



VCA Fall General Meeting – Draft Minutes
October 16, 2024

Proposed for approval at next General Meeting, October 2025

Pumphouse Arts Centre - 247 Ricardo St, Niagara-on-the-Lake

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ardeth Staz, President, called the meeting to order and confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the VCA Bylaws, and that a quorum had been met.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ardeth provided an overview of the Agenda. Moved by Tina Clement. Seconded by Heidi Brown that the Agenda be approved. Carried.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEETING
OCT. 18, 2023**

Moved by Luba Fraser, seconded by Dave Antaya that the minutes be approved. Carried.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

These reports had been posted on the website in advance of the meeting. Ardeth called for any updates and if there were any questions on each report.

PRESIDENT - ARDETH STAZ

FINANCE - JOE ALLEVATO

In addition to the report submitted:

- Joe reviewed our financial position. We will be in good financial shape for the remainder of the year. To that, Joe put forward the following motion:

Motion: That the Membership fee for 2025-26 remain the same at \$30 per year. Proposed by Joe Allevalo. Seconded by Vivienne Lipman. Carried.



There were no questions for Joe.

COMMUNICATIONS - SUE HENRY

Sue was not present for the meeting. Ardeth spoke on her behalf.

In addition to the report submitted:

- Dee Fahlman has moved away so if there is any resident interested in supporting Sue and the website, please let us know.
- Thank you to the community for the support of the newsletters and website

There were no additional questions regarding communications.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

These were posted on the website in advance of the meeting. Ardeth called for any updates and if there were any questions on each report.

MEMBERSHIP- JUDY HUNTINGTON MACKAY

In addition to the report submitted:

- If anyone is interested in joining as part of the ambassador group – please reach out to Judy
- Thank you to Tina Clement for stepping in and supporting Dee's ambassador region
- She also thanked Village Residents for their continued support.

There were no questions.

SOCIAL- LINDY VAN DER WAGEN

Lindy was not present for the meeting. Ardeth spoke on her behalf.

In addition to the report submitted:

- Thank you to Nancy Bailey for her leadership of the social committee and welcome to Lindy as she steps into the new position
- They are always looking for volunteers to support special events
- We will not have our Holiday Social this year but will have the Holiday lighting event
- On December 10, there will be a floral workshop at the Country Basket



- The Social Committee welcomes ideas and suggestions for future events from VCA members. Please email us at socialcommitteevca@gmail.com
- Question- When will the next garage sale take place? They take place every 2 years so next will be in 2026

No additional questions were asked

HOLIDAY DECORATING- DALE DESISLETS

Ardeth thanked Dale for all of his work in setting up the holiday decorating

In addition to the report submitted:

- It is encouraged to have everyone decorate their homes in sync with the Holiday Lighting on November 24th
- If you would like to volunteer, send your contact info to Dale DesIslets at vcadecorteam@gmail.com

No questions were asked

GARDENING REPORT – ARDETH STATZ

In addition to the report submitted:

- We were thankful to add a new volunteer for gardening, Tim Adams,
- Thanks also goes to Craig's other wonderful helpers, Heather Kozar and Jim Wallace.

There were no questions for this committee.

VILLAGE ROUND TABLE- MIKE SIVERNS

Mike was not present for the meeting. Carol spoke on his behalf.

No questions for this committee.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE- ADAM HAWLEY

- See separate report

6. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE- CAROL PERRIN

Carol has opened it up to anyone wanting to serve on the Board and to join the nomination committee – please reach out to Carol.



- **Positions up for election at the AGM in April include President, and Communication Director.**
Communication Director will have certain skill requirements as this role requires demonstratable competence to be able to manage website, newsletters etc.
- Membership - There will be an opportunity to assist with Membership committee as well. The Membership Leader is not elected. Please reach out to Judy and/or Carol if interested

7. VCA RECOGNITION AWARDS- ARDETH STAZ

Recognition a person or group who has gone above and beyond to foster a harmonious community and serve residents of The Village, or provide a stronger voice for the Village residents within the community.

For her many contributions during the celebration of the anniversary of The Village, for her leadership in ensuring the history of The Village is preserved, for instigating the installation of the plaques recognizing the Pioneers or first residents. This year we would like to recognize- **Sally Harmer.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Proposal to purchase and install a bench to commemorate the VCA. We would like to gauge support of the attendees and by show of voting cards support was unanimous by attendees to have the executive continue working on this endeavour. There will be a formal vote with 50% +1 of our total voting membership in the upcoming months

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Judy MacKay and seconded by Tina Clement



10. GUEST SPEAKER

Aimee Medina is the Marketing & Communications Manager at the Pumphouse, and she also happens to be a Village resident! Aimee shared with us a brief history of the Pumphouse, the building, and all its offerings that our residents may find interesting such as programs, exhibits and events. She also informed us of ways we can get involved and ways we can give back to the community.