

Minutes of ROAR First Annual General Meeting,

September 7, 2024, at 2 pm

Location: Brechin United Church

Chair: Blaine Wilkins, President

Members Present: Tim Weger, Elizabeth Herman, Hilary Whiting, Maynard Kirkpatrick, Michael Connors, Horst Backe, Mark Rabnett, Anne Manikel, Maria Gomes, Lynn Burrows, Dick Van, Paul Adam, Jordan Bowie, Brock Dyckeman, Peter Petralia, Brian Johnson, James Chamberlain, Jean-Marie Russell, Terri Donaldson, Gary Bosomworth, Bill Sharp

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:03 pm.
2. The Chair determined that a quorum of members were present and that the meeting could proceed.
3. The agenda was approved as circulated, with no additions from members present.
4. Introductions of all members by rotating around the room.
5. President's Report – Blaine Wilkins
An oral report was provided, highlighting major funders and partners, the pivotal role of Brechin United Church in the Society's activities, funds raised to support ROAR's refugee sponsorships and the plans for ROAR to become a registered charity.

Motion: Moved Backe/Bosomworth. That the President's report be approved as presented. Carried.
6. Treasurer's Report - Horst Backe
Horst reviewed the written report provided to members. The report is attached.

Motion: Petralia/Manikel. That the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Carried.
7. Membership Update – James Chamberlain
James reported that ROAR has 75 members, surpassing the target of 50 members set by the Board.
8. Special Resolution #1
Resolution: Be it resolved, by a majority vote of the members of "Reaching Out Assisting Refugees Society", that the Society proceed with the process of applying for status as a registered charity, as per the Income Tax laws of Canada.
Moved: Sharp/Chamberlain
Carried
9. Special Resolution #2

Resolution: Be it resolved, by a majority of the members of ROAR, that the Rainbow Refugee Society be designated as the beneficiary of any unused funds in our bank accounts, in the event of the dissolution of the Society.

Moved by: Donaldson/Dykeman

After discussion the following amendments were made:

Be it resolved, by a majority of the members of ROAR, that the Rainbow Refugee Society (Charitable # 833497209RR000) be designated as the beneficiary of any unused funds in our bank accounts, in the event of the dissolution of the Society. Should the Rainbow Refugee Society also be dissolved, the funds to be transferred to another society whose goals and objectives align with ROAR's.

Amendment made and approved by: Donaldson/Dykeman

Carried.

10. Election of Directors

The following members were nominated by the Board:

Executive Positions

Horst Backe, President, (1 year term)

James Chamberlain, Vice-President (2 year term)

Maria Gomes, Secretary (2 year term)

Brock Dykeman, Treasurer, (1 year term)

Directors at Large

Gary Bosomworth (1 year term)

Sally Bullas (1 year term)

Elizabeth Herman (2 year term)

Paul (Canary) Kanyamu (2 year term)

Jordan Bowie (2 year term)

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the nominees were acclaimed as the 2024/2025 Board of Directors for ROAR Society.

11. New business – none.

12. Acknowledgements

Heartfelt recognition and presentations were made to Blaine Wilkins, Anne Manikel and Mark Rabnett who are leaving the ROAR Board.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Bosomworth/Whiting to adjourn. Carried. Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.