



**Neighborhood Watch London AGM 2019
September 2019.**

Program Director Jan Sims opened the floor and welcomed the group to the AGM.

Dale E made a MOTION to adopt the agenda as read
Catherine SECONDED the MOTION
ALL IN FAVOR- to accept the agenda as read

Rodolfo Martinez, Project Manager introduced Susan Fairley, Program Manager, who reviewed the Financial statements along with Auditor, Michael King, CPA.

- No issues were noted
- Review of audit was completed

Gary made a MOTION to accept the 2018 FS as read
Sandy SECONDED the MOTION
ALL IN FAVOR to accept the FS as read

Lorna made a MOTION to appoint Auditor Mike King for 2019
Elizabeth SECONDED the MOTION
ALL IN FAVOR to accept Mike King as Auditor

Rodolfo then spoke of the NEW NWL membership structure, and how they laid out the groundwork to show how this would look. Currently there are 460 members and only 320 are active, and for whom we have up to date contact information.

General members: Must have belong to a physical watch or virtual watch.

Honorary Members: No voting rights with NWL, but can donate to show support.
Not responsible for any watch area, or members.

Board Members: We are currently looking for more and spoke of expanding the Mission. Rodolfo will be contacting and reaching out to Community resources.

Rodolfo spoke of the cost and how every dollar counts. NWL will be going electronic, spoke of the savings to date. We will utilize a custom database to reduce operating costs. To date, annual operating costs have been reduced by approximately \$12,000.

Donation of computers - NWL has 2 older laptops which can be given to interested members. A draw will need to be done if there is significant interest.

Rodolfo stated that we always need to be mindful of our expenses. There was a lot of unused promo material at the office, which was offered to area coordinators, but moving forward we will not be investing in print and physical materials as heavily; we will use our promo costs to suit NWL the best.

There is a donate link on the website and area coordinators can send out that request if they wish to, but are under no obligation to do so.

Spoke of All State and how in the past they would assist in printing costs and promos. It seems that All State no longer does this. Rodolfo stated that he and Jan would look at other means and encouraged any members that have any ideas or suggestions to please email Jan directly or visit her at the office.

Jan spoke of the community meeting she attended in the White Oaks area, and that it is was well received.

There was a lot of floor discussions regarding how things were done in the past and NWL is evolving with the changing times. Member John said he would reach out to Marco at All State to verify what they do or will do and report back to Jan and Rodolfo.

Rodolfo spoke of privacy and how that matters, and why we have been requesting email for all members. We need continuity; if an Area Coordinator leaves we need to have contacts for future use. Area Coordinators are responsible to send information to their watch members. Members are reminded to use BCC when sending emails, so that they do not accidentally disclose their entire email list.

Members requested a statement that they could use for their watch members stating we will not share emails and what they are used for. To show protection and privacy considerations. Jan and Rodolfo stated they would provide this shortly.

Area coordinators would then supply NWL coordinator the detailed list of contacts and assist with keeping it updated.

Rodolfo reviewed the online crime app *LexisNexis* to encourage all members to familiarize themselves with it. NWL is actively working at establishing good working relationships with the London Police Service, and while there is no disconnect with LPS, we will not condone vigilante behaviour.

Suggested by members to have a short email on how to navigate and use LexisNexis. Rodolfo and Jan said they would include this in a future newsletter, and update the website accordingly.

Members also asked for the following during discussions:

- **Envelope to pass out to watch members for donations**
- **What to do**
- **What to have**
- **How to report**
- **Use of APP**
- **Newsletter with updates**
- **Information on donations**
- **Almost like a welcome card with the information.**

Jan and Rodolfo stated that they would look into these and see what could be done.

Rodolfo spoke of the formation of a Business Watch committee and if anyone would like to join them please reach out to Jan. They are hoping by building relationships with area businesses it will increase revenue for NWL. These business could benefit through advertising, providing discounts for members and community, etc...

All relationships are important for NWL, whether it be LPS, City of London, or Business owners. Community safety and involvement is important and we need to maintain these relationships.

Members were thanked for their time and meeting was adjourned,

MOTION to adjourn by Sam
SECONDED by D- Fanshawe Rd
ALL IN FAVOUR to adjourn