

Gambier Community Centre Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Gambier Community Centre Society (the "Community Centre") held on Saturday, May 18, 2025, at 11:30am at the Community Centre, Gambier Island, BC

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Emily Ashton
Leanne Bruce
Pascaline Denblyden
Jamie Dale Dickenson
Sarah Hanna, Secretary
Barbara Miklashek, Treasurer
Ted Myers, (Chair)
Rachel Rathbun

Regrets: Carmela Allevato & Elizabeth Carriere

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Leiani Anthony
David Asher
Emily Proctor
Chris Ashton
Bill Baines
Rick Barnett
Steve Brunn
Scott Hanna
Tory Hanna
Sharon Moxon
Dan Sluggett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ted Myers called the meeting to order at 11:32am

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Scott Hanna, seconded by Tory Hanna

That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF AGM MINUTES

Director and Chair Ted Myers reported that the draft minutes of the 2024 AGM have been circulated through their publication on the Gambier Community Centre website.

Moved by Sharon Moxon, seconded by Tory Hanna

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held May 11, 2024, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Director and Treasurer Barbara Miklashek reported on the 2024 Financial Year, ended December 31, 2024.

Using the slide related to Revenue, the Treasurer reported as follows:

- Revenue for 2024 was \$67,943 as compared to the 5-year rolling average revenue of \$52,543.
- The largest percentage of revenue comes from Event revenue (in 2024 it was \$13,455 net compared to the 5 year rolling average of gross \$23,990).
- The next largest percentage of revenue comes from Donations (in 2024 it was \$11,348 compared to the 5 year rolling average of \$12,919).
- Membership revenue is up @ \$4,735 compared to the 5 year rolling average of \$3,848.
- Revenue from rentals is up @ \$9,482 compared to the 5 year rolling average of \$6,063.
- T-shirt and book revenue is down a bit @ \$3,726 compared to the 5 year rolling average of \$4,271.
- The largest revenue generating event we have hosted is the Commotion on the Ocean where both ticket proceeds, sales of soft goods, and the extremely successful donation collection program have contributed significantly to the Community Centre revenue.

Using the slide related to Expenses 2024, the Treasurer reported as follows:

- Operational Costs for 2024 @ \$26,896 nominally matches the 5-year rolling average costs of \$26,856.
- Costs for Repairs & Maintenance in 2024 @ \$7,434 were slightly higher than the 5 year rolling average of \$6,227.
- Costs for Insurance in 2024 @ \$6,298 were slightly higher than the 5 year rolling average of \$5,406.
- Costs for Grounds Maintenance in 2024 @ \$3,459 were less than the 5 year rolling average of \$5,728.
- Costs for Utilities in 2024 @ \$2,968 were less than the 5 year rolling average cost @ \$3,205.
- Costs for Supplies and small items @ \$3,319 slightly less than the 5 year rolling average @ 3,405.

Using the slide related to Expenses vs. Revenue 2024 - 2020, the Treasurer reported as follows:

- The Community Centre generated Revenue in the amount of \$67,943 in 2024. Costs for 2024 were \$55,025. Revenue exceeded Costs for 2024.

In the slide Expenses vs. Revenue II, the Treasurer noted that where Costs included Depreciation and Revenue included amortization and deferred contributions, the Revenue @ \$71,772 was nearly equal to the Costs @ \$72,552 (which is appropriate for a non-profit society).

Using the final slide in the Treasurer's report, Net Income by Event values were reviewed for events in 2024. The Treasurer commented:

- Clearly the Commotion on the Ocean event raises the most revenue @ \$13,327 (net).
- The Summer Fair raised the next highest revenue @ \$1,906 with the Spring Dance in third place @ \$1,599.
- Other events raise between \$100 - \$300 per event.
- The net revenue figure for the Summer Dance Literacy Program fundraiser @\$90 is misleading because the \$4,550 in gift certificates and bursaries have been deducted from the actual revenue. This event allows the Literacy Program to be self-sustaining.

Moved by Leanne Bruce, seconded by Jamie Dale Dickenson

That the Treasurer's report for the 2024 Financial Year be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

5. 2024 MAINTENANCE & PROJECTS REVIEW

Director Sarah Hanna reported on Maintenance & Projects undertaken during 2024:

- Centre was painted in anticipation of the Mural project
- Blackout blinds have been added to the Anavets room.
- More danger trees were removed from the property.
- General water system maintenance was ongoing.

6. ART MURAL PROJECT

Director Rachel Rathbun reported on the Art Mural project that resulted in a beautiful art mural adorning the east wall of the Community Centre.

- The Project was led by Rachel Rathbun and Haley Armitage.
- There was an initial planning session held where interested parties brainstormed ideas to come up with a theme of "Gambier's natural beauty".
- A second brainstorming session was held to create the plan and trace it out.

- There were some challenges to work out how to connect the various drawings, horizon lines and perspectives but remarkably, the submissions worked out some of these challenges.
- George Remmel was acknowledged for his help in donating the use of scaffolding – particularly for the whale side of the mural.
- The next stage of the project involved Rachel & Haley tracing the mural onto the building.
- At least 5 Community paint days were held, and the kids were great help in painting the lower parts of the mural.
- The post painting stage of the project involved Rachel and Haley doing touch-ups and outlines to finish the project.

