

**FarmFolk CityFolk  
Annual General Meeting for 2021**

Date: Wednesday June 1, 2022  
Start Time: 6:00pm  
(Meeting held as a zoom meeting)

6:00pm: WELCOME - ***Presented by Jennifer Freeman, Board Co-Chair,***

- ***Land acknowledgement***
- ***Zoom Protocols - Overview***

6:10 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PRESENTATION:

- ***Presented by David Catzel***
  - ***Speaker: Christy O' Ceallaigh-Bisson: Policy Analyst for the Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security (presentation via video)***
  - ***Topic: What is the Future of Seed Regulation In Canada?***
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6:45pm CONFIRM QUORUM & CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- ***Call to order: Andrea Gunner - 6:33pm***
- ***Quorum has been reached with 12 voting members***

OPENING REMARKS

**MOTION: to approve this agenda**

- MOTION by: Andrea Gunner
- SECONDED by: Michelle Austin
- ALL IN FAVOR: yes
- ANY OPPOSED: no
- THIS MOTION IS: Passed

**MOTION: to approve the 2020 AGM minutes**

- MOTION by: Andrea Gunner
- SECONDED by: Jennifer Freeman
- ALL IN FAVOR: yes
- ANY OPPOSED: no
- THIS MOTION IS: Passed

6:50pm PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

- ***Presented by Andrea Gunner***
- ***Minutes: Annual Report Welcome from the Board [here](#)***
- Recognition of Anita Georgy (past ED), recognition of staff, high-level review of strategic priorities and mission



#### 7:00pm PRESENTATION OF OPERATIONAL REPORT

- **Presented by Julia Zado and David Catzel**
- **Minutes:**
- Launch of branding. Reviewed how branding was compiled (stakeholder engagement)
- Website redevelopment (purpose: user friendly, informative, bring all pages together, etc)
- Strengthening CSA program: Coordinated online network, hosted six webinars about topics related to CSAs, developed/launched interactive map
- BC Seed Security program:
  - Regional rep of the Bauta Family Initiative - providing access to national work
  - CANOVI program: good participation and good results
  - School Seed Stewardship project: started last year. Supporting curriculum to introduce seed-stewardship topics
  - Mobile Seed Cleaning: Quadrupled trailers thanks to strong funding
  - Citizen Seed Trial- Great engagement, goal: increase turnout till end of program
  - Seed to Food: started out of necessity during pandemic(food banks needed food). We continue to send food (byproducts from seed farm)
  - BC Seed Gathering: Good turnout.
  - Seedy Saturday: Collaboratively hosted BC first-ever province-wide virtual seed saturday conference ( done out of necessity due to pandemic). Huge coordination effort, and great turnout.
  - Public Seed Events / Tasting event: You can find these on FFCF's youtube.
- Climate Solutions: Program goal: engaging eaters, supporting farmers & ranchers, influencing policy
  - Engaging eaters: ran lots of stories, social media campaigns, etc.
  - Supporting farmers & ranchers: ran lots of stories about farmers, increasing farmer network overall, and social media campaigns. Farmer Field Days are coming back!!
  - Influencing Policy: First White Paper has been published. Also hosted a Think Tank to bring leaders in space together.
- Farmers for Climate Solutions: Enabled conversations with the Ministry of Agriculture
- Community Farm: Continue to support farms; no active program
- Feast of Fields: Adjusted in-person plans to create two hybrid events. Returning to the farm this year - hosting 3 in-person events!
- Raffle - tried an online platform that proved to be very successful.

#### 7:15pm PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- **Presented by Lawrence Chan**
- **Minutes:**
- Reviewed income and expenses of last completed fiscal year
- Overall at a very strong position

#### **MOTION: to approve the financial statements as presented**

- MOTION by: Lawrence Chan
- SECONDED by: Jennifer Freeman
- ALL IN FAVOR: yes
- ANY OPPOSED: no
- THIS MOTION IS: Passed



#### 7:25pm BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

**- Presented by Jennifer Freeman**

**- Minutes**

- We have 4 directors who are staying on for the second year of their first term. They are:
  - Michelle Austin
  - Joshua Batson
  - Lawrence Chan, our Treasurer
  - Andrea Gunner, Our current Co-Chair
  
- 1 director who is staying on to continue her 2nd term
  - Debbie Oyenuga
  
- 4 directors that are leaving the board.
  - Natasha Asseltine
  - Nicole Ann Poitras- (joining us as a Feast of Fields Coordinator in Metro Van)
  - Dan Straker
  - Jennifer Freeman
  
- 2 Board of Director Candidates for 2022 are:
  - Sarah Clements, Research and Extension Associate at the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at KPU where she manages the Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School new farmer training program.
  - Melissa Tsang, a cultural leader and arts producer with over 15 years of experience managing and leading projects in the performing arts sector.

**MOTION: to approve the new board candidates as presented.**

- MOTION by: Jen Freeman
- SECONDED by: Andrea Gunner
- ALL IN FAVOR: yes
- ANY OPPOSED: no
- THIS MOTION IS: Passed

#### 7:35 pm CLOSING REMARKS

#### 7:45pm ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: to adjourn the 2021 Annual General meeting at 7:18pm**

- MOTION by: Jennifer Freeman
- SECONDED by: David Catzel
- ALL IN FAVOR: yes (9)
- ANY OPPOSED: no
- THIS MOTION IS: Passed