

## **President Report – Annual General Meeting November 3 2022**

Thank you for coming out tonight. If you recall the past 2 AGM's were Zoom events, although they worked I would really rather not do that again. Let's hope the COVID restrictions as we saw them are a thing of the past.

We started off the year planning for a much needed in person BLB but again COVID had other ideas and it was a virtual event because the Filberg Centre was needed for vaccinations. In spite of that the community still stepped up and helped raise an incredible \$186,000. We are currently working on an in person BLB for 2023. Stay tuned for ticket buying opportunities and a chance to dress up.

The Comox Bike Co YANA Ride was a hybrid event. It was a ride what you want, when you want, how far you want event and join us in Marina Park for a party to celebrate. As always I am the skeptic in the crowd but again I was proved wrong. Over \$86,000 was raised for YANA families and people enjoyed meeting up in the park. Again huge thanks to the staff and volunteers for the hundreds of hours involved in creating both events, and thank you to the community for the continued love and support. Over the past couple years we have learned many valuable lessons from holding hybrid and 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. We have seen third party community fundraising making a comeback this year. If you look on the YANA website you will see evidence of that.

Again this year, 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 significant surplus for the fiscal year. I'll leave the details for the treasurer Gary Ardron and Kelly Barnie to provide more details.

It is always sad to see board directors leaving us. This year say thank you and good bye to Gary Ardron, Rosanne Gerritson and Brenda Hunt who are leaving the board after this meeting.

As always the community continues to honour the legacy of Sandra Williams and support YANA in tremendous and unexpected ways. This has been my 11<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.