

Draft Minutes  
IPTRA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday September 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Lobby of 195

The meeting opened shortly after 7 p.m.

Twenty-seven members were in attendance.

The agenda was approved with the addition of talking about communications and the classifieds under item 10, discussion of members' vision.

Maeve Long agreed to serve as the meeting's recording secretary.

The minutes from the last annual general meeting, October 26, 2015 were approved with the note to add the year to the date in the title.

Kathryn went over the highlights of the year, listing the accomplishments and events held in the 2015/16 year

<b>Events</b>	<b>Other Accomplishments</b>
Halloween Treats in the Lobbies	Created an up-to-date membership list
Winter Holiday Party	Sent out regular newsletters
Meet & Greets in January	Created the Website <a href="http://www.IPTRA.org">www.IPTRA.org</a> with resources for residents
Book/DVD/CD/Plant Exchange in March	Created an IPTRA Facebook group
First Interest Talk evening - April	Assisted the Rent Review Group in organizing, loaned our tables & chairs for meetings.
Summer BBQ - July	Put up Notice Boards in each mail room
Open Mic Night on the Patio - August	Set up a Suggestion Box in the Tuck Shop
AGM in September	In response to a resident's request, with permission from the Manager we set up the Residents' Library across from the tuck shop to share books and magazines.
	Added a biking group, continued the walking group
	Set up a permanent mailing address for the group #2211 – 195 Clearview K1Z 6S1

Kathryn stressed that the current executive had decided not to do advocacy for tenants and spoke about the items that still need doing/improvement. Specifically communication and using the volunteers more fully so that the success of the IPTRA is more of a team effort rather than a benevolent dictatorship.

The goals for 2016/17 include increasing the number of informal small groups, to help build community further.

The membership report said that we had 58 fully paid members, another 17 who had expired recently and a further 63 names on our mailing list that are current addresses but non-joiners.

The financial report was presented. A detailed financial statement September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 was sent out to the members prior to the meeting but Kathryn updated it to September 21 as of 5 p.m. to say we had \$1518.76 in the bank and in cash. Nancy reported that another 5 new memberships/renewals had been received just prior to the meeting.

The proposed Budget for 2016-17 was presented for information.

The position descriptions were reviewed and members encouraged to consider joining the executive.

Josh Scharf agreed to run the nominations and the following people were approved to serve for the 2016/17 year:

President – Kathryn Holman
Treasurer – Lea Kane
Secretary –
Membership Secretary – Ed Ellis
Social Activities –
Website – Ken Holman
Communication -
Building Rep 185 Nancy Hammes, Roz Taller
Building Rep 195 Jim Wilson and Maeve Long
Building Rep 200 Janet Cohen, Joe & Joan Pinto
Members at large – Julia Brady, John Leger

The meeting then turned to the discussion of members' vision for the IPTRA.

Ideas suggested:

- invest in some adult colouring book supplies and have people sit and chat while colouring.
- come up with a mission statement and include that in our welcome letter.
- organize a Euchre night
- compile a history of the buildings. As the original tenant of the building is not getting any younger this sounds like an excellent idea.

There were concerns raised about how the building is run and the rent increases. The group was reminded that we don't do advocacy. At times it is a fine line since some changes would improve the quality of life here which is something the IPTRA does strive to do.

A letter received in the suggestion box was read. It commented about the dog owners not cleaning up after their pets and suggesting the installation of bag dispensers. It was felt it wasn't our job to do that but we'll pass the idea along to management.

The idea of installing a bench in memory of Victor (the former super who died on the job) outside 185 was discussed and met with interest. We'll pursue this further.

The meeting concluded shortly after 8:20.