



**MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
LAKESHORE GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

**September 6th, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Held VIRTUALLY by ZOOM**

**Present:**

- Mr. Dave Cescon
- Dr. Fiore Lalla
- Mr. Howard Zingboim
- Ms. Nathalie Kamel
- Dr. Fadi Aris
- Mr. Eric Desbiens
- Mr. Jordan Baril-Furino
- Mr. Rob Koehler
- Mr. Marc Spencer
- + 5 members

**Regrets:**

- Mr. Dave Jennings
- Mr. Patrick Vena
- Dr. Gerry Polyhronopoulos
- Mr. Philippe Jordan
- Mrs. Nadia Malik
- Mrs. Renée Yardley

**1. REGISTRATION AND CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Dave Cescon.

**2. WELCOME ADDRESS**

Dave Cescon welcomed and thanked all present for attending the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation. He started off by saying that 2021 was another challenging year and thanked all the healthcare professionals, staff and dedicated volunteers for supporting our cause. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to do the terrific work that was done in the Lakeshore General Hospital, The Foundation and within the community. A big applause to all of those who were so involved. Dave then introduced Nathalie Kamel to speak.

**3. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Nathalie Kamel confirmed the Notice of Meeting had been made public on August 4th, 2022, on all social media platforms, and that under present by-laws and procedure, the meeting was

declared to be properly constituted, despite it being held virtually by ZOOM due to COVID-19 guidelines.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

At the last Board meeting, August 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, The Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting were circulated to the Board of Directors. The motion to approve the Minutes was made by Renée Yardley, seconded by David Jennings, all members agreed, and the motion was carried.

#### **5. ANNUAL REPORT**

A copy of the Annual Report was sent electronically to all participants prior to the meeting.

Dr. Fiore Lalla began by thanking everyone on the Board of Directors, Nathalie Kamel and the revitalized team working with her. He stated the Foundation has not sat still during the pandemic and has flourished during these hard times with the direction of Nathalie Kamel. He said we have seen a level of energy, a level of giving and participation that we haven't seen in many years with the Foundation. We have a great set of professionals at the helm. He also thanked his co-chair Dave Cescon, for growing the Golf tournament to something that is the envy of Montreal. The Golf Tournament continues to raise immense funds to support the Hospital. He is proud to be part of the Foundation and work towards building the Board of Directors with more Hospital staff.

He pointed out Dr. Fadi Aris and his exceptional work during the pandemic along with Dr. Gerry Polyhronopoulos who has begun to involve himself in events.

Dr. Fiore Lalla pointed out key victories to this past year:

- The Foundation has involved itself with the new acute care unit in Mental Health.
- The Intensive Care unit was a focus and the proceeds were donated to enlarge and improve the unit.
- The events at the Foundation have been elevated to improve donor experience and giving.
- The Golf Tournament of 2021 raised over \$200,000

In closing, Dr. Fiore Lalla looks to the future to have more people attending and putting more money towards all the areas of need in the Hospital. A \$1 million pledge for the University Family Medicine Group has been promised in the upcoming year. Lakeshore General Hospital as a small community hospital was granted a big responsibility and will continue to serve the community and all it's needs.

Dave Cescon added a comment about the Hospital being a local community hospital built for a smaller population and how tremendous it is to see the community support for the Foundation's cause. The restaurateurs, the franchises and their owners, who lend their hands in support to help raise funds. This goes hand in hand with the dedicated staff at the hospital and it helps to light a fire in all of us to work together. Congratulations on a successful year.

Nathalie Kamel thanked Dr. Lalla and Dave Cescon. She began by speaking about her first year as Managing Director and what an incredible privilege and honor it has been to work for the Foundation. She thanked the Board of Directors for pushing her to do better everyday. She is proud of the current team she has and hopes to grow the team in the future. This year, the Foundation took on more initiatives while living through the pandemic. In June 2021, the event Change for Change raised \$25,000 with the help of 45 volunteers and it was an opportunity to connect with the community in a safe and secure way. The money was directed towards the modernization and refurbishment of the Emergency Department. In addition, the 2021 Golf tournament was a great success.

Nathalie Kamel thanked the 24 partners for their ongoing support financially, their exchange agreements and as ambassadors for the Lakeshore General Hospital. The Partner program is an extension of the hospital for us in the community. She thanked Air Canada Rouge for all their support and in sponsoring the Dollars and Destinations fundraiser held in December 2021 that raised \$30,000. Desjardins Caisse de L'ouest de L'île was thanked as being such a wonderful partner for the community and sharing the Foundations message. Our partners for health, Pfizer, partners for care; Aqua Spa Lynn Giroux, Bayshore, BC360, Catsys, Centre Dentaire Lakeshore, Chateau Dollard, Chateau Vaudreuil, Check 6 media, Clark Group Realty, Club Piscine, Cugini, Marriott, Mauve Mango, Medicom, Medequip and Maisin funeraire Rideau & Armstrong.

The Partner's for Wellness were thanked as well; Boustan, BeaverTails, Montreal Gazette, Spinelli, The Suburban and West Island News.

Nathalie Kamel thanked them for being fantastic ambassadors on our behalf.

Nathalie Kamel then highlighted programs within the Foundation:

- Donor Testimonials: To talk to our patients who are using our services. They help share the message to the community.
- Rebrand of the Foundation Logo: To help identify the location of the Foundation within the Hospital and wrap the Foundation with images from our Hospital. The refresh will add to the fresh image the Foundation is working on portraying. To bring the hospital back to the community.
- The Guardian Angels Program: A wonderful way for donors to recognize a staff member. A great opportunity to express their gratitude for their care.

She thanked the donors and stated that the Foundation is where it is due in large part to them.

She thanked everyone and congratulated them on a great year.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Financial Statements for the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 were presented by Howard Zingboim.

Copies of the 2021-2022 Financial Statements were made available to everyone on the ZOOM call upon request.

Howard Zingboim thanked Natalie Lason for her hard work to ensure the accuracy of financial data throughout the year, which helps to simplify the work with the Auditors.

Howard asked if there were any questions at the end of reading the financial statement.

Dr. Fiore Lalla asked given the rates for GIC's that will be growing at the end of this week, would this be an investment element the Foundation would consider?

Howard Zingboim responded that is correct.

Dave Cescon asked how often Howard is meeting with the investment committee to discuss alternatives?

Howard Zingboim responded every 3 months but he speaks weekly with Natalie Lason.

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022**

Howard Zingboim recommended that the firm of Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton be approved as auditors for the Lakeshore General Hospital Foundation for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, seconded by David Cescon and Dr. Fiore Lalla, all Board members agreed, and the motion was carried. There were no abstainers or objections.

## **8. BOARD NOMINATIONS**

Mr. Cescon made a comment regarding Board Nominations. Last year at the 2021 AGM, Board Nominations were presented and voted upon for a 2-year term. That 2-year term will be ending in 2022, therefore at the next AGM we will be representing the slate of Directors and Board members for another 2-year term.

## **9. QUESTION PERIOD**

Nathalie Kamel asked the audience if there were any questions.  
No questions were brought forth.

Dr. Aris thanked everyone and looked forward to another year.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cescon thanked all present for their attendance at the meeting and thanked them for their commitment and dedication to our cause. A motion to adjourn was set by Dave Cescon, all members agreed, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.