

## **President's Report ~ Kelly Rusk - YANA Annual General Meeting October 7, 2021**

I really expected my 2020 report would be the only one that included the words like pandemic or COVID. However, here we are 18 months after the start of it and we are still seeing high daily case counts and unfortunately deaths.

Both of our major YANA run events, BLB and the Comox Bike Co YANA Ride were virtual events as a result of COVID. In spite of that, the BLB revenue surpassed the previous year. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers for the hundreds of hours involved in recreating that event, and thanks to the community for the continued support. The revenue and participation in the ride was down somewhat this year. It is hard to nail down the reason or reasons for that. I think we and the community are looking forward to a time when we can do things in person. We have also learned some valuable lessons from holding virtual events that will allow us to make our "in person" events even better and more exciting. I will leave it to Kelly Barnie and Shormila Bakshi to report further on that.

As always Staff and the Board are heavily involved in everything YANA does, but the contribution of volunteers and the support of the community cannot be overlooked.

Community led fundraising and donations continue to be an important part of the annual revenue for YANA.

As a result of the work of our Executive Director and staff, the incredible financial support for this organization, and the decrease in the number of service records for clients this year YANA has realized a surplus of over \$150,000 for the fiscal year. We were all surprised and pleased to see that. Kelly Barnie and Marcel Moose will provide more details on the financials.

We have to say thank you and goodbye to Ashley Smith, Marcel Moose and Dan Costain who are leaving the board after this meeting.

On a sad note, this summer saw the passing of long time volunteer and past board member and past president Judy Cryer.

As always the community continues to honour the legacy of Sandra Williams and support YANA in tremendous and unexpected ways. This has been my 10<sup>th</sup> year on the board, and I continue to feel very fortunate to be involved with YANA and to have met the people I have. To the board, the staff and volunteers thank you for all you do. To our clients and families, You are Not Alone, you have a whole community behind you.