

**MT. BAKER RIM SECRETARY REPORT AGM 2021**

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Good afternoon. My name is David Hill, and I have been responsible for the board secretary position since July, 2020. My family has been at the Rim for ten years, and we have lived here full-time for four years. My term runs through the 2023 AGM.

I have previously been on the board, in both the G&M and Property Standards positions. MBR for many people is about living in a more natural environment, away from urban stressors, but it is worth noting that a significant amount of work is necessary to keep the natural feeling of this place running. A lot of that work and effort by staff and board members tends to go unnoticed, which is a good thing. When things work, it appears effortless.

That said, I want to thank our staff and the other board members for all of the work they do to keep the Rim running. I also was going to make a plea to encourage people to step up and consider serving on the board. Going into today’s meeting, only a few days earlier, we did not have enough people willing to run for the board to fill the available seats. This morning we have a list of 12 people willing to help MBR by serving on the board. This is great. Having dedicated, smart people – people who are practical and use common sense – on the board is critical to MBR. It’s work, but it is necessary to preserve the traditions and the values that make up this community.

Given the challenges presented over the past 18 months, we owe a lot to our staff for their hard work. And also, we owe all of us for attending this AGM. There have been past AGMS, when the meetings were held in-person, where we have literally had to go out and grab members from the pool deck and nearby homes in order to reach a ten percent quorum necessary to begin the meeting.

**AGM PARTICIPATION 2014 – 2020**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020(Online)
Registrations	39	30	43	50	44	47	60-80 (e)
Total Votes	52	37	62	80	87	94	146

(e) For 2020, as Secretary notes do not include the count.

In one way the pandemic has had one positive aspect: by having to pivot to a virtual format, we have been able to involve far more members in these meetings. This increased participation makes the Rim more inclusive and means that decisions that impact everyone are no longer decided by 38 people. To me this is a significant improvement, and one that benefits us all.

Thank you.

