



Galiano Conservancy Association  
Annual General Meeting  
August 8, 2020  
Minutes (by Suzanne Fournier, edited by Chessi Miltner)  
AGM recording also available - Contact Chessi Miltner

The GCA's first virtual AGM was held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 by Zoom, due to Covid-19 restrictions against public gatherings. Voting by members was conducted via Zoom.

Although the GCA AGM is usually held in June, the event was delayed until August, due to Covid, but still could not be conducted safely except by Zoom.

Chair: Avi Bryant.

**Chair's Report** - Avi Bryant

Motion: To pass the Chair's Report. Moved by Suzanne Fournier, seconded by Pearl Roberts, passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report** - Risa Smith

Motion: To adopt the 2019 financial statements. Moved by Carolyn Canfield, seconded by Loren Wilkinson, passed unanimously.

Motion: To retain Paterson-Henn as accountants and waive the audit requirement. Moved by Michael Hoebel, seconded by John Gill, passed unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report** - Chessi Miltner

**Other Staff Reports:**

Development Coordinator's introduction & thank you to supporters - Jennifer Stackhouse

Agriculture & Restoration Recap 2019 - video by Adam Huggins

link: <https://youtu.be/3eurVxHyQ8M>

Education Recap 2019 - Emily Francis

It was announced that the 2020 Walkalong will be held on August 29, 2020, with appropriate Covid protocols and precautions. All attendees are to pre-register before the event, to regulate numbers of attendees in each time slot; details to be announced on the GCA website and newsletter. All proceeds will go to GCA Nature Education Bursary Fund.



**Election of board members** - Loren Wilkinson

Continuing on the board (mid-term) are Risa Smith, Suzanne Fournier, Pearl Roberts and Neil Friedenber, and Colin Grier

Standing for re-election, Avi Bryant, Julie Gardner, Stephanie Cairns

Not standing for re-election: Loren Wilkinson

The resignation of founding GCA board member Loren Wilkinson was accepted with our thanks for Loren's many years of excellent service to the GCA, and a statement from him that he continues to support the GCA and feels he is leaving with the board and organization in a strong position.

Motion: To re-elect Avi Bryant, Julie Gardner and Stephanie Cairns to the board for another two-year term. Moved by Loren Wilkinson, seconded by Pearl Roberts, passed unanimously.

**Special Business:**

A new GCA policy on traditional harvesting and preparation of deer was introduced and voted on.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Galiano Conservancy Association adopt a policy to facilitate traditional deer harvesting by indigenous hunters at the Millard Learning Centre (MLC) on a two-year trial basis (to be re-assessed at the 2022 AGM) subject to the following prescriptions:

1. Hunting is not permitted on any other GCA lands.
2. Hunting is not permitted on the MLC property during the spring and summer seasons.
3. Hunting is not permitted within 150 metres of Porlier Pass Rd. or within 150 metres of property boundaries.
4. Hunting only occurs during prearranged hunting events when no community or public classes are scheduled and the MLC can be effectively closed to all members of the public for at least 24 hours prior to as well as during the hunting event.
5. Any hunting activities must be scheduled well ahead of time, through formal channels, and must receive consent from board and staff.
6. Hunters must adhere to all applicable hunting rules and regulations.
7. A member of the GCA staff and/or board will be present at the MLC for the duration of any hunting event



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8. All parts of the deer are dealt with in an ethical, appropriate and respectful manner.
9. The GCA will cooperate with other island organizations to offer venison preparation workshops to benefit the Galiano community as well as First Nations partners.

The motion was moved by Avi Bryant, seconded by Suzanne Fournier, and passed unanimously, with some abstentions.

All motions were voted on by members through a tabulated poll on Zoom, while those joining by phone registered their votes verbally.

**Keynote Presentation:**

Guest speaker, Dr. Rianna Burnham, spoke on acoustic cetacean research.

The meeting was adjourned.