



Minutes of the Mature Action Community AGM April 9th, 2019, Whistler Library, Community Room

Called to Order: 4:15 p.m.

Opening remarks by chair, Stacey Murl, welcoming everyone to the AGM

Introductions of all board members in attendance: Bob Murl, Bob Calladine, Michael D'Artois, Rosemary Cook, Dawn Minett, Stacey Murl, Dave Ashton, Kathy White.

Notice of Annual General Meeting – in Pique on March 21st and email sent to all members March 19th, 2019.

Establishment of Quorum – Credentials Chair, Rosemary Cook, – Quorum according to our bylaws has been met and AGM can proceed. (3 or 10% of voting members which would be 22 and 40 members present)

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Michael D'Artois and Seconded by Iain Grunwell

Approval of the minutes of Annual General meeting 2018: Moved by Dave Ashton and Seconded by Dawn Minett

Reports:

Financial Report

by Rosemary Cook – Treasurer

- Copies of the Financial Statements for the 12 month period ending January 31, 2019 were posted on the website – www.whistlermac.org
- Financial statements for the 12 month period ending January 31st, 2019 were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held February 11th, 2019.



MATURE ACTION COMMUNITY					
WHISTLER, BC					
Fund Statement		Budget	Year end	Year end	
For the period February 1 – January 31		2018/19	2019	2018	
As of:	31-Dec-18		31-Jan-19	31-Jan-18	
Bank balance Feb 1			\$6,347	\$8,601	
Cash operations during year					
Receipts:					
Membership dues-current year		3875	3600	3815	
Social Club		6250	5205	4450	
Donations		1000	1185	1289	
From deposit acct		2030	2028		
		13,155	12,018	9,554	
Expenditures:					
AGM		500	256	753	
Society Act registration fee		80	90	195	
MAC website, development & maint.		750	132	21	
Board Sundries		250	214	83	
Postage/box rental		190	174	197	
Printing/advertising		250	164	176	
Bank charges		150	212	131	
PR/Misc		75	246	0	
Directors Insurance		1221	1221	1200	
Chamber of Commerce		715	0	315	
Social Club		6875	5266	4735	
National Seniors day event		5000	2567		
One year term deposit				2000	
Two year term deposit				2000	
		16,056	10,542	11,807	
Net receipts (Expenditures)					
		-2,901	1,476	-2,253	
Bank balance			\$7,823	\$6,348	
Deposit acct					
Social Club Summary:					
Revenues		6250	5205	4450	
Expenditures:		6875	5266	4735	
Net receipts (Expenditures)		-625	-61	-285	



Motion to waive appointment of Auditor moved by Bob Calladine, seconded by Sue Lawther.

Motion to approve Financial Statements as presented: moved by Iain Grunwell, seconded by Doug Wylie.

MAC Chair Report

By Stacey Murl - Chair

Who we are and what we do!

- Vision – “a welcoming supportive community where Whistler residents 55+ comfortably age in place and are valued for what they do.
- Mission – “Identify Opportunities and advocate for policies and programs that will move our vision into reality.”

Our Strategic Plan:

1. Advocate for seniors’ programs and services
2. Represent our constituency with a collective voice
3. Generate Public Awareness
4. Provide Social Interaction
5. Create Partnerships

1)Advocate for Seniors Programs and Services:

- Member of Better at Home Advisory Committee with regular monthly meetings.
- Member of Non-profit Network with regular monthly meetings
- Present wish list of needs and wants to RMOW regularly at council meetings
- Talk to council members about seniors when opportunities arise
 - Recent town hall presentations by RMOW from Transportation Advisory Group
 - Recent presentation about e-bikes
- Letter of support with Pemberton Seniors and Sea to Sky Community services for Handi-Dart service in Whistler.
 - Met with Jackie Dickinson at WCSS to reinstate weekly senior’s programming - Now called Activate and Connect.

2)Represent our constituency with a Collective Voice

- It means that we want all seniors, living in or visiting Whistler, to speak the same message to other seniors, and to our governing bodies.



- We speak for all the seniors that live in Whistler, not just our members.
- We need to figure out new ways to increase our membership so that when we speak for the ever increasing number of seniors living, playing, working and eventually needing some services here, MAC represents all of those seniors.
- At a recent presentation to council, we used the numbers from the last census – Over 2,000 seniors above the age of 55 – as of 2016. We need Whistler's Seniors to understand the value of being a MAC member so that when we go before council – MAC represents a bigger percentage of the actual number of seniors living here which is now more than the 2,000 the census counted in 2016.

3)Generate Public Awareness

So what have we done over the past year?

- Workshops in partnership with the Library, CFOW, and Better at Home, Sea to Sky community Services.
 - Estate Planning, or Preparing for your Departure Workshop
 - Brain Matters Workshop
 - Age Friendly Communities Workshop
- Go-Fest presentation of our movie **Whistler – Wilderness to World Class** with the Museum
- Canada Day Parade with a banner for the first time!
- National Seniors' Day – October 1st with a full afternoon of presentations by many local and Sea to Sky Services in partnership with the Whistler Tennis Club.

