

Youth Singers of Calgary

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

ATCO Performing Arts Centre, Tremblay Studio

In Attendance: Ernie Abbott, Vaughan Lillico, Lorne Lillico, Danette Coady, Lloyd Anderson, Hugo Giang, Holly Clifford, Americo Gomez, Anne Atiss, Tracey Abbott, Beth Nicholson, Betty Powers, Kurtis Kramer, Kim Dominguez, Brent Krawchuk, Terry Twatson, B. Callan, Susan Spellman Cann, Joelle Lemmun-Lechett, Emily Halliday, Sheila Humphrey, Sharyn Favreau, Joan Meldrum, Cass Clifford, Cynthia Seabrooke, Julie Delparte Bhato, Katie Lanishewski, Shawn Hart, Jan Rubak, Kerry Balshaw, Laura Hambley Lovett, JP Hermano, Steven Weimer, Karri Quan, Rod Garossino, Renee Fagnou

Staff: Megan Emmett, Shirley Penner, Ingrid Mosker, Kathryn Parrotta, Kaela Caron, Bryan Clarke, Desiri Jones, Brianna Rudolfson, Kathy Seibel

1. Welcome Message and Introductions – Ernie Abbott, Board Chair

Ernie called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Ernie welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending.

Ernie remarked that the 2023/24 season was another successful season. Over 500 members performed across all divisions. YSC is now back to our pre-pandemic numbers. The YSC Alumni Committee is a new committee which started this year. This Committee is meant to engage with the over 12 000 people who have participated in YSC over its history. The Committee allows alumni to stay connected with the organization and promote the arts in Calgary. Another new initiative this year is the Raise the Roof campaign intended to fundraise money to replace the roof at APAC. We still require funds to meet our goal. The capital campaign will be relaunched. We are trying to pay off the mortgage at APAC.

Ernie thanked Cathie Clynych for her many years of service on the Board.

Ernie proposed an amendment to the agenda. Item #4, the appointment of auditors for the 2023-2024 season, will occur at a later date. YSC is looking for an auditor who will support us in a different way. We will have a future membership meeting to vote to appoint the auditors. Ernie asked if there were any other changes to the agenda. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the AGM agenda, as amended. Moved by JP Hermano; Seconded by Rod Garossino. Motion carried.

Ernie indicated that some names of attendees at the YSC AGM held on November 27, 2023 had been misspelled, but were now corrected. He asked if there were any other changes to the minutes. There were none.

MOTION: To approve the November 27, 2023 YSC AGM minutes , as amended. Moved by Karri Quan; Seconded by Steven Weimer. Motion carried.

2. Highlights from the 2023-2024 Season – Megan Emmett, CEO

Megan thanked Second Chants for giving us their precious rehearsal time. Megan also thanked the Board. Megan recognized the hard-working admin team for all of their support. The YSC artistic staff put on an incredible season. Their efforts are appreciated. Megan also gave a huge thank you to volunteers, without whom YSC could not function.

Megan mentioned three highlights:

1. Janice Schneider applied for a microgrant for a mural. YSC was awarded the grant. Scott Clark is the artist who oversaw the creation of the mural. The process of working with Scott Clark was phenomenal. He received feedback from all of the core divisions. Every singer feels like they were represented in the mural design. Singers were also involved in painting the mural. The finished mural looks stunning.
2. Since 2017, YSC had been working with CBE and CSSD to get connected with Campus Calgary/Open Minds. YSC was approved as a pilot site under Shirley Penner's leadership. YSC was able to secure funding last season to begin hosting students and teachers. This year, four school groups will be hosted for a week at a time at APAC. The students will come to understand themselves differently as citizens through performance and an appreciation of the arts. YSC is looking for a corporate sponsor for that program.
3. SENIOR HI and ACT 3 had a very successful tour to California in May 2024. They swept the awards in their two competitions. They also won the Esprit de Corps award, which is given to the choir with the best attitude, the choir which shows kindness to other singers and is respectful to the judges.

Megan closed her remarks by saying she welcomes feedback and questions from Second Chants singers at any time. She thanked them again for their support of YSC.

3. Presentation of Audited Annual Financial Statements dated June 30, 2024 - Steven Weimer, Finance Committee

Overall revenues were \$130,000 greater than the year before

- o Notable increases in donations, fundraising, gaming; offset by a decrease in government grants, part of which was from a deferral in 2023 from prior years

Overall expenses were about \$19,000 greater than the year before

- o Increases in administration, contract staff; offset by a decrease in salaries and wages

Net revenue shows an increase of \$110,000 versus the year before

After other income and expenses, including deferred contributions and amortization, there were excess revenues of \$36,000

- o Which also represents an increase in net assets

Cash decreased by \$122,000

- o The significant changes were in non-cash working capital
- o There were purchases of capital assets of \$107,000; versus \$49,000 the year before

§ Parking lot and equipment and furniture

- o Repayment of long-term debt of \$40,000

4. **MOTION:** To accept audited financial statements dated June 30, 2024. Moved by Steven Weimer; Seconded by Karri Quan. Motion carried.
5. **MOTION:** To re-elect Laura Hambley Lovett and Megan Thomson as Board Directors, each for another three years. Laura will be stepping into the role of Chair of the Board of Directors. Moved by Rod Garossino; Seconded by JP Hermano. Motion carried.
6. There was no new business arising.
7. Adjournment: Ernie adjourned the AGM at 7:47pm.