

**Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society  
Annual General Meeting 2009  
Saturday, September 26, 2009**

In attendance:

Meeting Opened: 1:20pm

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>1.</b>	Welcome, Introductions & Oath of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clifford Azak administered the oath to 3 new members of the Board of Directors: Dan Jorgesen, Stephanie Yucesoy, Grant Barton</li> </ul>	
	Rules of AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherry Small brought attention to rules of AGM, declaration to Nisga'a Nation and ethics of the Nisga'a Nation</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	Annual Financial Statements and Report of Auditor - presented by Norm Grdinia  Questions: Disability Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall improvement from 2008, good control over all resources of society.</li> <li>Recommendations – recovering of G&amp;S taxes</li> <li>Lily Jorgensen: is disability allowance currently available.</li> <li>Gwen Nelson: will there be policy for disability allowance going forward?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sherry Small responded that allowance as indicated in report is for last fiscal year. However, there was no funding from NLG for this expense..</li> <li>Sherry Small responded that no plans in place at this time.</li> <li>Rick. FitzZaland responded that budget proposals are being developed for next fiscal year. Membership was asked for input into program and service priorities. There are</li> </ul>

	<p>Questions: Subsequent Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy Tait: regarding ‘Subsequent Events’ why does the society use the term ‘contemplating’? Does it not set good precedent to go ahead?</li>   <li>• Gwen Nelson: what is the status of the first court case?</li>   <li>• Lily Jorgensen: will there be any criminal charges laid?</li> </ul>	<p>still opportunities for input and feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick FitzZaland responded that at this time the Board is in the process of taking the actions necessary to recover the balance of our losses.</li> <li>• Norm Grdina responded that at the time of publishing, ‘contemplating’ was the only word that could be used and the process is now going forward.</li>   <li>• Rick FitzZaland responded that the first case has been completed from an administrative perspective. NGL reimbursed the costs i.e. legal costs, forensic accounting costs etc.</li>   <li>• Rick FitzZaland responded that there will not be any criminal charges.</li> <li>• Sherry Small responded that the Board has decided not to push for prosecution due the need to allow people who have done wrong to redeem themselves and allow the community to move forward in unity.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p>Administrator's Report - presented by Richard FitzZaland</p> <p>Comments:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goals of stable financial system, move to a governance model for Board of Directors and have clear roles for Board Members, develop efficient and accountable structures and administration and develop stable services to membership</li> <li>• Office has moved. New space allows more involvement in local community</li> <li>• Successful National Aboriginal Day, Elder's Friendship Lunch, Graduation Celebration, Summer Celebration</li> <li>• Vision for the society has been articulated by the Board. Journey Home set for Autumn 2011.</li> <li>• Lily Jorgensen asked for Council of Elders reference in presentation regarding the Journey Home to be changed to the Vancouver Council of Elders. She also wants to start a Woman's Nisga'a group, of which Journey Home will undoubtedly be a big part. Excited about new location and all work that has been done.</li> <li>• Report accepted as given.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balanced 2008/2009 fiscal year, governance model established, improved structures in place and more being implemented and service development is in progress.</li> <li>• Sherry Small responded in regards to a woman's group that this is an excellent idea when working together with the community at large, not in segregation from it.</li> <li>• Norm Grdina committed the firm's assistance in working with the woman's group for business opportunities etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Director's Report - presented by Board Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clifford Azak: goal to improve quality of life of members no matter of location. Journey Home planning is in process following traditional ways. However more help is needed from the community to ensure</li> </ul>	

	<p>Comments:</p>	<p>that this can go ahead. Looking forward to the future after the troubles of the last few years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Jorgensen: strengthening of policies and procedures, excited about the future of the society.</li> <li>• Stephanie Yucesoy: thanked all for coming.</li> <li>• Grant Barton: thanked all in the society. Issues that were raised today will be taken into consideration by the Board in development of budget.</li> <li>• Sherry Small: thanked all for coming and looking forward to the work ahead.</li> <li>• Lily Jorgensen welcomed Grant as new Board Member.</li> </ul>	
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Meeting Adjourned: 4:00pm