



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

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 2023: 7:00 pm**

**Electronic Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

CHAIR - Judy Norbury (Musician), Recording secretary - Alison Maingon (Retiree), Treasurer - Allyson Hamilton (Accountant), Other Members: Loys Maingon (Biologist), Debbie Sundberg (Volunteer), John Waters (Carpenter) .

**Regrets:** Lindsay Elms (Retiree), Claire Gordon (Writer), Dan Tucker (Grad. Student)

**Also attending:** Jaron Piercy (Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator),  
Jim Wright (Elections Officer) plus 18 members of the Public.

#### **Preliminaries & Call to Order**

Judy as Chair welcomed attendees to the AGM and introduced the SWI directors present: Alison M., Loys M., Deb Sundberg, John Waters, Allyson Hamilton, plus Jaron Piercy, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

#### **AGENDA:**

##### **1. Minutes of previous AGM – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2022**

[ Motion to accept-Judy N. All in favour.]

##### **2. Directors' report – general remarks on our year (Chair – Judy N):**

Judy gave a short history of SWI and the two centres (at Buttle Lake and Paradise Meadows), then an overview of visitor numbers - SPWC open 49 days, staffed by 7 volunteers – 3791 visitors; Buttle open 50 days, staffed by 8 volunteers – 1480 visitors. We had three students funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program, Mateo Jaeckel, coordinating the Interpretive Walks and Hikes, and Jack Bindernagel and Steven Hayward as research assistants. Finally she acknowledged the sources of the grants and donations that make SWI operations possible.

##### **3. Treasurer's report (Allyson H):**

Allyson presented our Financial Statement for the year ending December 2022. Overall, our financial performance in 2022 was not as good as that of 2021, with lower income noted.

However, the 2022 grant of \$5000 from BC Parks was not received by the end of December. Assets were down, but still stand as a cushion against future lean years.

[ Motion to accept - Alison M. All in favour.]

#### 4. **SPWC Building Report:**

It was noted that the walls of the main floor need repainting, and on the lower floor shelving is to be installed and a cupboard door requires repair.

#### 5. **Report on SWI Activities Summer 2022** (Alison M):

Five items were highlighted through slides: the resumption of our Interpretive Walks and Hikes program coordinated by Mateo J.; the contributions of our two research assistants, Jack B. and Steven S., to our SWI Data Collection project on iNaturalist (species count now over 2100); the publication of our Wilderness Code Brochure and the Basic Field Guide to Lichens of SPP; TrailRider Days in July and August promoting Accessibility in the Park; the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mycology Workshop on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6. **SWI plans for the 2023 Summer Season** (Alison and Loys M ):

Summer students & Volunteers - we have applied for 5 CSJ positions, 2 staffers , 2 Naturalist Interpreters/research assistants and 1 coordinator of Summer programs (interpretive Walks & Hikes). Our Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator will be actively seeking volunteers as staffers for the “huts”, walk & hike leaders, as well as TrailRider sherpas. Loys spoke about areas of focus for our ongoing floral and faunal inventories, and on the projected Workshop Series “Discovering our Biodiversity”.

#### 7. **SWI Board Elections** (with Jim Wright as Returning Officer)

- Slate of incumbent candidates plus new nomination was displayed on screen
- Jim called 3 time for Nominations from the floor
- Glenn Gustafson was elected as new Board member by acclamation
- approval of 2023 Board of Directors [Motion to accept-J Wright. All in favour.]

#### **New Board:**

Chair - Judy Norbury (Musician), Treasurer - Allyson Hamilton (Accountant), Secretary - Alison Maingon (Retiree); Directors at Large: Lindsay Elms (Retiree), Claire Gordon (Writer), Glenn Gustafson (Retiree), Curtis Lyon (Contractor), Loys Maingon (Biologist), Debbie Sundberg (Volunteer), Dan Tucker ( Grad Student), John Waters (Carpenter).

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

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

**Motion to adjourn AGM at 7:50. ( Alison M.)**

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**Discussion:**

After the Meeting Jay Van Oostdam drew the audience's attention to the issue of the logging of Old Growth around the margins of the Park in the area south of the Strathcona Parkway and the work of the local "Save our Forests Team", particularly their latest letter-writing campaign. It was pointed out that SWI as a Society cannot be involved in advocacy, but that does not preclude individuals from expressing their concern.

In response to a question, Jaron gave a brief account of the tasks performed by the Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator.

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