



Annual Meeting – Minutes

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 20th, 2024

Time 7:00 PM

Location: Royal City Brewing & Beer Hall, 199 Victoria Rd. S, Guelph, ON
Via Zoom for online attendees

Chaired by Katie Gad and Adrian Salvatore

Minutes by Laura Brown

Members present – see Appendix 1

1. Welcome from Adrain Salvatore

Recognized Royal City Brewing and volunteers for their work organizing this meeting

2. Call to order by Adrian at 7:06PM

3. Approval of tonight's Agenda

- Moved by Barb Mann
 - Seconded by Shawn Caza
- In favour - passed

4. Approval of the Minutes from last year's AGM February 22, 2023

- Moved by Kyle Mackie
- Seconded by Lorenz Calcagno

5. Introduction to Current Board of Directors

Mike Darmon, Andre Hueniken, Adam Bonnycastle (Regrets), Adrian Salvatore, Virginia Andersen, Andrea Bidgood, Mike Hager, Katie Gad, Kyle Mackie

6. Treasurer's Report, prerecorded video by Adam Bonnycastle (very poor audio quality of the video) Andre Hueniken stepped up to clarify the essential points

Questions from the floor:

- Why two accounts?
 - Accounting method in QuickBooks with double-entry bookkeeping results in what appears to be two accounts.
- Query about the Events Committee \$2000 grant.
 - The events committee secured outside funding.

Motion: to approve GCAT's 2023 Financial Statements as presented.

- Moved by Peter Tesche
- Seconded by Rich Lyle

Motion passed

Motion: to not appoint an auditor and not have an audit or review engagement regarding GCAT's 2023 financial year.

- Moved by Alex Ball
- Seconded by Barb Mann

Motion passed

Presentation of budget for the upcoming year (prerecorded by Adam):

- Advocacy: \$500
- Events committee: \$1500
- Governance and Administration: \$4000(~2023 core spending +10%)
- Total GCAT Base Operating budget, 2024: \$6000
- 2/3 of the money raised as of tonight for the \$6000 operating budget

No questions from the floor

7. Remarks and Reports on GCAT's activities from our Chair and Committees

- **Governance and Administration – reported by Andre Hueniken**
- Implemented committee structure
- Officer role descriptions
- Strategic planning
- Reported the adoption of CRM, Little Green Light to manage membership and volunteer administration
- GCAT hired a part-time Membership and Volunteer Coordinator to implement the CRM software
- New membership payment systems and membership restructuring as of January 1, 2024
 - Engaged - \$0: adding your voice to the GCAT community
 - Supporting - \$20: supporting GCAT and its mission
 - Growing - \$50: growing GCAT's capacity as a strong voice
 - Amplifying -\$100: amplifying GCAT's ability to achieve its vision
- Thanked the City of Guelph for the Guelph Community Grant, funding of \$12,000 over three years.
- **Programming and Events – reported by Katie Gad**
- 377 participants in the six marshalled rides and walks (Doors Open Guelph, Love Your Bike, Bike the Night, Praise the Ward, Country Rumble and Fall Colours Ride)
- 767 valet parked bikes at events (Multicultural Festival, Good Games and Ribfest) – staffed by volunteers and adoption of new GCAT Bike Valet Logo
- 507 people attended Talks and Films about Active Transportation (Guelph to Goderich Trail, Know your Rights, The Engine Inside Screening)
- 250 students had a presentation on Active Transportation and schools received a safe bike routes map
- Thanks to the volunteers and the P&E committee: Mike Hagar, Mike Darmon, Adrian Salvatore, Andrea Bidgood, Claire Braeden, Laura Brown, Dorothe Fair, Clarence Haverson, Katie Gad

- **Advocacy – Reported by Mike Darmon and Andrea Bidgood**

- Reported that the proposed bridge to the Ward from Downtown is not going forward
- Presented vision of GID/Fusion Homes Connectivity
- Reported Emma and Earl bridge to be built
- E-scooters now legal in Guelph – Adrain delegated to City
- Reported approval of protected bike lanes on Wyndham, flexible street plan downtown reduced to two traffic lanes and slower speeds
- Reported not enough being done to keep bike lanes clear of snow and ice
- First GCAT “Top Cat” Active Transportation Award – Recipient Cameron Ogilvie
- Thanked the Committee members for all their hard work

8. GCAT has updated its Bylaw to comply with changes in the new Ontario Not-For-Profit Act (ONCA). The Board of Directors passed the new ONCA-compliant Bylaw on October 11, 2023.

