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President Report – YANA Annual General Meeting – October 10, 2024

This is the 38th year of Sandra William's legacy and the community continues to rally around YANA Comox Valley.

Since our fiscal year ends in May, but our AGM is a few months past that, this report, and the rest of the reports presented this evening will detail the June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 fiscal year. Notably, I'm reporting on the 2023 Comox Bike Co YANA Ride, and will report on the 2024 event at next year's AGM that covers fiscal 2024-2025.

The 2023 Party in the Park for the Comox Bike Co YANA ride raised a record-breaking total of \$112,000. We had nearly 250 riders choosing their own adventure and ending their August rides with a celebration at Marina Park.

We had a record-breaking fundraising total for the 2024 Big Love Benefit of \$232,000 and found that introducing the ability to have people bid on auction items through their phones, even without being in the room allowed so many more people to participate in the auction and be a part of the gala even if they were weren't able to be present at the event.

Our other board-led fundraiser, the Christmas Crackers, was successful as usual with the crackers selling out quickly.

We want to thank all of the volunteers who put in uncountable hours helping support YANA, as well as the people who organised community-led fundraisers from lemonade stands to barbeques to golf tournaments.

We had three permanent staff, and just at the end of the fiscal year, we created an exciting new position and had a new team member join us. More to follow on that with next year's report!

I am so appreciative of the work that our Executive Director, Kelly Barnie, Shormila Bakshi and Kourtenay Van Velzen put in this year, and welcome Tania Leon to the team.

As we continue forward in our fiscal 2024/25 year, we are sorry to see board members, Brent Curtain, Tracy Godin and Laurel Konschuh depart. Thank you for being a part of the 2023-2024 board of directors.

To the board, the staff and all of the volunteers, we appreciate you. Thank you for all you do. For our clients, know that You Are Not Alone, the board, staff and the entire community are here to support you.