

# OKANAGAN GLEANERS SOCIETY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 12, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.

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## MINUTES

**Welcome and Announcements:**  
President

Bill Saul,

**Opening Prayer**

Bill Saul, President

**Introduction of Current Board of Directors and Staff:**

Mark Price

**Board:** Bill Saul, *President*, Mark Price, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*, Jane Marcelet, *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President* and Interim Treasurer as Gordon Cawker has resigned due to illness. Mieke Smith, *Secretary*, incoming secretary, Wendy Freeman

**Directors:** Carolyn Ellis, Dave Hogg, Wendy Freeman  
*Past President*, Lex Haagen

**Staff:** Greg Masson, *General Manager*, Ken and Eddie *Production Supervisors* Mi Host

### **Adoption of the AGM Minutes of the May 13, 2017:**

**Moved by BettyJo Hetherington 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peggy Cumberbatch, carried**

**Special Music: “Here I Am Lord”**

Guys Breakfast Band

### **Reports:**

#### **President’s Report**

Bill Saul

Bill spoke about The Gleaners Symposium – ‘Dried With Love’ happening next week. He stated that people can come out to meet the Gleaners from Ontario and British Columbia. Delegates from Peace Country Gleaners could not make it as it was their planting time.

**Moved by: Bill Saul 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Marcelet, carried**

#### **Treasurer**

Jane Marcelet

Jane gave a brief statement about her report. She also acknowledged the past founders of Okanagan Gleaners. There were no audited statements available at this time due illness.

**Moved by Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Ellis. carried**

#### **Secretary:**

Dorothy Haagen

On Behalf of Mieke Smith, Dorothy reported that total membership by 2017 was at 917 according to the data-list, with 8 new members. Dorothy recognized Mieke for her report.

**Moved by: Dorothy Haagen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lex Haagen, carried.**

#### **General Manager**

Greg Masson

Greg stated that the first of 2 mixings was completed. All the Gleaners had surpassed the 100,000,000 serving mark. He also stated that a new Gleaners is opening in Smithville, Ontario, approximately 20 kilometers north of Niagara Falls. This is the heart of the Niagara Peninsula region. The manager of the new Gleaners, Edward Rowinger, made a visit to Okanagan Gleaners last week. The projected amount of servings from all the Gleaners in Ontario will reach 50,000,000.

Greg asked if there were any questions from the floor about his report.

No questions asked.

**Moved by: Greg 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Lebsack. carried**

### **Building/Equipment Committee**

Mark Price

Mark spoke about the ongoing storage issues with Okanagan Gleaners. He thanked everyone on the committee for their hard work. Mark acknowledged the yellow bins were donated by Alterra Wines so Okanagan Gleaners could use them for storage of product. An auger was also donated. With this auger, 2B trains of product, can be unloaded in 1 1/2 hour each. Mark asked any is there were any questions from the floor about his report. No questions asked.

**Moved by: Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy carried**

### **Gathering Committee**

Carolyn Ellis

Carolyn reported there were 2 items of interest on behalf of the committee:

- 1) Newsletter – there are 1200 copies of the newsletter that go out quarterly.
- 2) The mandate of the Gathering Committee is to bring awareness of Okanagan Gleaners to the community.

Carolyn stated that Taylor Knight will be doing his last newsletter for next month. He is stepping down.

**Moved by Carolyn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peggy Cumberbatch. carried**

Carolyn asked if there were any questions from the floor. 2 questions came forward:

- 1) Question from John Martens – will there be another open house/Fall Fair Answer No
- 2) Jane asked Carolyn about the newsletter. Carolyn stated a template will be left at Gleaners.

She also stated a new web sight editor will be needed.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Betty Lebsack, on behalf of the committee

Betty thanked Anna van Slageren for her work with all the requests about Gleaners camp sites. The RV park was overflowing with campers for the first mixing. Betty thanked those who spent the winter with us. There was a show of appreciation from the gallery.

**Moved by Betty 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Hogg. carried**

### **Sock Drive Report**

Bill Saul

Bill stated the number of donations has gone down. He also stated the participation from Okanagan Gleaners has come to an end. He stated, 'we need to focus on feeding the hungry of the world'.

Bill asked if someone else would take over, possibly a church.

He thanked Taylor Knight for his devotion to Okanagan Gleaners newsletter. Taylor was given a framed picture by Bill on behalf of Okanagan Gleaners.

**Moved by Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Rekken carried**

### **Special Speaker**

Bob Ellis

Bill introduced Bob Ellis as our special speaker.

Bob stated Okanagan Gleaners started in 1994. He quoted a verse from Isaiah 26:10.

God has had his hand on this ministry from the beginning of its inception. He stated the original members probably would not envision the growth of what they first started.

The roof cost \$4000.00 in 1998. He described the shape of the 'barn' back then and how

4 – 6 guys worked on a shoestring budget. From humble beginnings, 9 Gleaners sprung up across the country.

Greg mentioned Okanagan Gleaners had received an award from the Regional District.

Bob thanked John Martens for his influence and mentorship. John spoke about the inspiration Bob had in the beginning and how Bob had been an example to him.

**Special Music:** “*Wonderful Merciful Saviour*”

Guys Breakfast Band

**Call to Prayer for God’s Direction:** All glory goes to God

General Manager-Greg Masson

**Recognition of Outgoing Directors**

Bill Saul

Dave Hogg, Mieke Smith, and Gordon Cawker (due to illness).

Bill asked everyone to keep Gordon and Chris (his wife) in prayer as Gordon is still fighting amyloidosis.

Bill recognized Henry Wiebe and his faithfulness as a long-time member and balladeer for Gleaners.

We are very grateful for Henry’s support, his music and his volunteering. He was presented with a small token of appreciation – a hat was signed by all the board members.

**Returning Directors:** Carolyn Ellis and Wendy Freeman.

Lex Haagen

**Elections: Voting for Bill Board Members:**

**Board Nominees:** Bill Saul, Jane Marcelet, Bob Ellis, Mark Price, by acclamation.

**Nominations from the floor:**

Greg nominated Les Clarke, a former pastor of the Keleden Church who has since moved to Penticton and now attends the Baptist Church.

**Moved by Jane Marcelet 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Richardson. carried**

Directors will have a statutory meeting after the AGM.

**General Questions:** A question from the floor about the focus of the board.

Bill stated we are a policy board, liaison with Greg as General Manager.

Greg mentioned that 20 high school students from Rosthern College, Rosthern, Saskatchewan had come to volunteer. An email was received from the college stating that half of the college has been to Gleaners.

Greg and Bill came up with an idea about handing out certificates, signed by Bill and Greg, to each student. This certificate can be used for their portfolio under the heading of volunteering.

**Closing Prayer:**

Mark Price.

**Moved to adjourn by Dorothy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry**