



Briarpatch AGM Agenda
October 16th 2023 at 7:00pm
Agenda

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84776893721?pwd=dTU4aTBBeIRLZ05aR3BUaFIxeUx1UT09>

In attendance:	Regrets:
Jacq Brasseur John Cameron Risa Payant Alex Birrell Connor Spencer (Guest) Deidre Brandt Saima Desai Sophie Jin Shama Rangwala (Guest)	Greer Brabazon Colin Tether Nazanin Zarepour S. Bear Bergman

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Establish Quorum**
- 3. Call to Order**

Meeting is called to order at 7:08 pm.

a. Appointment of AGM Chair

Motion:				
To nominate Jacq Brasseur as chair of the AGM.				
No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.				
Mover:	John	Second:	Risa	Carries

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:



Approval of Agenda as proposed.

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover:	Risa	Seconders:	Deirdre	Carries
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5. Motion to waive \$1 membership fee

Motion:

To waive \$1 membership fee for all those present at the AGM.

Mover:	John	Seconders:	Saima	Carries
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6. Approval of AGM Minutes from 2022-2023

Motion:

To approve 2022-2023 AGM minutes.

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover:	John	Seconders:	Sophie	Carries
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7. Chair Report

Motion:

To receive Chair's report for 2022-23 fiscal year.

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover:	Alex	Seconders:	Saima	Carries
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8. Staff Report

Motion:

To receive 2022-23 staff reports.



No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover: Deirdre

Seconders: Alex

Carries

9. Financial Report

a. Review of 2022/2023 Provisional Financials

Motion:

To receive the 2022/2023 Provisional Financials

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover: Risa

Seconders: Deidre

Carries

b. Waiving of Financial Audit

Motion:

To waive the audit for the 2022-23 financial year.

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover: Deidre

Seconders: Risa

Carries

c. Appointment of Financial Reviewer

Motion:

To appoint Iris Howden as our Financial Reviewer for the 2022-23 financial year.

No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.

Mover: John

Seconders: Deidre

Carries



10. Committee Reports

Verbal reports

Personnel (report by Jacq): There was a lot of work related to hiring this year. We also offered some HR support to staff as they hired a Dispatch editor. We continued to meet on an ad-hoc basis. We need to ratify a finalized CBA. We will work toward hiring a permanent editor, given Saima’s resignation.

Governance (report by Jacq): This portfolio has worked on finalizing portfolios’ Terms of Reference. Policies such as financial policy and hiring policies.

Finance (report by Risa): John has successfully done lots of work to stabilize the revenue. Payroll delays because of staff working remotely – encourage Briarpatch to look into CAFT or other systems to make payroll an established system. And encourage Briarpatch to take small risks and create short- and long-term plans to increase wages, increase contributor fees, and provide editor support. Risa is stepping down from the board at this meeting.

Fundraising and events (report by John): This committee has not met – but it’s important to get this portfolio up and running. But John does not have capacity to chair it – invites new board members to step up to chair it. There’s no long-term events and fundraising strategy – board should consider creating one.

Motion:		
To receive committee reports as presented.		
No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.		
Mover:	Alex	Seconded: Sophie
		Carries

11. Nominations and Elections to the Board of Directors

Board members stepping down:

Jacq Brasseur
Risa Payant
Saima Desai

Returning board members:



Alex - at the end of year one of his two-year term, and will remain on the board
Bear - at the end of year one of his two-year term, and will remain on the board

Nominees:

Deirdre Brandt - at the end of her term, letting her name stand for election
Greer Brabazon
Nasseem Hakimian
Batul Gulamhusein
Colin Tether
Nazanin Zarepour
Shama Rangwala
Connor Spencer

John proposes voting on nominees as a slate. No objections

Jacq notes that they would love to see that board develop some kind of statement about the organization's commitment to the Prairies and Saskatchewan.

Motion:		
To appoint all the nominees as a slate to the Briarpatch Board of Directors.		
No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.		
Mover:	Risa	Second: Alex
		Carries

12. Setting of 2023 SGM

Our financial reviewer, Iris Howden, will soon be finished with the financial review. John suggests between November 5 and 10.

Motion:		
To hold the Special General Meeting between November 5 and 10, 2023.		
No discussion. None opposed. No absentions.		
Mover:	Deidre	Second: Risa
		Carries

13. Business from the Floor



14. Adjournment

Motion:

To adjourn

None opposed. No absentions.

Mover: Risa

Seconded: Deidre

Carries

AGM adjourned at 8:30pm.