



OBIN AGM Minutes

(recorded by Caterina Lindman)

October 5, 2024

There were 33 participants at the beginning of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda: Caterina Lindman moved, and Richard Pommainville seconded, that we approve the Agenda. Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Richard moved, and Caterina seconded, that the minutes from the 2023 AGM be approved. Carried.

Financial Report: Richard presented the financial report.

The financial report is done based on Fiscal years, which end on August 31st.

Here are some highlights from the Statement of Operations:

	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2023
Donations:	1 025,00	1 060,00
Expenses:		
Big Conference	500,00	
Website	496,04	478,19
Zoom Account	232,75	235,87
Donation to Kingston BIG		400,00
Credit Card Transaction Costs	37,31	40,71
Total Expenses:	1 266,46	1 154,77
Net Income	-241,46	-94,77

Highlights from the Balance Sheet:

	FYE 2024	FYE 2023
Assets:	1 495,31	1 736,77
Liabilities:	00	00
BOY Fund Balance	1,736,77	1 831,54
Net Income (Loss)	(241,46)	(94,77)
Total Fund Balances:	1 495,31	1 736,77
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances:	1 495,31	1 736,77

Notes: Please keep the donations coming. This year's income was negative \$241. We still have \$1495 in the bank at FYE 2024. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Approval of Financial Report: Wil Robertson moved that we approve the Financial Report. John Mills seconded. Carried.

Annual Report:

Kerry gave the Annual Report. In the paper, they talked about unclaimed bodies. This is a symptom of poverty. We had bad news last week that Leah Gazan's bill C-223 was defeated. We still have hope because of the Senate bill. OBIN is part of the National movement. We all work together to raising the profile of Basic Income. Last year, we saw a need to have a Municipal Campaign. We now have a toolkit that Lorraine Busby worked on with information on how to run a municipal campaign. There is support in Prince Edward Island for a Basic Income Demonstration project. We hosted a social event at the Basic Income Conference in Ottawa. We had a strategic planning session. We also endorsed BIWR's fact sheet on Basic Income and Affordability. We need additional people on OBIN's c-team to do more, which we can do with more people! We ask for a \$25 membership contribution to OBIN each year. Your donations help build the Basic Income movement. Kerry is very thankful to every group that is helping to build awareness of Basic Income.

Strategic planning – knowledge sharing – how are groups raising awareness of Basic Income in their community?

Social Media – leveraging social media to engage with people

Outreach strategy – connecting more with members.

We need to use our voices and skills.

Start subcommittees to work in the Election.

Liase with other organizations.

We need to keep positive and keep working and writing for a Basic Income.

Approval of Financial Report: Bea moved that we approve the Annual Report. Seconded by Joe Foster. Carried.

Interest or nominations for the Support Team: Sheila Regehr said that there is a nascent group in Toronto that is working on a Municipal campaign, so Sheila asks to be kept in the loop on the Municipal Campaign. Teri Trewolla said in the chat that she is new, so not able to commit to joining the c-team, but is interested to learn more about how she can help.

Kerry Lubrick moved that we approve the c-team. Seconded by Jim Mulvale. Approved.

Internal Relations Update: Wil gave an update. The Municipal Campaign has been the theme of the year. It's really taken off in Atlantic Canada. A number of Liberals did support Leah Gazan's bill, which is positive. Wil shared his screen to show the list of municipalities that have passed motions –

Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Belleville, Waterloo Region, Waterloo, etc. A lot of motions were passed in rural areas, which is really positive. With these municipal resolutions we started talking more with the United Church and Food banks, and other organizations that cared about poverty. This led to the growth of new local groups. We have more grassroots activity than we have had in a while. There's new initiatives to work with youth. Wil will be working with Heather Lambert of Basic Income Waterloo Region on a youth outreach event in the spring.

Jim Mulvale thanked Wil for the report. Jim lives in Caledon. There was a story in the paper yesterday, about the mayor of Brampton calling for the involuntary treatment of people with mental health issues. Jim asked whether there was anyone on the call from the Peel area that wants to get together with Jim to craft a response to this, as Basic Income can help. Wil Robertson encourages folks to look at the advocacy coming out of the big city mayors. There is a lack of funds to support housing, and income supports. Basic Income is a better solution. Sheila wanted to echo that this is becoming serious. There is this feeling amongst police that there should be more institutional support (not locking people up), because they feel overwhelmed with the need. Police organizations might be good organizations to ally with. Kerry said that the police in Hamilton support the drop-in centre that Kerry volunteers with. Teri Trewolla had another avenue for advocacy, and that is School Boards and the School Board Trustees. A lot of younger people are looking for ways to help.

External Relations Update: Caterina gave her update on External relations. She said that she really enjoyed connecting with other people and found that people who care about Basic Income care about lots of things, and have an awareness of connection. They also value people's autonomy and freedom, and want everyone to have access to the means to live.

Adjournment: Jim Mulvale moved that we adjourn at 10:49 am. Judy Pauls seconded. Carried.