very well done
- Many thanks to generous donations this year
- Reviewed calendar for next year
- **Action Ken:** to include an org chart in next's year report

#### **Motion to accept the ED Report, as presented today.**

- Motion to approve – Dan Kaiser, with Seconder Nicki Amirault,
- Motion passes

QUESTIONS: Were asked via Zoom chat and addressed from the floor.

### **5. Financial Business**

Report on 2020-2021

Mark Newcombe

- Reviewed results, revenue and expenses
- We have significant needs as we ramp up the ministries again and hire staff
- McKechnie and Co provided a review of IAWAH's books, full copies are available

#### **Motion to accept the 2021 Financial Statements for IAWAH Christian Ministries, as reviewed by McKechnie & Co.**

- Motion to approve this report: Cheryl Thomson, with Seconder – Andrew Zwiers
- Motion passes

#### **Motion to appoint McKechnie & Co for the 2022 IAWAH Financial Review.**

- Motion to pass – Garry Castle, with Seconder, Dan Kaiser
- Motion passes

Budget 2021-2022

Ken Vissers

- Expect less income
- Government assistance will be reduced a lot
- Program Expenses will be up compared to these last 2 years
- Full time staff to be hired
- We need the same staff even with fewer numbers of campers
- Some special projects are planned
- The board will examine the executive limitations in regard to the budgeted deficit, and report back to the corporation.

**Motion to accept the 2022 Operational Budget for IAWAH Christian Ministries, as presented.**

- Motion to pass – Peter Moo, with Sue Gander as Seconder
- Motion passes

**Motion to approve and allow the Board discretion to pursue and sign on to a mortgage of up to \$1M for IAWAH Christian Ministries.**

- Motion to pass – James Giroux, with Cheryl Thomson as Seconder
- Motion passes

**6. Executive Business**

**Suzanne White**

- Update on Board activity and priorities over this year.
- Less activities on the property this year
- Dealing with pandemic issues around staffing, government funding, insurance
- Dealing with a leadership change including looking into the needs of the ministry and what type of leadership would be needed
- The hiring of Ken Vissers
- Some challenges for us as corporation members around fundraising and promotions

**8. Board Development and Nominating Committee**

**Sandy Thomson**

- All board members are returning
- Kathleen Young and Daniel Desgroseilliers will join as advisors
- Welcome to new corporation members

**9. Other Business**

**Suzanne White, Chair**

- Board Involvement, Corporation Ambassadors

**10. Adjournment & Closing Prayer**      ***\*(Next AGM: November 26, 2022)***

**Motion to Adjourn the 2021 AGM for IAWAH Christian Ministries**

- Motion to pass – Pauline Naftel, with – as Seconder Andrew Zwiers
- Motion passes
- Jen Zwiers closed in prayer.