

**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**  
**(the “BC SPCA” or “Society”)**

Minutes of the **130<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Society  
Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. PST  
Held via TEAMS Video Conferencing

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) having been given to all Members of the Society on March 6, 2025, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Society, Mark Montemurro acted as Chair and called the AGM to order at 9:03 am PST noting that a quorum of 50 voting Members had been met, and the meeting was duly convened.

The Members were welcomed to the 130<sup>th</sup> AGM and were provided with an overview of the meeting proceedings and instructions to indicate their desire to speak.

**2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair acknowledged that their participation in the AGM took place on unceded territory belonging to numerous and diverse Indigenous First Nations and noted that every meeting participant was located on the traditional lands of their respective Indigenous communities.

**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Members were asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda, of which none were noted.

*Upon motion made by Jason Chan, RESOLVED, that the agenda be adopted as distributed.*

**CARRIED**

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES**

The Members were asked if any errors or omissions were identified within the minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> AGM. Member Sandie Braid noted that a “K,” indicating thousands, was missing from two figures in the seventh bullet point under Section 7.0, Financial Report. She will forward minor grammatical corrections to the Senior Director, Governance and Executive Operations for consideration.

*Upon motion made by Ethan Anderson, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on March 23, 2024, be approved as amended.*

**CARRIED**

**5.0 BOARD CHAIR ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair presented their Annual Report to the Membership, highlighting the Board’s work throughout the 2024/2025 governance year, including the launch of the new strategic plan featuring a bold new vision and mission. Acknowledging that the Society is entering a period of both excitement and challenge, the Chair expressed gratitude to Members, volunteers, and stakeholders for their integral role in shaping the Society’s future success.

The Chair acknowledged their fellow Board Directors and conveyed appreciation to the CEO and Executive Leadership Team for keeping the Board informed of the Society’s activities, enabling the Board to contribute effectively.

**6.0 CEO ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair introduced Craig Daniell (CEO), who expressed gratitude to the dedicated BC SPCA staff and volunteers, whose efforts enabled the Society to assist 167,880 animals in 2024 through direct care, community programs, and support services. This marked a 23% year-over-year increase in the number of animals helped, and a 39% increase compared to 2022. The CEO then provided an overview of the Society’s key achievements over the past governance year that included:

- Provided 654,727 meals to vulnerable animals through its food banks and 6,300 nights of emergency boarding for the animals of people leaving domestic violence or displaced by wildfires.
- The BC Pet Registry brought total registrations to 234,768, while AnimalKind now has 40 accredited dog training businesses.
- The Animal Helpline responded to 79,552 calls, and 1,637 animals were removed from dangerous or neglectful situations.
- Wild ARC treated 2,043 injured or orphaned wildlife.
- Shelters facilitated 15,970 adoptions and reunited 1,912 animals with their guardians.
- The BC SPCA undertook 11 advocacy campaigns and 25 policy submissions, with 216,127 visits to the Society's "Take Action" advocacy page. The CEO noted that British Columbians lead Canadians in requests to the Federal Government.
- The active donor base grew to 110,000 which represents a nearly 5% increase year-over-year.
- The Society achieved a 78% target rate for annual voluntary staff retention and saw 128 positive internal movements over the past year. The days lost to workplace illness or injury were reduced from 357 to 277 days or 22%.
- The number of volunteer hours grew to 222,322, representing a 1% increase year over year.

The CEO provided a brief overview of the Society's new strategic plan and long-term outlook, noting that the refreshed mission, vision and values are being well received with the public. Finally, the CEO thanked everyone involved in the development of the new strategic plan, including the Executive Leadership Team, staff, Regional Councils and the Board. The forum was opened to questions on the CEO Annual Report to Members.

