

# Gay West Community Network

## Board Meeting Minutes Monday April 28, 2008

### **Opening:**

The meeting was called to order, at 7:00 PM on Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>. 2008 by Interim Chair, Michael Paré.

**Invitees:** John Colautti, Bryen Dunn, Michael Paré, Shani Betz, Nate Fuks, Catherine Nash, Matthew Cutler, Gilbert Estephan, Warren W. Kennedy and Tam Khuu (guest).

**Regrets:** Matt Cutler and Gilbert Estephan

**Present:** John Colautti, Bryen Dunn, Michael Paré, Shani Betz, Nate Fuks, Catherine Nash, Warren W. Kennedy and Tam Khuu (guest).

### **1. Introduction of members and Guests**

- The Board members welcomed Tam Khuu and brief introductions were made.

### **2. Interim chair and secretary appointments**

- Michael Pare agreed to serve as chair and Catherine Nash as recording secretary

### **3. Approval of the minutes, April 2, 2008**

- After a brief discussion, the minutes for April 2, 2008 were approved without amendment (carried).

### **4. Approval of Agenda, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- Agenda was approved as submitted with no additions or deletions (carried).

### **5. Incorporation update**

- M. Pare reported that articles of incorporation as a charity for Gay West Community Network were received on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as Ontario Corporation Number 1752698 and Revenue Canada business number BN: 81020-5757.

## 6. Election of Officers

- **The following slate of officers was proposed in accordance with the proposed bylaws:**

President: Bryen Dunn  
Vice-President Shani Betz  
Vice-President Michael Pare  
Treasurer John Colautti  
Secretary Catherine Nash

- After a brief discussion, the slate of officers was approved unanimously (carried)
- The Treasurer is to open a bank account at the institution of his choice by the next board meeting.

## 7. Approval of the Bylaws of the

- Interim chair, M. Pare presented a draft set of interim bylaws for approval of the board. During discussion, the following revisions were approved:
  - a. Removal of clause 5.08 entitled ‘Executive Director’
  - b. Revisions to clause 6.02 entitled ‘Checks’
    - Revise to read ‘Cheques’
    - Revise to indicate that all cheques require 2 signatories and three officers are granted signing authority: President, Secretary and Treasurer.
  - c. Removal of Clause 6.04 entitled ‘Gifts’
  - d. Revisions to Clause 7.01 entitled ‘Fiscal year’ to indicate the fiscal year of the Corporation ends on the last day of September.
  - e. Revision of Clause 8.01, paragraph 2 to indicate bylaw changes must be **emailed** to the membership.
  - f. Revision to Clause 11.01 to remove reference to ‘Board of Trustees.’
  - g. Revision to Clause 12.01 to remove reference to ‘the Trustees.’

### ARTICLE XII Section 12.01 #3

Any bylaw, as amended, enacted, repealed or –re-enacted shall be brought forward for approval at the next Annual General meeting. The amended bylaw(s) shall be made available and widely circulated for a reasonable time in advance of the Annual General meeting.

Will now read

- h. 3 - Proposals to enact, amend, repeal, or re-enact the By-Laws may be put forward by any member provided that such proposals are presented to the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Any bylaw, as amended, enacted, repealed or –re-enacted shall be brought forward for approval at the next Annual General meeting. The amended bylaw(s) shall be made available and widely circulated for a reasonable time in advance of the Annual General meeting.
- Revisions to be made by M. Pare (Carried)

## **8. Committee Reports**

- Queer Peers (N. Fuks, M. Cutler, B. Dunn) – N. Fuks advised the matter needed to be deferred as he had been unable to meet with M. Cutler. Matter deferred to the next Board meeting.
- Fund-raising (Bryen Dunn) – B. Dunn reported on the Preparation of the Pride Week Grass Roots Funding Application and the possibility of conditions or requirements being attached to funding. It was agreed that the application should go ahead subject to refusal if the conditions of the grant were not acceptable to the Board (carried).
- Queer West Fest (QWF) (Lisa Peryman, W. Kennedy, B. Dunn, S. Betz, T. Khuu and M. Pare) – reported that preparation are underway for Queer West Fest (Festival) and submitted a list of proposed events. After some discussion the events proposed were approved (Carried)

## **9. Other business**

- M. Paré advised that the board Gay West now owes ‘gaywest.ca’ Thanks to the kind donation of Ivar Johnson, our ehost service. A letter of thanks is to be sent expressing the Board appreciation for Mr. Johnson’s efforts (carried)
- The board also owns ‘Queerwest.org ’ and it was agreed that discussion of a name change would be deferred until after QWF (carried)
- M. Paré advised the board of the Volunteer Lawyers Service which provides free legal support to eligible charitable and non-profit organizations in Ontario. M. Pare advised he would apply on behalf of the board (carried)

- C. Nash raised concerns about the need for Director's and Events insurance for the various activities of the Board. M. Paré advised he would prepare the appropriate application for insurance for submission to a broker and would provide quotes for insurance for approval of the Board at the next Board meeting (carried)
- Board members were asked to submit a 250 word bibliography and portrait for the website. This information also be used in a press release to be sent out by Bryen, our Director of Media Relations.. It is important to get this to Bryen or Michael **ASAP** [gaywest\\_toronto@yahoo.ca](mailto:gaywest_toronto@yahoo.ca)
- Tam Khuu was asked if she would like to join the Board as a Director. She accepted (carried)
- Many thanks to W. Kennedy for hosting the inaugural board meeting at his home.
- **The Next Board meeting** (Wednesday May 28 at Warrens Place. Separate email will sent shortly. (Michael)

**Meeting Adjourned 8:50 PM**

Minutes submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_