

# SGI GREEN PARTY EDA AGM - Meeting Minutes

## Saanich-Gulf Islands EDA, 2015-July-5

**Location:** Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, BC

Welcome and call to order, CEO Dave Charles, 4:05 PM. Quorum achieved (25 members needed).

**Attendance:** 46 members. EDA Executive members present: Dave Charles, Sharon Forrester, Tom Mitchell, Sue Sheane, Neil Drewbrook, Bob McKie, Ximena Londono, Teri Hague and Michael Strumberger. Regrets: Don Scott, Tony Copping, Bob Baynam.

**Agenda Approved** (M Jane Hastings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Burrells)

**Approval of AGM Minutes May 25, 2014 after correction of the election date from 2105 to 2015 in the Election Planning Committee Report (M Collette Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcus Redivo)**

### Chief Executive Officer's Report:

Dave Charles. Described some of the highlights of 2014/15 including the Joe Clarke event, the birthday party for Elizabeth May on Salt Spring Island, the C-51 protest, and the Pride Parades. The SGI Election Planning Committee is continuing to use social media and the biweekly SGI newsletters to reach voters. SGI is also helping other ridings for their campaigns. Post-election (after October 19, 2015), the EDA will return to a fund-raising focus.

### Campaign Report – Marilyn Redivo/Jocelyn Gifford:

Marilyn Redivo. Described assembly of the campaign team with Thomas Teuven now serving as the Canvassing Coordinator, Mark McKinnes as Volunteer Coordinator and Office Manager, And Ann Eastman for Communications. The Re-Elect Elizabeth May Office in Sidney is open, as is a second office in Saanich shared with Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke riding campaign for Frances Litman. The newsletter is issued twice a month – the first issue is news items, the second is a single topic issue. The Green Voice flyer was printed (10,000 copies) and delivered throughout the region by volunteers. More volunteers are needed, especially since there are many other campaigns underway. Harper may drop the election writ in early August – lawns sign can be up as soon as the writ is dropped. The election will be October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Jocelyn Gifford:** Noted that constituents can check their registration status with Elections Canada at the meeting. Elizabeth May is ahead of other candidates in the riding; There is a Liberal candidate; the Conservatives and NDP have not yet nominated a candidate. Jocelyn highlighted that Canada is looking to SGI for support. Only Greens are committed to protecting the coasts, and show cooperation, integrity, respect, teamwork and inclusivity. THE SGI campaign is organized; however, more support is needed. Threats to the campaign include the timing (summer), apathy, and the strength of opposing campaigns. The NDP are more critical of Greens, raising fears about vote-splitting leading to the election of Conservatives, and providing misinformation (e.g. NDP leading protest on Bill C-51). She asked for letters to the editor writers to counter this, and for the community to use social media to post on Facebook, like and share SGI posts; and Tweet to support the social media campaign.

### Financial Agent's Report – Sharon Forrester

**Sharon Forrester:** She summarized information from the Auditor's Report, Summary of Income/Expenses and Balance Sheet for 2014. As of December 31, 2014, the EDA has \$244,253 in savings. It received \$163,203 in income over 2014 and had expenses of \$104,594. The EDA received a transfer of \$22,263 from the National Green Party of Canada. Expenses included one part-time employee salary, investments in the new

Nationbuilder member database, scholarships to high schools. The net income at the end of 2014 was \$58,000. Over 700 tax receipts were issued for contributions totalling \$11,376. She noted the maximum annual donation increased to \$1,500.

**Approval of 2014 Financial Agent Report (M Murray Weisenburger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Simpson)**

**Election of EDA Officers**

Grace Cockburn presided over the election for the new EDA Executive for 2015-2016. All current officers of the EDA Executive for 2014-2015 agreed to stand with the exceptions of Teri Hague, and Ximena Londono. Grace described the election process and called three times for further nominations from the floor. There being none, the vote was taken. The CEO is Dave Charles was acclaimed as CEO, Sharon Forester was acclaimed as Financial Officer. The following members at large were acclaimed: Bob Baynan, Tom Mitchell, Neil Drewbrook, Ann Eastman, Tony Copping, Don Scott, Sue Sheane, and Bob McKie.

**The new 2015-2016 EDA Executive was approved by acclamation. (Redundant)**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm (M Murray Weisenberger)**