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2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY

5823 Skookumchuk Rd., Sechelt, BC

Thursday, May 30th, 2019 at 7 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 7:10 PM by President Davidson. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 8 members including 3 Board members.
2. The President asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. No additions.
3. The President called for a motion to adopt the agenda – Moved by Charles Fox – Seconded by John Campbell – Carried
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of the Society – April 12, 2018 – posted on website. Moved by Lou Janke and seconded by John Campbell, carried unanimously.
5. **Elections:** The President advised the 2 year terms of all current Board members have now expired with the exception of Bob D’Arcy and Mike Paddison who submitted letters of resignation. In accordance with the bylaws of the Society, 8 members were nominated for 2 year terms: Michael Davidson, Lou Janke, Mike Sutcliffe, Nancy Smith, John Campbell, Terry Nichol, Albert Schmidt and John Keller. With no additional nominees put forward these board members were elected by acclamation.

6. President’s Report – [as presented at the meeting]

Before we get to the good news I’d like to mention some losses in 2018:

The first was Mike Lane who died unexpectedly a year ago. Those of you who worked alongside him can attest to his determination and hard work with the Trailbuilders over many years. The second was Rupert Clarke who passed away in September of last year. A back injury suffered while working on the Kiosk in 2012 put an end to his trail building days but long term Trailbuilders will remember his tall and lanky presence and his furry companion.

Another kind of loss was that of Bob D’Arcy stepping down from the SGS presidency. I enumerated his enormous contributions to the Society at the last AGM but after doing his job over the last year I’ve come to appreciate just how much heavy lifting he did in setting up the various aspects of running a non-profit Society. It’s been a steep learning curve for someone who’d rather be doing just about anything other than bookkeeping and paper work so I really appreciate the groundwork Bob laid down. One of the larger challenges was creating a new website for which I enlisted the help of my neighbour, Khaled Driss, an IT guru. He continues to be an invaluable help with other technical issues which, of course, Bob was able to handle without a second thought.

Finally, we lost Mike Paddison over the Sea Watch fiasco and the condemning of his house. Besides regular trail work he brought his professional expertise to the recent parking lot expansion.

Now for the good news:

We now have 7 new parking spots, thanks to Dave Lasser with the Community Forest. Following the falling of a number of danger trees, an excavator was brought in to rough in spaces before covering with a thick layer of road base. The Trailbuilders then compacted the material and added the dividers.

We will begin the parking lot native plant program in the fall, focussing mainly on trees and evergreen shrubs. Nat's in Langley will be supplying the plants and has extended us a generous discount. The Trailbuilders have cleared small evergreens and leaning alders from the key sunny spots needed for the native trees.

I would like to extend a big 'thank you' to some special people working behind the scenes:

Marlene Janke for her constant supply of delicious baked items that help fuel the Trailbuilders at their break time.

Debbie Campbell for keeping the Kiosk stocked with maps, checking the Groves mailbox and for spending time with Gertrude on Wednesday mornings so that I can go out with the Trailbuilders.

Finally, Nancy Smith for securing a tent for our Canada Day booth which she suggested and netted over 25 new members.

- 7. Secretary/ Treasurer's Report presented by the President [Financial Statements handed out to attendees upon their sign in]:** I have supplied the beginning and end balances for 2018 as well as our current balance as of yesterday. We were over \$1,000 ahead of 2017 's year end balance. Our current balance does not include the Trailbuilders Dinner expense of ~\$1,000 or the expected \$720 income from Recreation Sites and Trails BC.

Membership Report : Our paid membership reached an all time high of 103 at the end of 2018. Over and over again it was the volunteer work on the trails that most motivated people to join and donate. I would like to thank those Trailbuilders who have gone out of their way to solicit new members.

Motion to accept the report as set out moved by Terry Nichol, seconded by John Campbell.
- 8. Report on trail building activity:** Lou Janke discussed the upgrading of the Yellow Trail as the major project of the last year. This also included the building of 2 new connecting trails: the Black Trail and the Orange Trail, both of which connect the Yellow Trail to the Light Green Trail [Mike's Lane]. Lou is very impressed with the current Trailbuilders, whose abilities and experience make them capable of performing any of the many tasks with little supervision.

Gray Creek Falls: Lou reported that an initial exploration of a possible trail from the Hidden Groves Red Trail to Gray Creek was very promising. They encountered a few very large firs left by previous clear cutting and plan a second trip in the very near future. The trail will need final approval from the Sechelt Indian Band and a Section 57 designation from the Ministry of Forests before actual work can begin, beyond flagging and minor brush clearing. It is Bob D'Arcy's foresight in making sure the Trailbuilders could work on projects outside of the Hidden Groves boundaries that will make this trail possible.
- 9.** No new business was brought forward.
- 10. Open Discussion:** Mike Sutcliffe expressed concern over the 911 response. He wondered which emergency responders would be dispatched and how would they know the closest access point to the injured party. He volunteered to look into the matter and report back. There was also much discussion of the Gray Creek Trail project and the exact route it might take.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Mike Sutcliffe, seconded by John Keller. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

**Sechelt Groves Society – General Expense
2018 Financial Statement**

Opening Balance January 1, 2018 = **\$8668.38**

Income

GENERAL INCOME

Annual Memberships	\$1,020.00	
Memberships held at PayPal	\$0.00	
Over Annuals & Donations	\$4,185.00	
Over Annuals Held at PayPal.	\$0.00	
SCCF Donation	\$300.00	
Sales of Goods or Usage	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Investment & Interest	\$0.00	
District Grant in Aid	\$0.00	
RSTBC Work Order payment	\$725.00	
	\$6,230.00	\$14,898.38

Expenses

GENERAL EXPENSES

PayPal Deductions	\$115.53	
Registration [society] Costs	\$40.00	
Misc. Groves Materials	\$1984.62	
Gifts Given	\$0.00	
Licenses/Permits/Memberships	\$0.00	
Annual Trailbuilders Dinner	\$1,000.02	
Printing, Office Supplies	\$161.71	
New Website	\$1,084.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$45.00	
Benches and Plaques	\$715.42	
	\$5,146.90.	\$5,146.90

OVERALL BALANCE, December 31, 2018 **\$9,751.48**

CURRENT BALANCE, May 29, 2019 **\$14,056.71**