4)Provide Social Interaction

This past year saw a good number of social events:

- Spring Fling at the Alpine Café
- Go Fest Participation with the Museum
- Canada Day Parade – new banner and sign for MAC
- July Bar BQ and Pickle Ball with Whistler Tennis Club
 - Now we have a very active Pickleball group that play every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Another year of volunteering and hard work for Ironman
- National Seniors Day on October 1st
- Got the RMOW to declare October 1st Whistler Senior's Day.
- Fall Masque at the Alpine Café
- Christmas Party and Dance at Nicklaus North
- Christmas Caroling in the Village

Can we keep this up? Not without the active participation and support of the members!



5) Create Partnerships.

Over the past several years we have created on-going partnerships with:

- Community Foundation of Whistler
- Better at Home, Sea to Sky Community Services
- Whistler Public Library
 - These three partnerships have enabled us to put on our workshops with refreshments at no charge to the seniors in the community

New Partnerships this year:

- Spring Creek Elementary School for a reading program
- Whistler Tennis Club – enabling us to play Pickleball every Wednesday and have a great location for our annual barbecue and picnic.
- Whistler Community Social Services – enabling us to have a regular weekly indoor session in their community room. We have also reinstated (at least once a month) walk and talk followed by coffee.

2018 Summary

- So it would seem that we are doing our best as every year we have been able to see our Vision and Mission clearly and work towards achieving the goals of our Strategic Plan, but what now?
- As we move into 2019, our original MAC mandate of seeking housing for seniors has been fulfilled to the best of our ability, given the RMOW's focus will be on employee housing for the foreseeable future.
- We now need to change that focus more to achieving the goal of making Whistler an Age Friendly Community. Maybe changing our wording from Enabling Seniors to Age in Place to “Making Whistler an Age Friendly Community” might resonate more with our active population and get them on board.
- So, as I leave the Mature Action Community in good hands with several new board members and Kathy White, (Chair-elect) at the helm, there will be changes coming. Other communities have support from local government. For us, there is only MAC. We need all of you to get your non-member friends to understand that we need them to join MAC so that we can all enjoy the benefits of an Age Friendly Community.

Social Committee Report by: Kathy White

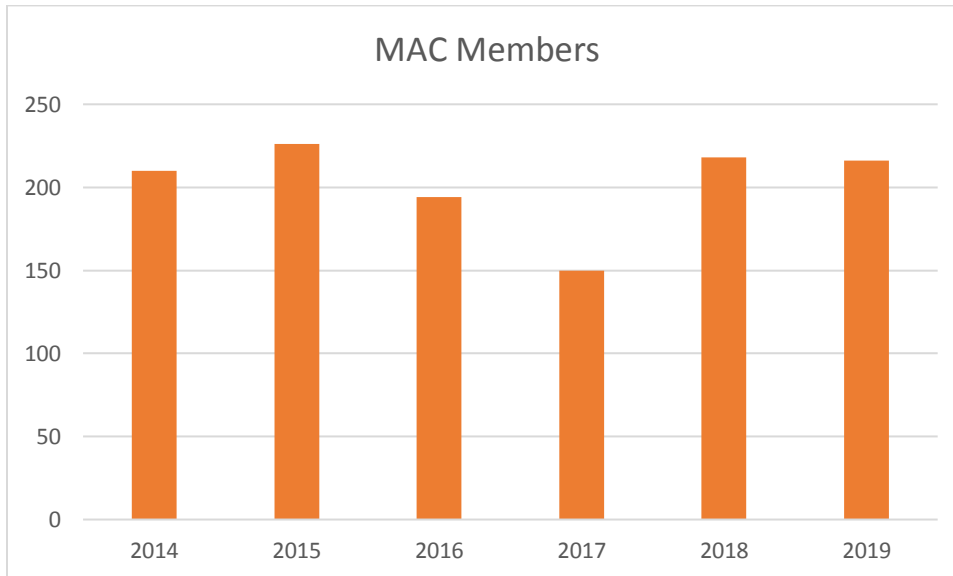
- a) **Feb to March, 2018** - Spring Creek Reading Program – Tuesday sessions: Approx. 10 volunteers had Grade 5-7 students read to them for support and engagement



