



**Synergy Youth and Community Development Society**  
**Annual General Meeting minutes for Monday May 31, 2021 (7pm via Zoom)**  
**AGM Chairperson – Sheryce Hains | AGM Secretary – Megan Desplanque**

1. Called to order 7:06 pm by Sheryce Hains
2. Adoption of Agenda Moved by Deb Hitchcock, 2nd by Michael Impey, all in favour.
3. Adoption of June 15, 2020 AGM minutes moved by Heather Skippen, 2nd by Rody Visotski, all in favour
4. 2020 Impact Report presented by Coralee McIntosh and Terry Gill
  - COVID Response: all programs moved to virtual means with no interruptions
  - Additional pandemic funding allowed program to run throughout the summer as well as the creation of mental wellness kits for participants
  - Development and success of two new programs: Teen SHOUT and Grandletters program
  - Connection & Care program expansion and additional funding
  - Creation of community mental health resources and wellness resource walls
  - Continued participation and engagement of youth and volunteers for Synergy
  - Continuation and need of the Mental Health Coalition and Not-For-Profit Meetings
  - Volunteer engagement throughout the pandemic and Social Return on Investment
  - Community support initiatives: Food Bank Drive, Christmas Dinner Delivery, Pretty in Pink
  - Renewed ECAP funding and Shaw Birdies Charity
  - Community Conversation meetings regarding youth safety and conducting a youth survey
5. Fee Changes: New Fee Schedule was presented (see attached).
6. Testimonials Question: How has you or your family's involvement in Synergy programs impacted you? Speakers:
  - a. Cat Golden: Current student at the University of Calgary in her 4th year earning her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences
  - b. Shaun Fisk: Currently a volunteer mentor for Synergy (Friday Fam program in Langdon). Received his Bachelors in Communications from Royal Roads University, a Diploma in journalism from SAIT, and has applied to do his Masters in International and Intercultural Communications at Royal Roads in the fall.
7. Treasurers Report was presented by Patty Sproule on behalf of Treasurer. 2020 Review Engagement information was presented.
  - a. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Rody, 2nd by Megan. All in favour.
8. Testimonials Question: Would you recommend Synergy's programs and services to others? If so, why?
  - a. Clayton Davidson: Current grade 11 student at Chestermere High School, Active YELL member for two years and volunteer youth mentor for the SHOUT Boys program. Previously Clayton (and his sister) have also been part of our Langdon SHOUT program years ago.
9. Proposed changes to Synergy bylaws were presented by Heather Skippen.

- a. Motion to accept proposed bylaw changes was made by Heather and 2nd by Sheryce Haines, all in favour.
10. Testimonials Question: How has staying in touch with Synergy been helpful to you during the pandemic?
  - a. Diana Sharpe: Mother of current SHOUT Boys participant.
  - b. Lori Kent: Mother of current SHOUT Boys participant and community volunteer.
11. Election of Board of Directors was directed by Sheryce Haines. Prior to beginning the election, formal acknowledgement was given to thank former Board Members who had to step down for their time, dedication and commitment: Jennifer Massig, Joseph Stubbs, Dezi Pereira and Tracy Weicht. *Nominations: Second / All in Favour / Against / Abstain*
  - a. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Deb Hltchcock by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Deb Hitchcock, all in favour
  - b. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Megan Desplanque by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Rody Visotski, all in favour
  - c. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Rody Visotski by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Michael Impey, all in favour
  - d. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Heather Skippen by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Megan Desplanques, all in favour
  - e. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Michael Impey by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Deb Hitchcock, all in favour
  - f. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Stacia Leonard by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Rody Visotski, all in favour
  - g. Nominated for election or re-election in the position of Director
    - i. Sheryce Haines by Rody Visotski, 2nd Michael Impey, all in favour
  - h. Election of Board Officers and Appointment of Committee Members –will be done at Organizational Meeting in June.
12. Thanks & Farewell for now message to long-time volunteers: Sheryce, Trey, Tracy and Ashi
13. Thanks for attending and open the floor to answer questions. None.
14. Move to adjourn by Sheryce Haines, 2nd Rody, all in favour at 8:20p.m.  
*AGM Minutes Attachments: AGM Agenda, AGM PowerPoint, Fee Schedule.*