ConnectWell
COMMUNITY HEALTH

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

Members present in person: Mary Lou Pratt, Jean Dunning, Jan Paul Barr, Stephen Bird, Bruce Brough, Lesley Scharf, Gerry Van Loon, Barbara Drake, Tom Baumgartner, Jeff Winkenweder, Donna Davidson, Bill Janes

Members present on Teams: Shari Glenn, Wayne Stryde, Nick Dibdin, Kim O'Connor, Sharon Brisson

Staff present in person: Chelsea Ballinger, Laura Shilson, Kelly Millar, Leigh Gibson, Lisa Muir, Leslie Greene, Sarah Sark, Tannia Cook, Onari Tafri, Tim Moran, Kara Symbolic, Stephanie MacGregor, Christine Crampton, Sara Cooke, Andy Byers, Maureen Hampton, Melanie Webber

Staff present on Teams: Ify Oganwu, Jackie Shulist, Manish Watts, Melanie Ferguson, Mike Shane, Emily Frizell, Heather Gildert, Kelly Cole, Shannon Butt

Guest present in person: Maddy Dever (Guest Speaker)

Guest present on Teams: Cara Prinsen (KPMG)

1. Land acknowledgment, Welcome and Introductions

Mary Lou Pratt (Chair) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order
Jean Dunning (Past Chair) read a land acknowledgement,

1.1 Establishment of quorum for meeting

Mary Lou called on Melanie Webber, who confirmed that the number of members in attendance satisfied the requirement for quorum as per By-Law #1.

1.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

Corrie Stewart and Lisa Muir offered to act as scrutineers for the meeting.

1.3 Introduction of ConnectWell Community Health Board members

Mary Lou Pratt- Chair, Wayne Stryde- Vice Chair, Bruce Brough Secretary/Treasurer, Jean Dunning- Past Chair, Nick Dibdin, Shari Glenn, Jan-Paul Barr, Lesley Scharf, Gerry Van Loon Stephen Bird, Kim O'Connor

2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was sent to the membership on May 20, 2026, as well as updated bylaw changes and resolutions on May 22, 2026, which has now been added to the agenda. There were no further additions to the agenda.

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mary Lou Pratt moved that the agenda for the 2026 Annual Meeting be accepted as circulated.
Seconded by: Tom Baumgartner
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

3. **Approval of minutes from the June 24, 2025, Annual meeting**

The minutes of June 24, 2025, were sent to the membership on May 20, 2026. There were no suggested changes or amendments to the minutes.

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mary Lou Pratt moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2025, Annual Meeting be accepted as circulated.
Seconded by: Bruce Brough
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

4. **Guest Speaker: Maddy Dever**

Stephen Bird introduced Maddy Dever as a Canadian autism advocate, speaker, and community leader based in Eastern Ontario. Drawing on lived experience as an autistic self-advocate, Maddy is recognized for their work promoting neurodiversity, accessibility, and inclusion within schools, workplaces, and community organizations. They have contributed to policy discussions, public education initiatives, and advocacy efforts aimed at improving support and reducing stigma for autistic individuals and their families. Maddy is passionate about creating communities where people of all abilities feel valued, respected, and empowered to thrive.

5. **Auditor's Report**

5.1 **ConnectWell Community Health audited financial statement**

Mary Lou Pratt, Chair, introduced Cara Prinsen, Manager at KPMG LLP, who presented the Auditor's Report and reviewed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. The membership was advised that the audit was successfully completed with no significant issues identified. Appreciation was extended to the Finance Team for their hard work and support throughout the audit process. There were no questions from the membership regarding the Auditor's Report or the audited financial statements.

6. **Amendment and Approval of Resolution and Bylaws**

(as per By-Law#1 "A special resolution means a resolution is passed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast on that resolution") Amendments to the Articles and Bylaws were sent to the membership on May 22

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mary Lou Pratt moved that the amendments for the Special Resolution (Articles of Incorporation) be approved
Seconded by: Jan Paul-Barr
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mary Lou Pratt moved that the amendments to the Bylaws be approved
Seconded by: Lesley Scharf
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

7. Report from the Chair
Mary Lou Pratt provided a verbal report and introduced Board members who are leaving (who have left) and paid tribute on behalf of the organization

8. Report from the Chief Executive Officer
Sarah Sark provided a verbal report and notified everyone that the annual report is posted on the Connectwell webpage

9. Staff and Board Recognition for Years of Service

ConnectWell CEO Sarah Sark recognized staff members who retired this past year as well as presented staff milestone years of service awards:

Retirements:
Pam Ferguson 33 years, Wilma Lee 28 years, Angus Daniel 20 years, Ronald Strickland 15 years Lori Rowsell 9 years, Shelley Strickland 7 years, Judy Vermeulen 6 years

25 Years:
Leslie Greene, Christine Crampton, Melanie Ferguson, Maureen Hampton, Carol Brunet

20 Years:
Stephanie MacGregor, Kelly Millar, Sara Cooke

15 Years:
Eliisa Bruder

10 Years:
Andy Byers, Jennifer Brooks

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Governance Committee
Wayne Stryde presented the Governance report. There were no questions from those in attendance

10.2 Nominating Committee
Lesley Scharf presented the Nominating Committee report. There were no questions from those in attendance.

10.2.1 Presentation and election of slate of candidates for ConnectWell Board of Directors Lesley Scharf introduced the slate of candidates for Board member positions:

- Jasmin Patel 1st- 3-year term
- Lesley Scharf 2nd - 3-year term

- Mary Lou Pratt 2nd - 3-year term

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Lesley Scharf moved that the candidates in the slate proposed by the Board be elected by the membership as Directors for the terms as outlined.
Seconded by: Jan Paul-Barr
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

10.3 Finance Committee

Bruce Brough presented the Finance Committee report. There were no questions from those in attendance.

10.3.1 Appointment of Auditors for 2026-2027

Motion: On behalf of the Board of Directors, Bruce Brough moved that the firm of KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2026-2027 at a fee to be established by the Board.
Seconded by: Stephen Bird
Any discussion: None
Decision: Motion carried

10.4 QRS Committee

Bruce Brough presented the QRS Committee report. There were no questions from those in attendance.

11. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Mary Lou Pratt thanked everyone for attending and made a motion that the Annual Meeting of ConnectWell Community Health be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. She invited guests to remain and socialize while the Board retired for its post-Annual Meeting.
Decision: Motion carried