- b) **April 17, 2018** - Alpine Café – MAC Spring Fling: Iain Grunwell coordinated event with Janice. Approx. 20 attendees. Don Crook sang & hats looked lovely. Pictures posted on MAC Facebook page
- c) **May 19, 2018** – RMOW GoFest: Had approx.. 50 people attend the Wilderness to Worldclass Video at the Whistler Museum and had coffee/tea + snacks
- d) **July 1, 2018** Canada Day Parade – MAC volunteers came together to decorate the vehicle donated for use
- e) **July 8, 2018 Whistler MAC BBQ** – held at the Whistler Racket Club starting at 6:00 pm. 30lbs. of chicken from Nesters Market. Bob Calladine manned the barbecue, MAC members and guests had a training and coaching session then played pickle ball on specially painted courts. Music was organized by Iain Grunwell, Janice marinated the chicken and decorated the tables.
- f) **July 28, 2018** - Ironman Canada – MAC volunteers: 8 am to 5 pm, approx.. 30 volunteers – hottest day of the year to set up and run “two” beverage + food aid stations at Lost Lake Park
- g) **Oct. 1, 2018** - National Seniors Day – Celebrating Whistler’s Active Seniors: Whistler Tennis Club with tradeshow booths, 3 presentations and e-bike draw prize with snacks and refreshments, approx. 80 people attended
- h) **October 30, 2018** - Alpine Café – Fall Masque: 32 MAC members at the Alpine Café and Catering Company. A four- course meal for \$25.00 a person was the price of a ticket and wine was \$20.00 a bottle for red and white was by the glass for \$4.00. Prizes for the best mask. Live music was by crooner Don Crook.
- i) **Dec. 5, 2018** - Annual Whistler MAC Christmas Dinner: 72 MAC members and guests spent a wonderful evening at Nicklaus North Golf Course banquet area. Cost was \$55.00 a ticket which included 3 course meal this being a choice of salmon or braised ribs or mushroom ravioli. There was Carols and singing started at 6:30 with Social Committee member Iain Grunwell organizing the sound system and band, plus Charalyn Kriz organized the choir

Membership Committee Report

by: Bob Murl



Housing Committee Report

By Bob Calladine

Last year I told you about the plan to build 20 seniors restricted WHA rental units at 8350 Bear Paw Trail, Rainbow Estates.

This was not in any plans for the future of WHA nor in their attitude towards initiating senior housing in Whistler. It is truly amazing what a \$2 million grant can do to change priorities. BC Housing has added approximately \$1/2 million more to the pot as building costs get higher and higher. The building permit was late from RMOW planning department and last December, the framing crew were fired: all causing the building to fall behind its projected completion date. The contractors, however, are still optimistic about finishing this autumn.

Meanwhile: a brief created by Gary Watson (a founding member of WHA), Gord Leidel (a founding member of MAC), Sue Lawther (past president of MAC), and myself, was presented to the staff of WHA. This brief was our response to an administrative report regarding changes to the Senior's restricted housing purchase guidelines. Presently, there are no specific WHA guidelines for senior's restricted rental housing, only for the general rental wait-list. Our brief tried to ease the process for the staff and at the same time update the qualification point system for both rental and purchasing WHA properties. The result seems to be that there is no Senior's rental wait-list and WHA staff are telling seniors to go on a MAC "list". Guess what? we don't have one either and we certainly have no legitimate power as to who can get on one or has priority in the renting of this new WHA project.



Bob Murl and I are creating an 'unofficial' MAC Senior's rental housing list from a new application-with WHA qualification guidelines-survey. The link to this survey will be sent to all MAC members as soon as it is completed. I would like this 'unofficial list' to be created from this survey/application form that is available only to MAC members. The information we are seeking with this survey must be proven to WHA on the official WHA application when the units become available. There will be an explanation of the priority point system, suite plans, and a request for suite preference that may or may not be granted by WHA. These items will be detailed in the email with the link to the survey when the survey is ready. At this moment there is no knowledge of what the rental fees will be as they are probably determined by the final costs of the building.

Nominating Committee Report

By: Michael D'Artois/Dave Ashton

The search for potential board members this year, now that Board members must leave after 6 years on the Board, has been quite intense as we had an extra space to fill as Janice Lloyd resigned leaving us with 4 spaces to fill including the three retiring Board Members, Stacey Murl, Rosemary Cook and Bob Calladine. The nominating committee consisting of Michael D'Artois and Dave Ashton looked for some new people, who haven't necessarily been on a board before, but all of whom have great ties to various segments of our community. We look forward to welcoming Arlene Egido, whom many of you know from Nestors and IGA and now her family store in Cheakamus crossing. Arlene has been lived in Whistler for nearly 30 years but prior to that she worked in event planning for major hotels in Central America. She has spent a lot of time in Whistler as a volunteer with the Catholic Church. We hope that through Arlene, we can connect with not only the Philippino community here in Whistler but also the Catholic Church Community.

Charalyn Kriz comes to us from the Social Committee with Janice Lloyd. She also spends most of her time here, calling Whistler her home since 2005. She has volunteered her time and efforts to several social service organizations as well as on mountain safety and formerly for cross country skiing. She enjoys organizing social events and it looks like she will be our new Social Committee director.

John McGregor is an energetic ex-realtor with volunteer experience with the Salvation Army and time on the board at WCSS as well as with our reading program for Spring Creek children. We hope to put his energy to good use.



New Board :

Board of Directors for 2019

- 3 year term – all new directors –
 - Charalyn Kriz, John McGregor, Arlene Egido
- 2 year Term
 - Kathy White, Michael D'arfois, Dave Ashton
- 1 year Term
 - Bob Murl

Q and A

Several questions concerning housing were put to Bob Calladine and Michael D'Arfois

Other Business:

Kathy White presented outgoing Board members, Rosemary Cook and Stacey Murl with floral arrangements and Bob Calladine with a Blenz gift card and thanked them all for their many years of service to the community through MAC and Club 50 (Stacey)

Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.

Refreshments and social ½ hour with sandwiches, desserts and coffee (coffee provided by Blenz)