



*Inspiring awareness, appreciation and
stewardship of Strathcona Provincial Park
through education & participation*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 16th 2022: 7:00 pm

Electronic Meeting

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIR -Judy Norbury (Musician), Recording secretary - Lindsay Elms (Residential Care Aid), Treasurer - Allyson Hamilton (Accountant), Other Members: Curtis Lyon (Carpenter), Alison Maingon (retired Professor), Loys Maingon (Biologist), Debbie Sundberg (_____) John Waters (Carpenter).

Regrets: Erica Benson (Public Health Nurse), Claire Gordon (_____), Dan Tucker (Graduate Student).

Also attending: Jaron Piercy (Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator), Dave Weaver (Elections Officer) plus 10 members of the Public.

Preliminaries & Call to Order

Judy as Chair welcomed attendees to the AGM and introduced the SWI directors present: Alison Maingon, Loys Maingon, Deb Sundberg, Curtis Lyon, John Waters, Lindsay Elms, Allyson Hamilton, plus Jaron Piercy, new Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator. Thanks were extended to outgoing member Erica Benson for her work on the Board.

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous AGM - March 24th, 2021

[Motion to accept-Loys M, 2nd Lindsay E. All in favour.]

2. Directors' report – general remarks on our year (Chair – Judy). Judy gives a short history of SWI, its two centres – Buttle Lake and Paradise Meadows. Impact of Covid for a second year - Volunteers opened Paradise Meadows for 80 days and 25 days at Buttle Lake. No interpretive walks. Distributed free maps and put on webinar talks. At end of year Mycology Workshop. Some volunteers didn't return due to COVID, but got some new ones. Three CSJ - Mateo, Eva and Kaitlyn. Note on TrailRider in the Park.

3. Treasurer's report (Allyson H): Overall, our financial performance in 2021 was similar to 2020. Yet assets up slightly→ a nest-egg in case we don't get Grants. Keep one year operating

costs on hand. Hope to invest in programs. Loys talked about training students and then losing them after a year [Motion to accept - Alison M., 2nd Loys M. All in favour]

4. SPWC Building Report: Lindsay reports building in good shape. Loys mentions south facing doors do not fit well. Gap in door possibly led to higher hydro bill. Will talk to new Strathcona Park Supervisor.

5. Report on SWI Activities at the SPWC and Buttle Hut in Summer 2021 (Alison M): Webinars, self guiding map of Paradise Meadows instead of Guided Walks. Mycology workshop Sept 18. COVID protocols observed, but noted that heat dome affected fungi species. Summer student Eva and Kaitlyn collecting flora and fauna for SWI's iNaturalist project. Both have moved on to good jobs. Data collected to date (almost 2000 species) is far better than other BC Parks in the official iNaturalist Project over the last three years. Updated book by Dan Tucker and Randal Mindell on Common Mosses and Liverworts of Strathcona Park well received and will be for sale at the Centres.

6. SWI plans for the 2022 Summer Season (Alison M): Have applied to CSJ for funding five students (3 for the Enviro program and 2 staffers for the Centres. Priority project to Promote Park Accessibility by having three days during summer. Working with Power-to-be and Alpine Club of Canada with Trailrider on trails from the PM trailhead. Collecting more plant data – hopefully new species. Interpretive walks and hikes back on the program. Several Workshops including Mycology, as it is popular. In July one on using iNaturalist and a special training session for Trailrider sherpas. Jerry's Rangers to promote young kids' involvement with park. Kids loved scavenger hunt last year. New free brochure for 2022 on Wilderness Awareness.

7. SWI Board Elections (with Dave Weaver as Returning Officer)

- Slate of incumbent candidates (on screen) plus new nominations
- Nominations from the floor
- election of new candidates [none]
- approval of 2022 Board of Directors. [Motion to accept-Loys M, 2nd Lindsay E. All in favour.]

8. The following Directors remain as **Signing Officers**

Allyson Hamilton, Judy Norbury, Lindsay Elms and John Waters.

Discussion:

Potential volunteers should check website home page for email. Or else, there is an online form for volunteer applications.

Judy Norbury in contact with Crystal at NIC re-film (VIMFF) festival. Some potential dates were forwarded. Possibly book May 5. John W to contact festival (Dylan) and give him the number of 100 people seating. Check with NIC regarding mask policy.

A request from Botany BC to use centre. Limit to 40 people.

Motion to adjourn AGM at 8:10. (Alison M.) All said Good Night.