- MOTION – to adopt the new Bylaw (passed by the GCAT Board on October 11, 2023) in place of the existing Bylaw (approved by Members on February 20, 2020).
 - Luke Weiler suggests making a change to make this a Member’s Motion)
 - Moved by Andre Hueniken
 - Seconded by Barb Mann

Motion passed

- MOTION – a special resolution to amend the GCAT Articles to set the range of directors between a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 13.
 - Moved by Khaleed Khalfan
 - Seconded by James Fedosov

Motion passed

- MOTION – special resolution to set the number of directors on the GCAT Board at 9 and to authorize the GCAT Board from time to time to change the number of directors to within the range specified in the Articles. Such a resolution requires the approval of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast.
 - Moved by Yvette Tendick
 - Seconded by Jordan Richard

Motion passed

9. Election of Directors (no ballot)

- Matt Olsen – confirmation - majority
- Jason Szewc – confirmation - majority

10. Goodbye to former Directors

- Katie Gad
- Kyle Mackie

11. Motion to adjourn.

- Moved by Peter Tesche
- Seconded by Jordan Richard

The meeting followed by presentation from Guest speakers: Mayor Cam Guthrie and

Transportation Planning Manager Jennifer Juste “Not Just Bikes: How Copenhagen mastered the bike-friendly City”

- Post-meeting feedback form several members to various GCAT directors, no time for questions and discussion

Appendix 1. Attendees

In-person attendees	
First Name	Last Name
Adam	Donaldson
Adrian	Salvatore
Alex	Ball
Alison	Stewart
Andre	Hueniken
Andrea	Bidgood
Andrew	Joss
Andrew	Edwards
Barb	Mann
Benita	van miltenburg
Bill	Mungall
Brennan	Walker
Byan	Ready
Cam	Guthrie
Candedo	Fernandez
Carolyn	Clubine
Christopher	Lambert
Chuck	Castillo
Claire	Braden
Clarence	Haverson
Craig	Thomas
Dale	Smith
Darcey	Paul
David	Mcauley
Diane	Wellman
Giancarlo	Martini
Greg	Kennedy
Jackie	Lamport
James	Fedosov
James	Crowther
Jane	Cotter
Janet	Wood

Jason	Green
Jason	Szewc
Jeff	Buisman
John	Vanderheide
John	Findlay
Jordan	Richard
Karen	Johnson
Katie	Gad
Ken	Alsop
Khaleed	Khalfan
Kris	Plummer
Kyle	Mackie
Kyle	Thomson
Laura	Brown
Lorenz	Calcagno
Luke	Hoenhandel
Mark	Laird
Matt	Brodie
Matt	Olsen
Meg	Thorburn
Melis	Van Harten
Mike	Darmon
Mike	von Dehn
Mike	Hager
Minerva	Sanchez
Nelson	Cadete
Paul	Chalifour
Peter	Tesche
Rich	Lyle
Rich	Maertens
Rob	Turland
Ryan	Hamolin
Sarah	Parent
Shawn	Caza
Suzanne	Gates
Terry	Silvestro
Terry	Gaymon
Theresa	Shelton
Travis	Moran
Vanessa	Hyland
Vincent	Tran
Virginia	Andersen

Wilfred	Ferwerda
Yvette	Tendick
Zoe	Easton
Online Attendees	
First Name	Last Name
Cyndy	McLean
Donald	McGillivray
Janet	Baine
Jay	Wall
Luke	Weiler
Monte	Fenske
Ted	Bangay