

## BCWCS – Annual General Meeting April 8th, 2021

Date: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 18:30

Location: Walker Island BBQ area, following Covid protocols.

Attendance: Sandie Maclaurin, Mike Wigle, Haakon Hammer, Chris Willis, Ralph Nelson, Peter Siwallace (guest), Amelia Penny (guest). Holly Willgress (coordinator)

Regrets: Ryan Levesque, Wes Abel

Quorum met (min. 3 members)

1. Call to Order: 18:40
  2. Adoption of 2021 Agenda:
    - Motion to adopt- Haakon Hammer
    - Seconded by- Mike Wigle Carried
  3. Reading & Adoption of 2020 AGM minutes:
    - Motion to adopt- Haakon Hammer
    - Seconded by- Chris Willis Carried
  4. Presentation & Discussion of Financial Report by Wes Abel
- Wes Abel was unable to attend. Financials for year end Dec 31 2020 and Balance Sheet to March 31, 2021 (as provided by Wes Abel) were read.
- Motion to adopt- Mike Wigle
  - Seconded by- Sandie Maclaurin Carried
5. Summary of Activities
    - What happened in 2020/21

(There was some discussion of Dump Creek project here but as it was an agenda item for the general meeting, will move notes to GM meeting minutes)

Sandie gave an overview of what BCWCS is to guests. Sandie read Summary of Activities report (following) that was submitted to DFO as per PIP contract:

Bella Coola Watershed Conservation Society:

Summary of Activities April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 and Final Invoice for S.E.P. Contributions Program- Public Involvement Agreement #5G 441-PIP-2020-452.

- *Annual General Meeting held February 20<sup>th</sup> of 2020. One in person general meeting and one Board of Directors mtg. Two email meetings. AGM for 2021 planned for April 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Maintained and updated website ([www.bellacoolawatershed.com](http://www.bellacoolawatershed.com)). Through operation of the website and e-mail ([bcwcs2020@gmail.com](mailto:bcwcs2020@gmail.com)) disseminated watershed related information to society members, government agencies, NGOs and community at large.*
- *Administered budget, paid invoices, submitted invoices, tracked expenditures, prepared and distributed financial updates with respect to SEP Contributions Program-PIP Agreement 5G 441-PIP-2020-452.*
- *Managed and administered budget to operate Stewardship Center and support local watershed related activities.*
- *Revised and updated BCWCS membership records*
- *Professional Support to Watershed Activities:*
  - *Continued to represent BCWCS at Bella Coola Valley Inter Agency Emergency Response Planning Committee (including support of LIDAR mapping), Bella Coola Community Forest Advisory Committee, Pacific Salmon Foundation ' Pacific Salmon Explorer' Central Coast Review.*
  - *Continued interest in the Clayton Falls tail/race spawning channel operational plan*
  - *Responded to inquiries and requests for information: Pacific Salmon Foundation Central Coast Salmon Watershed Assessment Project*
  - *Planned and implemented a small herring recovery project for the Bella Coola Harbour that operated from Feb 24, 2020 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 and again in 2021 starting March 4, 2021 and continuing*
  - *Coordinated and supported Gross Creek coho access improvement project October through December 2020.*
  - *Met with property owner and did on site measurements for a potential coho project candidate on private property that will be ceded to Nature Conservancy Canada.*
  - *Identified issue with Dump Creek hwy culvert (access blockage and beaver activity) and submitted letter of support for addressing issue – working with local DFO charter patrol/creek walker and highway contractor*
  - *Prepared summary report, 2020/2021 BCWCS activities for Community Advisor.*

*Estimated volunteer hours = 142*

Additional activities- administered Education contract (Salmon in the Classroom), which was cut short in 2020 due to Covid 19. SIC has continued in 2021 following PHO guidelines.

- Discussion of 2020 AGM minutes and what did/didn't happen, what we want to carry forward?

Clayton Falls tailrace and Dump Creek were discussed. Fraser Koroluk has submitted an update via email for the society in this regard (to be read in the GM to follow).

Acknowledgment of Salmon Explorer project that Russ worked on in conjunction with the Pacific Salmon Foundations Salmon Watersheds program.

6. Election of Directors

There are 2 director positions ending this year (2 year term)

- Ralph Nelson (sec/treasurer)
- Ken Dunsworth

There were no nominations from the floor for any director's seats. Ralph Nelson is asked if he will let his name stand and he agreed. Ken Dunsworth (who is absent from meeting) will be asked if he will accept the director position again. Sandie makes a motion that the 2 incumbents stand for a second term. Seconded by Mike Wigle. Pending an answer from Ken, both were elected by acclamation. Their terms will be from 2021 to 2023.

Directors that have terms that end in 2022 are:

Sandie Maclaurin

Neil Osborne

Mike Wigle

7. Election of Officers

Current:

President	Sandie MacLaurin (term end 2022)
Vice President	Neil Osborne (term end 2022)
Secretary Treasurer	Ralph Nelson (term ending)

There was some discussion of directors terms versus officers terms (are they different? i.e. do officers need to be re-elected every year or do they coincide with director terms?). Holly to research and clarify.

It was agreed that the election of officers would be deferred to either an in-person meeting, an on-line meeting or email correspondence between directors (or however it can be properly done according to Society by-laws) once the above has been clarified. Ralph Nelson willing to stand as Secretary/treasurer again.

Update: May 17 2021-

Officers are re-elected each year by the BOD. After email correspondence with current directors, all incumbents agreed to stand again and were re-elected.

Current for 2021:

President	Sandie MacLaurin
Vice President	Neil Osborne
Secretary Treasurer	Ralph Nelson

**New Action Items:**

- Election of officers need to occur after clarifying details of terms and how to go about election correctly after the AGM ✓
- Holly to contact Ken Dunsworth to establish his willingness to stand as director for another 2 year term ✓ (April 12<sup>th</sup> update: Ken has agreed via email to stand for another term as director)
- Holly to clarify if director's terms and/ officers' terms are the same or different according to Society regs. ✓

**Longer term: N/A**

Sandie Maclaurin moved to adjourn the AGM. Seconded by Chris Willis.

Meeting adjourned at 19:28.