

South Shore Joint Initiative Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 7 pm, Picton Library & Zoom

Minutes

- J. Hirsch called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The quorum was confirmed. Read out the 2024 Agenda. Valerie Hussy motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by Elizabeth Etue.
- The minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of SSJI were circulated via email before the AGM date. Ian Barker motioned to accept the minutes, and Janna McCarthy seconded it.
- J. Hirsch presented SSJI's background, including its vision and mission. Illustrated the importance of saving the South Shore and explained the area's boundaries, along with SSJI partners and supporters. (Appendix 1: J. Hirsch 2024 AGM presentation)
 - J. Hirsch introduced five pillars and talked about the first Pillar, Conservation Reserve
 - (Appendix 1: J. Hirsch 2024 AGM presentation, slide 12)
 - C. Anderson gave an update on the Hudgin Log House Project (Appendix 2: C. Anderson HH report 2024 AGM)
 - J. Hirsch read a report by John Lowry, Biodiversity Pillar leader (Appendix 3: Biodiversity AGM Report 2024)
 - Question from the audience: What is the status of the National Marine Conservation Reserve?
 - Answer by John Hirsch: NMCA was not approved by the Municipal Council. Nature Canada seems to have temporarily put it on the back burner.
 - J. Hirsch read a report by Amy Bodman, Commercial Fishery leader (Appendix 4: Commercial Fishery Oral History Project Report for 2024 AGM Amy Bodman)
 - Geoff Craig, South Shore Footpath Project leader, presented (Appendix 5: G Craig SSFP AGM 2024)
 - Question from Zoom audience: Are there insurance requirements for the footpath? Who would be liable if there is an injury?
 - Answer by Geoff Craig: SSJI has increased the insurance and will cover the liability arising from the footpath.
 - Cheryl Anderson reported on the fifth pillar, Fundraising and Events (Appendix 6: C Anderson Fundraising and Event report for the AGM)

- Treasurer's Report – presented by Barb Tomlin:

Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2024

FISCAL YEAR INCOME			
Grants	SSJI	16,046.60	19,551.60
	HHRF	3,505.00	
Memberships /Donations/Other ex. HST rebate	SSJI	28,821.77	37,192.09
	HHRF	8,370.32	
Fundraising	SSJI	40,238.77	48,824.35
	HHRF	8,585.58	
Total Fiscal Year Income	South Shore Joint Initiative	85,107.14	105,568.04
	Hudgin House Restoration Fund	20,460.90	

FISCAL YEAR EXPENSES			
Advertising/ Promotions/ Fundraising/Expenses	SSJI	-27,691.68	
	HHRF	-1,194.41	
Contract Expense	SSJI	-25,006.54	
	HHRF	-18,497.48	
Insurance & Other Property Expenses	SSJI	-1,600.34	
	HHRF	-1,823.95	
Office Admin/ Misc Fees / Recurring Expenses	SSJI	-3,245.07	
	HHRF	-82.25	
Grant Expenses	SSJI	-14,190.36	
	HHRF	-3,505.00	
Total Fiscal Year Expenses	South Shore Joint Initiative	-71,733.99	
	Hudgin House Restoration Fund	-25,103.09	

FISCAL YEAR BALANCES AND TOTALS			
Opening Balances, April 1, 2023	SSJI	14,958.46	73,242.93
	HHRF	58,284.47	
Surplus (deficiency) of Income over Expenses for the Year	SSJI	13,373.15	8,730.96
	HHRF	-4,642.19	
SSJI Closing Balance, March 31, 2024 (HH- includes 2 year GIC investment)	South Shore Joint Initiative	28,331.61	81,973.89
	Hudgin House Restoration Fund	53,642.28	

- Questions about Treasurer Report: none.
- Barb Tomlin motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Joe Dale, and carried.
- Comment from John Ambrose regarding the financial report being a cash flow statement rather than a financial statement - agreed to by Barb Tomlin

- Cheryl Anderson conducted the election of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors.

While the term of office of the members of the board is two years, our by-laws stipulate that ½ of the members of the board come up for election each year at the annual meeting. This year we are welcoming one new member to our board and saying good-bye to two members.

For the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year the positions filled by Cheryl Anderson, Gurpreet Patheja, Amy Bodman and John Foster are up for re-election.

Position	Person	2023	2024
Past President			
President	John Hirsch	2 years	
Vice president	Cheryl Anderson		2 years
Treasurer	Barbara Tomlin	2 years	
Director	Gurpreet Patheja		2 years
Director	Amy Bodman		2 years
Director	Geoff Craig	2 years	
Director	John Foster		2 years
Director	John Lowry	2 years	

Cheryl moved to ratify the list so that those up for election in 2024/2025 are elected as directors, seconded by Dale Smith

- Cheryl Anderson announced the departure of two board members:

Thank you to Dick Bird

Dick has been a voice of reason and experience on the SSJI board. We are indebted to Dick for many things. He helped us raise funds for the Hudgin House by donating two wonderfully hand-crafted cedar canvas canoes which we raffled to raise over \$8000. Dick has also made and donated for us to sell innumerable bird boxes, bird feeders, wood duck boxes and bat houses. Recently he has constructed 50 fine pine bird boxes for our Nestings Art Extravaganza project. As a linking person to Nature Conservancy Canada Dick continues to help us effectively communicate with that organization. In February Dick gave us a wonderful exposé about Maple syrup production from heritage to modern methods at our Flashback February event at Lighthall winery. I know that we will continue to receive his support through all his wood working projects.

Thank you, Dick.

Thank you to Mark Paddison

Mark has been a hard-working member of our board. He has been active from the beginning in the Footpath project. I think it is fair to say that with Mark we got a bonus and that was his wife, Karen. Karen is a commercial artist who helped adapt the design for our Monarch Life Cycle T-shirt and our SSJI bucket hat. We could always depend on Mark to come out to South Shore Strolls, especially in the National Wildlife Area where he has an intimate knowledge of the terrain and heritage of the land. We will miss his business-like approach in our board meetings and are pleased that he will stay on the Footpath Project committee.

Thank you, Mark and Karen

- The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.
- A presentation by Annette Sandberg followed the meeting.

(Notes/KR)