

**Rockfish Valley Community Center
15th Annual Meeting
Rockfish Lounge, 5:00 pm.
March 26, 2015**

Minutes

The annual meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: 34 members including 11 board members
Staff: Stu Mills and Sara Taylor

Review of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gifford Childs and seconded by Phil Hearne. Voice vote: unanimous in favor.

Nominating Committee - Chuck Kiehl

Chuck introduced the current board members with special thanks to outgoing secretary, Sharon Gress. Chuck then introduced the 2015 slate of three board members up for re-election: Phil Hearne, Cheryl Klueh, and Bill Perrelli.

Chuck then introduced new Board nominee Cliff Love, for a two year term.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Seventeen Proxy votes and the members present constituted a quorum.

Sarah Jane Stewart moved to close nominations and it was seconded by Elaine Weems.

Sara announced that a majority of all votes from members present were in favor of the proposed slate.

All proxy votes for officers were then cast by Gifford for the proposed slate. Chuck then announced that the proposed slate of Directors was duly elected.

President's Report - Gifford Childs

Highlights and improvements were numerous as stated in the 2014 Year in Review on page two of the Annual Report. Gifford stressed that the strengths of RVCC were its tenants, instructors, board members and staff.

There are new opportunities to rent out common areas at RVCC for outdoor recreation as well as the Lounge, Rock U, the Dining Room and Auditorium.

Upcoming challenges will be raising money for the infrastructure of the building, one of the goals of 2015 Capital Campaign. Plans are in the making to convert the geothermal underground heating and cooling systems to service the thrift shop and to build an outdoor pavilion for concerts, community markets and private events.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Kemp

The 2014 budget contributed support income exceeded our goal to raise \$70,000 by over 30% to an income of over \$97,000. Revenues exceeded expenses to keep RVCC in the black and we are projecting some growth this year to improve the facility. A detailed financial report is on page four of the Annual Report.

All in all we had a very successful year and Bob thanked those who contributed to it.

New Business and Announcements

Chuck announced that the Celebrate Rockfish event of 2014 started off as a car raffle but was converted to a 50/50 due to short sales. Its success, however, has inspired us to hold another 50/50 raffle for our spring fundraiser. This year, the Celebrate Rockfish 50/50 will donate 1/3 of the net proceeds of the raffle to a restricted fund for an economic impact study on the pipeline.

The point was raised by member Jerry Gress that the donation by RVCC will be controlled by Friends of Nelson who have taken a political stand and that membership monies raised should be used to benefit RVCC alone. Another member raised the issue of setting a precedent of latching on to local political causes. Further discussion from members debated the value of an impact study and its' ability to change the final outcome. Jerry Gress asked that the board reconsider this decision.

Gifford and other board members rebutted that the board views this as a community issue and not a political issue and felt that RVCC would gain more support than it would lose. The board has taken the position that an independent economic impact study will benefit the community as a whole by providing needed public education and awareness, consistent with RVCC's Mission Statement.

Chuck then briefly mentioned the other upcoming monthly outdoor fundraisers for the skate board ramp, the basketball courts and other needed improvements at the Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.