

SYDNEY CREDIT UNION
86th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sydney Credit Union's Eighty-Sixth Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

CALL TO ORDER – ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Mary Jane Morrison called the meeting to order welcoming all attendees to Sydney Credit Union's Annual General Meeting. A quorum was recognized with 55 members in attendance. Karen MacNeil was introduced as the scrutineer for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Joe Legge

Seconded by Leon Colford

MOTION Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 85th Annual General Meeting were available in all three branches and on Sydney Credit Union's website.

MOTION to approve the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes of October 28th, 2020.

Moved by Mike Bartlett

Seconded by Sarah MacEachern

MOTION Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The report of the Board of Directors, which was available online and in all three branches, was presented by Chair Mary Jane Morrison.

MOTION that the report of the Board of Directors be accepted as read.

Moved by Joyce Lind

Seconded by Joe Legge

MOTION Carried

Chair Mary Jane Morrison advised there wasn't a Nominating Committee report this year as no director's terms were expiring. Sydney Credit Union's Board of Directors were introduced to the attendees.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Mr. Darren Chiasson, Partner with MNP LLP, presented the Auditor's Report for the year ending December 31, 2020. The audited financial statements were available on Sydney Credit Union's website and in the annual report.

During 2020, MNP met with the Audit Committee on two occasions, first to review the audit plan and again to review the audit findings and the draft financial statements. MNP issued their unmodified independent auditor's report on Sydney Credit Union's financial statements as of December 31, 2020. Mr. Chiasson advised the financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the credit union. The Board of Directors approved the audited financial statements on March 16th, 2021.

Mr. Chiasson highlighted the results of the credit union noting it was a successful year despite the challenges presented in 2020.

In closing, Mr. Chiasson thanked management and staff for their support during the audit process.

MOTION that the Auditor's Report be accepted as read.

Moved by Joyce Lind

Seconded by Mike Bartlett

MOTION Carried

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Carol Ripley, presented the report of the Chief Executive Officer.

Mrs. Ripley highlighted some key financial performance indicators for Sydney Credit Union's 2020 financial results.

- New memberships dropped to 599 in 2020, partly due to COVID-19 restrictions. The number of accounts closed in 2020 dropped from 1,136 in 2019 to 945 in 2020.
- There was moderate loan and mortgage growth in 2020.
- Deposit growth in 2020 increased by 13%, a \$33 million increase from 2019, largely due to a shift in spending habits and members retaining deposits in their accounts.
- Liquidity is at 27%, well above the 9% regulatory requirement.
- Assets increased by \$35 million in 2020, a 16.5% increase. This double-digit growth happened for the first time in 25 years.
- Assets per member increased by 19%.
- The patronage rebate increased to \$288,000 as a result of higher income.
- Net Income increased to \$1,486,000 in 2020. The major reason for the high increase is due to a significant reduction in the number of delinquencies and write-offs in 2020. Loans written off reduced to \$393,000 from \$868,000 in 2019.
- Equity is at 9%, well above the 5% minimum requirement.

In closing, Mrs. Ripley expressed her thanks to staff and the management team for their dedication to serving our members. She thanked the Board of Directors for their contributions and guidance. She also thanked the members for their continued support.

MOTION that the Report of the Chief Executive Officer be accepted as read.

Moved by Dan MacDonald

Seconded by Jay Hollohan

MOTION Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Amendments to By-Laws:

Carol Ripley reviewed in detail the proposed by-law amendments that follow Atlantic Central's new model by-laws that were updated for Nova Scotia Credit Unions. The model by-laws take into account all the recent amendments to the Credit Union Act. These model by-laws were intended to provide credit unions with a guide to the statutory minimum requirements for by-laws in accordance with the Nova Scotia Credit Union Act. In addition, these model by-laws include standard common definitions. The by-laws were drafted to take into account Sydney Credit Union's culture, values and priorities.

Proposed Amendments to By-laws

MOTION to accept the proposed amendments to Sydney Credit Union's By-laws as presented.

Moved by Joe Legge

Seconded by Doreen Burke

MOTION Carried

Appointment of Auditors for 2021

MOTION that MNP, Chartered Professional Accountants be appointed as Auditors for the 2021 fiscal year.

Moved by Jay Hollohan

Seconded by John Patrick Fitzgerald

MOTION Carried

Employee Service Awards

The following employees were recognized for achieving milestones during 2020:

- Completed 5 years of service: Matthew Manning and Lindsay MacNeil
- Completed 15 years of service: Lisa Antinello-Leblanc
- Completed 20 years of service: Stephen LeBlanc and Christine MacPherson

2020 COVID-19 Initiatives

Carol Ripley spoke about the initiatives that occurred in 2020 to support our community.

- Loyal to Local Challenge – supporting local businesses/charities
- Step Up for Local – supporting local businesses/charities
- Pay it Forward – supporting local businesses/charities/individuals
- The Board of Directors approved a \$20,000 donation to Sydney Credit Union's Charitable Foundation due to the inability to fundraise or hold a golf tournament in 2020 with COVID-19 restrictions in place. They also approved additional donations of \$3,000 each to five different community organizations.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

DRAWING OF DOOR PRIZES

Mrs. Ripley thanked the following companies for donating prizes: CUMIS, Applied Wealth Strategies, League Data, MacKillop's Flowers and Roy Milley of KW Select Realty.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION for adjournment at 8:09 p.m. by John Patrick Fitzgerald.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Shebib
Corporate Secretary

Mary Jane Morrison
Chair