

Mission - "We commit to understand and respond to the needs of young people in our communities with relevant volunteer based mentoring programs"

Vision - Every Child Who Needs a Mentor, Has a Mentor.



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2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SAINT JOHN

Wednesday, JUNE 19, 2019 - 6:05PM, BBBS Office, 3rd Level, Brunswick Square

1. Call to Order and Acknowledgements – Welcome to Board Members, Staff, community partners and guests, Alex from Deloitte, Sam (KV Oasis) & Betty both Inspire Award Recipients – Debbie Cooper
2. Chairperson and Secretary named – Debbie Cooper
3. Meeting is Duly Constituted (Reading of Notice of Meeting- read by Laurie Collins)
4. A quorum was present.
5. Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM / Minutes as written and read by Leah Straight
Motion to Accept Minutes as read by Dan, seconded by Cindy. Motion passed.
6. Executive reports and approval
 - a. President's Report presented by Debbie Cooper: Deb spoke to the successes of 2018 with work on a new Strategic Plan, agency accreditation, another successful Bowl for Kids Sake thanks to the amazing support of J.D. Irving, Ltd., created new staff position. Deb also expressed thanks to the retiring board members along with other board members and staff.

**Motion to Accept the President's Report by Debbie, seconded by Andrew.
Motion Passed**

- b. Agency Executive Director's Report - Laurie Collins

Laurie highlighted achievements of the year with the agency: 1st was the increase in annual revenue thanks to the support of JDI, J.K. Irving and Deb Fisher. JDI reached their goal of 1 million in 10 years of support of BFKS! This will help with agency sustainability going forward. Laurie presented each of the staff members with a gift of flowers; she thanked the board of directors for their dedication and support and thanked the many volunteer mentors and special event volunteers for their commitment. She also recognized Robyn Jeffrey, Pam Wheaton, Stacy Butler, Josh Middleton and Kate Osborne who left their board positions at various times in 2018. Laurie mentioned our new program initiatives such as RBC Future Launch

“Propel” program and our focus going forward of finding more volunteers to serve more children!

Motion to Accept the Executive Director’s Report by Betty, seconded by Dan.

Motion passed.

c. Treasurer’s Report- reported by Daniel Drew.

Dan presented the financial statements as prepared by Deloitte LLP.

His highlights on the financial position were the following: The agency had a surplus of \$93,420 this year, compared to a surplus for 2017 of \$38,183.

The increase was from a fantastic Bowl for Kids Sake which will help with expenses the next couple of years. Dan asked if there were any questions.

No questions.

Debbie presented a parting gift to Dan.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer’s Report by Dan, seconded by Norah.

Motion passed.

7. A motion to refer the appointment of auditors to a committee for the year 2019.

Motion by Dan, seconded by Leah. Motion carried.

8. Election of Directors – Cindy Millett presented the slate of officers for 2019-20 on behalf of the board development committee and asked for any new nominations.

EXECUTIVE

Past President: Niki Comeau

President: Debbie Cooper

1st Vice President: Leah Straight

2nd Vice President:

Secretary: Emily Teed

Treasurer: Matthew Wegener

MEMBERS

Andrew Holmes

Betty Hitchcock

Cindy Millett

Jeff Williams

Jim Jordan

Susan Eisner

Erin MacKenney

Paulette Nickerson

Norah Surcon

Darrell Scribner (Honorary)

Robert Vincent (Honorary)

Motion to approve the board of directors by Cindy, seconded by Andrew. Motion carried.

9. The Mentoring success story was shared by Char Perry, a 9 year match between Jennifer and Sam. Jennifer and Same both spoke to the match and shared their thanks to each other. They both agreed there were many extreme challenges that Sam had to face and she is very thankful for Jenn. Same is graduating this year and is headed to UNBSJ.

10. Presentation of Awards: Betty Hitchcock gave us a background of the two people for whom these awards are named.

Judge Tom Bell Award Presented to Barb Crawford & Noah Anthony by Betty Hitchcock, with highlights of their accomplishments and match activities. Barb began mentoring in 2013 in the Go Girls! program and continued with one of her groups who converted to a Friendship Club. Noah was a dedicated Teen Mentor at St. George Elementary.

George Hitchcock Award was presented by Betty to students Izzy Boudreau (Mentor Links participant and now Little Sister), Josh Thibodeau (Former Little Brother, now Mentor Links participant) & Sam Morrell (Mentee for 11 years, ISM and Little Sister). Izzy will be attending Ninja camp at the Y, Josh will attend a dirt bike camp and Sam received a bursary to assist her with post-secondary education costs.

11. Laurie Collins had special presentations for each of the board members who left us in 2018; none were in attendance. Jim presented awards for 5, 10 and 15 years of service to volunteers and special recognition to Cindy and Betty for their long length of service.

12. Debbie called for any New Business. There was no new business. Thanks were extended to everyone.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM – motion by Andrew, seconded by Cindy.

Refreshments followed.

Minutes prepared by Executive Director, Laurie Collins and Board Secretary, Leah Straight

