

## Jewish Camp Council Annual General Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

**March 17, 2025**

#### **1. D'var Torah**

- Neil Zworth delivered the D'var Torah.
- Neil spoke about parsha Vayekal, where Moses performs tikkun for the sin of the golden calf.
- The parsha uses the words “kehel” which means gather and “kehillah” which means community.
- The mishkan is rededicated and the Jewish people are reconstituted as a community. Neil noted that in the mishkan and Shabbat is where kehillah lives most powerfully.
- The community values the individual but does not endorse individualism – we pray as a community. The mishkan and Shabbat help preserve community.
- Neil talked about shabbat at camp and how camp and Camp Northland is an extension of community. It is home in space and time.

#### **2. Minutes – 2024 AGM**

**Motion:** Lynn Kirshin moved to approve the minutes from the 2024 AGM. The motion was seconded by Ned Blinick and was carried.

#### **3. President's Report**

- Garry Wise presented his report and took a moment to remember Benji Covant.
- Garry spoke about a year of great Board accomplishments, including: an onboarding program for new Board members, a new Treasurer (Jordan Brudner), a new Chair of the Legal Committee (Jennifer Lewis), new committee structure including a new committee – Camp of the Future, multiple new cabins, integrated email system, 2 major fundraising campaigns, 2 successful alumni events and alumni weekend, new land purchase, updated corporate by-laws, and an endowment fund.
- Garry thanked the professional staff and gave a special thank you to Simon Wolle on 10 years with Camp Northland.
- Garry also thanked Denise Harris for her many years of service.
- Garry spoke about the upcoming Day of Giving and encouraged everyone to fill out the forms to join a committee.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer provided an overview of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2024.

**Motion:** Jordan Brudner moved to approve the audited financial statements. The motion was seconded by Ernie Gutstein and was carried.

**Motion:** Jordan Brudner moved to appoint Kraft Berger LLP Chartered Professional Accountants Corp. as Auditors to hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected or appointed, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Directors, the Directors being hereby authorized and empowered to fix such remuneration. The motion was seconded by Esther Tock and was carried.

#### 5. By-laws

**Motion:** Garry Wise moved to approve By-law #10 to comply with changes in Ontario Legislation. The motion was seconded by Richard Freilich and was carried.

#### 6. Awards

- Multiple awards were presented including:
  - Staff Excellence Award: Will Feldman
  - Community Volunteer Appreciation Award: Nadia Sapiro
  - JCC Committee Excellence Award: Laura Levine (Legal Committee) and Syd Paul (Camp of the Future Committee)
  - Adam also spoke of the many individuals who helped out after Benji Covant's death and noted that the strength of an organization is tested in difficult times.
- Outgoing Board Members were thanked for their work: Jodi Lieberman (HR Committee, Ned Blinick (Strategy Committee) and Esther Tock (Strategy Committee)

#### 7. Board Slate

**Motion:** Sammy Ptasznik moved to ratify and confirm the slate. The motion was seconded by Jay Rudolph and was carried.

## **8. 10 Year Recognition of Simon Wolle**

- Simon was recognized and presented with a gift for his 10 years with Camp Northland.

## **9. Executive Director's Report**

- Simon Wolle thanked alumni and donors and presented the Impact Report.

## **10. Adjournment**