GSU Shediac Local 60018 Annual General Meeting

June 7, 2023

Matt opened the meeting.

In attendance;

* Matt Fields President
* Gerry Finnigan Secretary
* Kelly Velazquez 1st VP
* Debbie Lewis 2nd VP
* Bob Barclay Treasurer

Review of last AGM minutes:

They were not posted until just a few moments ago. We just realized they weren’t uploaded till now. Gerry offered to read them out loud for those in attendance. The group asked to have them read.

Moved to accept minutes by: Gerry Finnigan 2nd by: Kelly Velazquez

Bruce Roy suggested rather than asking who is in favor and who is opposed to simply ask “any opposition?”

Matt: any opposition? None

Option to accept: moved by Gerry Finnigan 2nd ; Lisa Leger

Financial report for 2022 signed off on. Shanny had found a type error and that error was corrected. motion to accept 2022 financial statement correction: moved by Shanny Doucet, 2nd by Sophie.

Strike fund was depleted to cover due to having more members on the line and a longer period of strike than anticipated. Propose using money from the emergency fund to pay remaining top up owed and then move funds from the strike fund to replace the funds in the emergency account. Move to amend 2023 budget change Misc line item from $500 to $6000.

Moved to accept amendment of line item: Bob Barcley 2nd by: Shanny Doucet. No Opposition

Moved to accept treasurer report: by Gerry Finnigan 2nd by: (inaudible) No opposition

**COMMITTEE** **REPORTS**

Nothing to report as committees are only just now getting rolling again.

**BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**

Gerry stated he did not receive anything. (somebody said) “I sent it to the whole local”

Gerry; Point of Privilege: local bylaw 13 section 1: any proposed changes shall be sent to the secretary no later than 30 days before the meeting.

There was nothing sent to the secretary. It must be submitted to the secretary and the email was not sent to the secretary.

Matt asked Bruce if there is anything to be done. “I posted it to facebook”. Facebook posting does not count. It is not an approved official communication.

Matt confirmed that some of the executive got it but not all and notably Gerry (secretary did not) . Gerry called point of privilege. The bylaw is specific. This debate is out of order. The bylaw clearly states that it must be sent to the secretary. It was not.

Bruce says we are picking on a technicality. He suggested a new meeting to amend the bylaws be called as soon as possible to get the membership vote on these proposals. Matt agreed. Facebook does not count as “being posted”.

Relinquish the floor to GSU president to run the elections?

Shanny point of privilege: did the 1st VP assume the role of president? Did the president give permission to the executive to make decisions without his input. Also brought up the expenditure to pay executive member expenses for travel to picket line, hotel and other expenses.

Matt replied : first point No. I did not give anybody on the executive permission to make these decisions and was not included in the meetings. Someone went rogue and muscled me out. I did not give any instructions to do any of these things. Ask the treasurer.

Bob said Matt was invited to stay down here, was invited to the meetings.

Shanny said: that’s not the issue, where did the money come from?

Bob: Came out of perdiem.

Shanny:There is no line item in the budget to apply this to.

Bruce intervened. This discussion is not on this agenda today. We need to move on.

Matt suggested there is enough interest in the question to investigate the occurrences at the picket line. Bruce said to take it to the Regional PSAC office.

Before moving to elections Bruce commended the local strike line action as an example for the rest of the country. Nod to Gerry on his election to Director of persons with Disabilities. Randy Howard was elected as a lifetime GSU member.

**ELECTIONS (for all positions of the executive including Chief shop steward and Communications officer)**

Explanation: can volunteer or be nominated by someone and must have a seconder.

**President**

Matt Fields: Gerry Nominated and Canadace Belliveau 2nd. (standing speaking on his own behalf)

Debbie Lewis : Kelly no minated and 2nd Bob Barclay (standing speaking on her own behalf)

Shanny Doucet: nominated by Sonia 2nd by Gerry Legace (Shanny declined and declared her support of Mathieu)

Each candidate was given 3 minutes to speak to the group.

Voting was opened to the attendees.

People were having some technical difficulties accessing the voting device.

Voting closed:

Successful candidate: Mathieu Fields

**1st VP**

Kelly Velazquez : nominated by Chantal Clark 2nd Debbie Lewis (declined)

Debbie Lewis: nominated by Charline Leblanc-wood ; 2nd Nicole Vautour (declined)

Gerry Finnigan: nominated by Candace; 2nd Shanny Doucet (standing) Acclaimed as 1st VP

**2nd VP**

Laura Cleven: Nominated by: Gerry Finnigan; 2nd Mathieu Fields (standing) Acclaimed as 2nd VP

Debbie Lewis: nominated by Brittany 2nd Charline LeBlanc-Wood (declined)

**Treasurer**

Bob Barclay: nominated by Kelly Velazquez; 2nd Gerry Finnigan (declined)

Bruce explained that we need a treasurer to have a functioning local or be absorbed by the Moncton office.

Candace nominated Shanny Doucet 2nd Lisa Leger. (declined)

Kelly asked if the treasurer would have to be working in the office? Due to the requirement to sign cheques. Bob explained the bank is in Moncton and the only time you need to go in is to sign the card as a signing officer. Treasurer can certainly work remotely.

Candace Smith: Lisa Leger nominated and Gerry 2nd. (declined)

Mireille LeBlanc Volunteered 2nd by Candace Smith. Acclaimed

**Secretary**

Lisa Leger: nominated by Mathieu Fields and 2nd by Gerry Finnigan (standing) Acclaimed

Tanya Wilson: Candace 2nd Fern Michaels (declined)

**Chief Shop Steward**

Candace Belliveau: nom Gerry Finnigan 2nd by Lisa Leger (declined)

**Communications officer**

Candace Belliveau: Gerry nominated / fern 2nded (declined)

Candace Smith: Nominated by: Lisa Leger; Candace Belliveau 2nd Acclaimed

Mathieu as newly elected president addressed the group again inviting people to get involved, reach out, try. Things aren’t always perfect but without feedback and people coming to us nothing can change. Thank you for your support.

Matt invited guests to speak beginning with Bruce Roy, National President GSU. New regional meetings where a 3-day training for local executives.

Regional VP Mike Leblanc expressed his pleasure working with the local here in Shediac during the strike. He added all the new exec to the FB administrator list and removed himself.

Sansia, PSAC regional representative wanted to be sure we administer the oath of office. She also mentioned to keep an eye on the education schedule. Training is open to all members and she encouraged people to sign up. Regarding the FB situation, on behalf of PSAC you need to put in writing a formal complaint regarding the FB fiasco.

Mathieu thanked the assembly and closed the meeting.

Newly elected officers were sworn in by declaring the oath of office.