There were some questions from the members:

- A member asked how long such a mural will last given its exposure to the elements. Rachel advised that the paints used were exterior Weather Guard house stains so they will likely outlast the newly painted Community Centre. It was also noted that the colours on the art hut/bookstore (which are now several years old) have lasted very well.
- Another member asked what the plans are for the next project, but it is too early to say at this point.

Moved by Scott Hanna, seconded by Leiani Anthony

That a note of appreciation be extended to all artists involved in this project as the exterior of the Community Centre is much enhanced by the new mural.

MOTION CARRIED

7. 2024 EVENTS REVIEW

Director Leanne Bruce delivered a report on Events held in 2024 – see Schedule A.

8. 2025 EVENTS REVIEW

Director Leanne Bruce report included a report on Events planned for 2025 – see Schedule A.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Rick Barnett – Fire Truck Project

Rick Barnett rose to speak about the failure of the Fire Truck Shelter Project that was cancelled by the Gambier Island Fire Team Society (GIFTS) after the removal of the fire truck from the island on April 1, 2025. His written remarks were lengthy, and he articulated multiple points assigning blame for the failure of the project to the Directors of the Community Centre.

Rick Barnett has declined to respond to multiple requests for a copy of his written remarks so that they could be included in these minutes and his perspective could be recorded accurately and without interpretation.

Following Rick Barnett's comments, it was Moved by Scott Hanna and seconded by Emily Proctor:

That the board take no action in response to Rick Barnett's contentions until such time as the board has had time to consult legal representation.

MOTION CARRIED

Director Sarah Hanna spoke to note that the basis of many of Rick Barnett's comments regarding the alleged director failures related to their failure to comply with the will of the members as stated in the special resolution approved by the members at the 2024 AGM.

She suggested that it would be helpful to review the resolution and, displaying the resolution for the members to see, read the text of the special resolution approved by the members at the 2024 AGM, (as follows):

"The Directors of the Community Centre are hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with GFEG or its successor society as it deems reasonably necessary and advisable to protect the interests of the Community Centre Society."

Rick Barnett disputed the text of the resolution stating that the location of the lease site was part of the resolution.

Sarah Hanna noted that while the location under consideration in May 2024 was mentioned during the discussion of the resolution, it was not part of the resolution. The resolution only authorized the Directors to enter into a lease and did not speak to the specific terms of the lease.

There were some questions by members:

- A member asked why the truck was removed from the island. The directors responded that they had no direct knowledge of why the truck was barged off island.
- Another member noted that while they had initially been in favour of the project, they have concluded that the expense

involved in the proposed truck shelter project far exceeds the efficacy of a truck that can only access about 4 miles of road on the island.

10. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Chair opened the discussion of the election of directors by noting that 9 directors currently in office have agreed to continue in their role.

Moved by Tory Hanna and seconded Leanne Bruce.

That the slate of directors listed below be elected by acclamation as directors of the Gambier Community Centre Society for the ensuing year:

- Carmela Allevato
- Emily Ashton
- Leanne Bruce
- Elizabeth Carriere
- Sarah Hanna
- Barbara Miklashek
- Ted Myers
- Rachel Rathbun
- Jamie Dale Dickinson

MOTION CARRIED

It was commented that although Pascaline has stepped aside from the board of directors, she will continue with mouse patrol and bookstore openings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Scott Hanna, seconded by everyone,

That the meeting be adjourned (12:17pm).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Schedule A

Gambier Island Community Centre 2024 Special Events Recap

Reflecting on 2024, this year was filled with incredible moments made possible by our active community. From lively celebrations to poignant gatherings, the Gambier Island Community Centre remains the beating heart of our Island, thanks to our members and board's active participation.

This year's events showcased our community's diversity, talent, and spirit. They remind us of the importance of coming together, sharing our passions, and supporting one another. Let's take a moment to celebrate the highlights of 2024:

Rachel Rathbun's Remembering Goddesses Visions and Dreams Art Show (February 17)

A 20-year retrospective of the work by Rachel Rathbun. We are lucky to have Rachel on the board and here to speak about it.

St. Paddy's Day Shamrocks and Shenanigans (March 16)

O Danny Boy! Dan and Julia Sluggett hosted a night of Irish cheer and revelry at the Wobbly Otter, complete with Irish tunes, whiskey tastings, and maybe just a few too many shamrocks in the Guinness.

Spring Dance with DJ SoPhreal (March 30)

The well-attended Spring Dance was electric, thanks to DJ SoPhreal's killer sets! Thank you, Sophia Khan, for doing a great job.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration (May 4)

This Mexican-themed happy hour was full of zest and flavour, with Tracy Duperreault's Tracy's Island Catering delivering a culinary fiesta. Margaritas flowed; laughter echoed — "Taco 'bout a good time!"

Advance Care Planning Workshop (May 11)

Nancy Grenier facilitated the Sunshine Coast Hospice's visit to Gambier to host a Green Sleeve Advance Care Workshop. The free session gave attendees the tools and knowledge to plan for the future.

