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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY

5823 Skookumchuk Rd., Sechelt, BC

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 at 2 PM

Meeting of the Membership

All attendees were required to sign in as part of the record to confirm a quorum

1. Welcome and call to order at 2:05 PM by President Davidson. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 4 members, all on the Board of Directors.
 2. The President asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. A discussion of off-trail human waste was added to the agenda by the President.
 3. The President called for a motion to adopt the agenda – Moved by John Campbell – Seconded by Terry Nichol– carried
 4. Motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of the Society – July 13th, 2021 – posted on website. Moved by Nancy Smith and seconded by Terry Nichol, carried unanimously.
 5. **Elections:** The President advised that the 2-year terms of all current Board members [Michael Davidson, Terry Nichol, Mike Sutcliffe, Nancy Smith and John Campbell] continue until 2023. There were no other nominations from the floor.
 6. **President's Report – [as presented at the meeting]** The president mentioned that the unprecedented use of the the Groves due to the pandemic hadn't been accompanied by increased trash which was refreshing. The SGS handed out over 2500 brochures through the two Tourism offices and the parking lot Kiosk dispenser. With one exception, there have been no more problems with overnight use of the parking lot since the sign went up. One elaborate 'shrine' was removed along the Purple Trail, otherwise very little litter. Over 30 upgraded intersection maps have been installed in the central section of the Groves with replacements for the northern and southern sections coming this winter. The Trailbuilders memorial bench is on site and ready for final installation at the viewpoint on the Lavender Trail. More native planting is planned for the parking lot this winter.
 7. **Secretary/ Treasurer's Report presented by the President [Financial Statements handed out to attendees upon their sign in]:** Year-end balance was \$4000 over the opening balance due to the increasing generosity of supporters. The current balance is \$19,676 which includes deductions for the Trailbuilders Dinner (\$1088) and the printing of 3000 additional brochures (\$1050)
 8. **Membership Report:** Our membership at the end of 2021 was 116, of which 97 are paid members.
Motion to accept the reports as set out moved by John Campbell and seconded by Terry Nichol.
- **Report on trail building activity:**

- Michael Davidson thanked Terry Nichol for his timely removing of all fallen trees across the trails . He also thanked Ken Kolterman and Nancy Smith for taking care of the filling of neglected borrow pits along the Red Trail as well as frequent raking. A number of new tools have been purchased to supply both Wednesday and Saturday work crews. The number of Trailbuilders at the Wednesday sessions is down substantially from pre-covid numbers.
- Terry Nichol gave this report on the Gray Creek Trail: Due to Covid there were no work parties from 2021 until March, 2022. 3/4 of the trail has been completed, including the two most challenging bridges, thanks to Ken Kolterman's chain saw skills for the latter. The crew has numbered 6 or 7 Trailbuilders who must spend 45 minutes walking to the job site before work even begins.

9. Added agenda item for discussion: A recent message from frequent trail user, Travis Anderson, was discussed. His concern was the increasing amount of human waste that his dogs have come across along specific trails which included used diapers. Although signage may not go far in changing the behaviour of uncaring individuals, it was decided that a sign should be posted near the Kiosk stating that there were no trash or toilet facilities in the Hidden Groves, but that they were available at Porpoise Bay Provincial Park year round. It was suggested that the sign would be most effective with graphics that included the 'prohibited' diagonal slash for non-english speaking visitors.

10. Open Discussion: No new topics were raised.

11. Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Terry Nichol, seconded by John Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.