

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
B.C. Craft Farmers Co-Op (BCCFC)**

Held at 10:30 a.m. on September 9, 2023  
Via Zoom Video/Teleconference

Tara Kirkpatrick, BCCFC Vice-President acted as Chairperson and David Hurford acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Notice having been sent to all the shareholders of the Association and a quorum of shareholders being present, reading of the notice of the meeting was waived and the meeting was declared to be duly constituted.

MEETING AGENDA

The proposed agenda circulated to the BCCFC Members was reviewed and approved.

2022 AGM MINUTES

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were circulated to all Members in advance of meeting.

- **UPON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 2022 BC Craft Farmers Co-Op Annual General Meeting be acknowledged as having been received and approved.

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Secretary opened the floor for nominations of directors under the various membership classes. The applicants were:

MEMBERSHIP CLASS	Micro Cultivator	BC Processor
Candidates	FURNELL, Nadine	FERNANDEZ, Jonathan
	WILLEMS, Richard-	

Each applicant spoke briefly about themselves. Since there were four vacancies and three candidates, all are eligible to be acclaimed as BCCFC Directors for a two-year term.

- **UPON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED** that Nadine, Richard and Jonathan nominations to be accepted.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BCCFC Treasurer Neal Choudhary presented to the meeting the co-op's 2022 financial statements made up to the most recent financial year end and invited questions from Members.

- *UPON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED that the 2022 financial statements of the Association for the financial period ended December 31, 2022 be acknowledged as having been received and approved.*

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer presented to the meeting a motion to waive the appointment of an auditor for the ensuing year.

- **UPON MOTION IT WAS RESOLVED** that the appointment of an auditor for 2022-23 be waived.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Chairperson thanked outgoing directors and presented to the meeting a report on the co-op's activities over the past year. Highlights focused on:

### **September 2022**

- Elected new Board – Tara Kirkpatrick appointed President
- Member and Supporter Town Hall
- Cannabis Act Review announced – BCCFC response
- House of Commons Agriculture Committee report

### **October 2022**

- Grass on the Hill Campaign – MP meetings, BC Cannabis Summit Follow-Up
- Member Roundtable and Town Hall re: Cannabis Act review<sup>6</sup>
- Processing Working Group Established
- Medical access partnership proposal with Vancouver Overdose Prevention Society

### **November 2022**

- BC Cannabis Summit Planning Committee Re-Established
- Cannabis Economic Development Alliance (Alliance) established with Craft Cannabis Association of BC, Kootenay Cannabis Development and BC Retail Council<sup>6</sup>
- Indigenous Cannabis Gathering in Vernon – 2022 BC Cannabis Summit Follow-Up and Cannabis Act review
- Canadian Cannabis Tourism Alliance founding AGM
- R&D CRA tax credit program

### **December 2022**

- Alliance BC Submission re: provincial regulations

- 2023 BC Cannabis Summit Announced – Preferred Rates and early access for BCCFC Members -and Supporters
- WorkSafe BC safety small initiatives fund project submission

### **January 2023**

- Free LIFT ‘Micro-Zone’ access for members and on-site delivery partnership
- Indigenous Gathering Summary Released
- BCCFC submission to expert panel and Health Canada re: Cannabis Act review
- Alliance leadership meeting with BC government leadership
- Community Savings lowers account fees

### **February 2023**

- BC Cannabis Summit public registration opens
- BC government follow-up re: Alliance Meeting – Meeting with Deputy Premier
- Farm status and tax exemption media campaign

### **March 2023**

- BC Cannabis Summit lead partners announced with Keynote Speaker
- Health Canada meeting re: Cannabis Act Review and Medical Access\*

### **April 2023**

- BC Cannabis Summit sold out – 450-500 attendees in Kelowna
- John Conroy honorary membership
- BC policy changes – window coverings, payment schedules

### **May 2023**

- Members Roundtable re: Cannabis Act Review and BC policies
- Tourism Working Group Established

### **June 2023**

- Health Canada submission re Cannabis Act amendments and medical access
- Members Roundtable - post BC Cannabis Summit
- Alliance leadership meeting with BC government leadership
- BC Cannabis Summit Survey

### **July – August 2023**

- BC consumption policy submission
- 2023 AGM Notice
- BC Tourism Partnership Proposal
- Wildfire response and Compensation

CONCLUSION

There being no further business to come before the meeting,

- **UPON MOTION** *the meeting adjourned at 11:14am.*

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Chairperson

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Secretary