Summer Party and Fundraiser (June 29)

This fundraiser, championed by Elizabeth Carriere, raised funds for bursaries and book certificates for our Island's youth. The live music was provided by the all-Gambier-Island band, The Shallows, with Jamie Dale.

Celebration of Life for Joe Wright (July 7)

This poignant gathering honoured Joe Wright's remarkable life and legacy on and off Gambier Island. Joe's touching event reminded us of the power of community in remembering and venerating those we've lost.

GIFTS Fireball Fundraiser (July 13)

The GIFTS Fireball Fundraiser brought the community together for a day of music and fun. Hosted on the Community Centre grounds, the event was spearheaded by Rick and Lorrie Barnett and featured incredible performances by Gambier Islander's Estelle Honeywell, Caley Honeywell, and Jamie Dale.

Commotion on the Ocean (August 3)

Enough thanks cannot be given to Captain Andy Harper for expertly hosting Bobby Bruce on their yacht for Commotion on the Ocean, along with his lovely first mate, Kathleen Harper, and deckhands Anne and Mike McDonald. Although this event is not AT the Community Centre, it was imagined as a COVID-safe gathering to fundraise FOR the Centre. It turned out to be too fun and frankly too successful to stop doing. We love it; it is unique and fun, so Gambier.

Gambier Summer Family Festival (August 17)

Another community gathering filled with joy and laughter! Kids enjoyed games, face painting, and races. Rachel Rathbun and Haley Armitage's community mural project brought neighbours together and created something extraordinary. The pie contest is always a heavily competitive event, with Chris Ashton taking home first place!

Kashmir Photo Presentation by Kim Elliott (August 24)

We were fortunate to experience some of Northern India's rich diversity through Kim Elliott's stunning photography and captivating stories. Highlighting another incredible talent and perspective within our community.

Art Crawl Opening (October 18)

This was a spectacular showcase of Gambier's extraordinary talent. Again, Rachel can speak to Gambier's thriving artistic spirit.

Gambier Makers' Market (Nov 9)

Nancy Grenier's passion project, Makers' Market, was a wholesome and heartwarming market that celebrated 12 artisans keeping traditional practices alive. It included a craft kitchen hosted by Tracy Duperreault and an outdoor display of local craftsmanship by Eddie Mernett—a refurbished and “modded” 1976 Mercury Grand Marquis.

Remembrance Day Service and Luncheon (November 11)

This year's meaningful community event, organized by Elizabeth Carriere, featured the Colour Party marching to the Cenotaph. Readings by Island children and reflections by community members including passages in French, and of course, Hans Pedersen fired his big cannon.

The service and subsequent gathering at Anavets Hall brought the community together to honour the sacrifices of Islanders and their loved ones who served. Delicious food prepared by Lisa Low nourished our shared fellowship, and the day concluded with Sharon Moxon awarding bursaries and book certificates to Island children, supporting our future generations.

GCCS/GICA Christmas Potluck Dinner (December 14)

The year ended on a high note with this inclusive and joyous celebration. Families came together to share delicious food, laughter, and holiday cheer. Surprises for the kids with Ken Dickinson under the red hat and Christmas Carols around the piano made the evening even more nostalgic.

Rentals

In addition to the events, rentals drove even more activity at the Community Centre.

The Community Centre is seeing an increasing number of rentals for private events such as: family dinners, weddings, school & university field trips and meetings.

As well as community events & services, such as:

- Physiotherapy w/ Paige Larsen
- Friday Pizza and other Pop Up Food Nights
- First Aid Training sponsored by GICA
- Bowen Vet Visit
- Gambier Grown Cannabis Cup
- Recurring Spa Day Visits
- Meditation led by Jim Quail
- Yoga Classes by both Barb Crompton and Kate Potter
- Aerobic Classes with Margaret Robertson

What is planned for 2025?

- Gambier Spa Days continue
- Aerobics Classes with Margaret Robertson
- Spring Dance - Done!
- Yoga with Barbara Crompton - starting June 6
- Summer Dance – June 28
- Summer Fair – July 19
- Commotion on the Ocean featuring Bobby Bruce – August 2
- Jazz Concert w/ Andi Abele – August 16
- Gambier Art Show w/ Gambier Art Hive – August 30-31
- Post Summer Events that are in the planning stages:
- Fall Clean Up – September 27
- Sunshine Coast Art Crawl – October 17-20
- Halloween Pub Night – October 31
- Remembrance Day – November 11
- Christmas Potluck – December 13

Gratitude and Community Spirit

In summary, I'd like to express heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a role in making 2024 such a memorable year for the Community Centre. Starting with the unseen heroes, the work horse board and general members who are always lending a hand or even leading the way and not getting the recognition that they deserve. Thank YOU.

But thank you to all members and guests. Whether you attended an event, volunteered your time, or provided support from a distance, your contributions have made a significant impact. Your active involvement exemplifies the strength and spirit of the Gambier Way, and we look forward to creating an even brighter and more inclusive 2025 together.

Thank you.