## 7.0 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Chair introduced Emily Thorner (CFO/CTO) who provided a report on the 2024 Audited Financial Statements of the BC SPCA for the year ended September 30, 2024. The CFO noted that:

- The Society continues to have a strong growth in assets and effective management of liabilities. There is no debt and a very stable balance sheet.
- The goal each year is to deliver a balanced budget, which was not only achieved but exceeded in the past year, resulting in a financial surplus that will support upcoming major capital projects.
- The Society has significant ongoing capital considerations as the age and condition of its facilities across the province vary.
- The ongoing shortage of veterinarians, combined with rising market prices, continues to drive up the costs of medical care and spay/neuter services.
- Revenues have decreased from prior years, primarily driven by a provincial government grant of \$12 million for facility replacement projects in 2023; otherwise, total revenues have increased.
- Interest income remains a positive contributor as the Society has shifted its short-term investments primarily into Canadian GICs.
- Animal protection expenses continued to rise, reaching in \$10.2 million in 2024.
- Total revenue for 2024 was \$62,634k vs. a restated total of \$72,679k in 2023 and \$65,810k in 2022, while expenditures were \$60,782k in 2024, vs. a restated total of \$57,446k in 2023 and \$49,789k in 2022.
- The Capital Fund consists of \$26 million in Donor Restricted Capital Gifts and \$28 million in the Society's investment in capital assets.
- Total assets increased from \$135 million to \$141 million.
- The Society continues to closely monitor and assess the potential risks associated with US tariffs, particularly in relation to US-based investments within its long-term portfolio and a relatively small portion of overall expenditures tied to specific US-sourced medical supplies and software services.

The Chair introduced Catherine Ruby (Treasurer) and referred Members to the 2024 Audited Financial Statements of the BC SPCA for the year ended September 30, 2024, included in the AGM meeting material. The Report was taken as read.

The Treasurer reported that the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2024, have been reviewed by the Finance & Audit Committee, and the Committee recommended that the Board approve the year-end Audited Financial Statements. The forum was then opened for questions.

*Upon motion made by Catherine Ruby, RESOLVED, that the Audited Financial Statements of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended September 30, 2024, along with the auditor's report thereon, are received as presented.*

**CARRIED**

#### **8.0 DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

The Chair introduced Rochelle Stevenson (Chair, Governance Committee) who explained the rationale for the proposed amendments to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws and presented a summary of the Special Resolutions to the Members. It was noted that Voting Members will be able to cast their votes on the Special Resolutions via the Simply Voting platform, with voting opening immediately after the AGM and closing at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13, 2025.

#### **9.0 BOARD COMMITTEES' ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Chair referred the Members to the Activities Reports from the Board Committees included in the AGM meeting material, and the Reports were taken as read. Each of the Board Committee Chairs extended their appreciation to their respective members for their contributions. Upon conclusion, Staff responded to questions from Members.

#### **10.0 REGIONAL COUNCILS' ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Chair referred the Members to the Activities Reports from the Regional Councils included in the AGM meeting material, and the Reports were taken as read. The Chair thanked the Members of the Regional Councils for their dedication, particularly those who served as Chairs and encouraged Members to join their respective Regional Council.

#### **11.0 CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION OF BOARD DIRECTORS**

The Chair acknowledged and thanked outgoing Board Directors, Rebecca Levi and Victoria Brydon, for their dedication and service to the Society. The Chair also shared the results of the recent elections by acclamation, noting that Rochelle Stevenson had been elected for a second term as Regional Director for the Thompson/Okanagan/Kootenay Region, while Navida Suleman and Valerie Mann had been elected to their first terms as Regional Directors for the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley/Sunshine Coast Region.

*Upon motion made by Lindsay Curry, RESOLVED, that Valerie Mann, Rochelle Stevenson and Navida Suleman be confirmed as Regional Directors of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for a three-year term beginning March 29, 2025.*

**CARRIED**

#### **12.0 CONCLUSION**

Staff responded to questions from Members. The Chair thanked the Membership for attending the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

*Upon motion made by Jennifer Gore, RESOLVED, that the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members is hereby concluded at 10:08 am PST.*

**CARRIED**

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Signed By: Mark Montemurro, Board Chair  
Minutes to be approved at the April 8, 2026 Annual General Meeting