

Gay and Lesbian Association of Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting

Date: March 17, 1993

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Meeting was called to order by Gary Hanrahan at 7:35 PM.

Announcements:

It was announced that if there were no objections, CKDU would be making audio recordings of segments of the AGM, and would do a brief interview of new Board Members following the AGM. No objections were raised and Jane Kansas recorded segments of the AGM.

Minutes From AGM 1992:

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the minutes from the 1992 Annual General Meeting were unavailable.

REPORTS:

Presidents Report - President's Report was read by J.C. Aucoin. Motion to accept this report was moved by Terry and seconded by Simon. Passed.

One year ago the current Board of Directors presented a three-point platform with the intent of turning GALA's fortunes around. In particular we set out to improve and establish the organization's finances; to rethink and reorganize how the organization functioned; and to reflect this revised organizational structure in an appropriately revised 'constitution'.

One year later I feel we have accomplished precisely what we had set out to do. Mortgage payments that a year ago were getting dangerously behind are not only on schedule, but the mortgage has been renewed for five years at a good rate of interest. Tens of thousands of dollars in accumulated debt have been paid off and in recent months we've started reinvesting some of the income back into the Social Club.

Through the Constitutional Review Committee we examined the key parts of our Memorandum of Association and bylaws and made a number of recommendations - much of which centered around how the organization handled its business - which the membership has since approved. Some of these new ways of doing things have already been in practice for a number of months - the Social Club Management Board for example. Others will be established tonight as in the new standing committees to be chaired by various Board Members, and in the use of our newly adopted meeting rules.

Along the way other things have happened as well. In May several representatives from the Halifax Police Department came by for a talk on safety. A survey regarding the Social Club was undertaken. Thanks to the work of several devoted members the annual Pride events happened in June. In September, GALA had a fundraising screening of Edward II at Wormwood's Cinema. The fall brought a talk and slide show with Lizard Jones entitled Drawing the Line; a reading by author Ann Dector from her new novel Paper, Scissors, Rock; and the first issue of GALA News. In December we printed and distributed hundreds of postcards in response to the Federal Government's less than wonderful human rights bill.

A representative of the committee has been attending meetings of Peggy's Festival (lesbian, gay and bisexual film festival) and there are plans to print a joint film festival / pride events schedule.

We are now entering the most labour intensive period of planning. Members are urged to volunteer to help; both large and small jobs are available. Please contact myself or Wilson Hodder (or leave a message at 423-2292).

The next Pride Week Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 6PM at the Studio.

Motion to accept this report was made by George and seconded by Kevin. Passed.

Show Committee Report - A written report was read by K. Cure. Copy attached.

Motion to accept this report was made by Stanton and seconded by Simon. Passed.

Manager's Report - No manager's report was available at this time due to the manager being off ill.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Past President and Chair of the Nomination Committee, Wilson Hodder presented a slate of Officers. Nominations from the floor for each position was called before voting took place. The consensus of the Membership was that voting take place by a show of hands rather than by ballot as there were no nominations for these positions.

The 1993 - 1994 GALA Officers elected are as follows:

President	J.C. Aucoin
Vice President & Chair of Management Board	G. Hanrahan
Secretary & Chair of Membership Committee	R. McIntyre
Chair of Finance	D. Dixon

Other Board Members:

Chair of Women's Issues	K. Cure
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Memberships:

R. McIntyre reminded members that it was their responsibility to ensure that they sign in when attending meetings. The reason for signing in is to maintain a record of attendances at meetings to fulfil membership requirements.

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J.C. Aucoin announced that a 24 hour information line is being set up and will be operational in the near future.

There being no additional business it was moved by Simon and seconded by Kath
that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Mc Intyre". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Ron McIntyre
GALA Secretary