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2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY

5823 Skookumchuk Rd., Sechelt, BC

Thursday, July 9th, 2020 at 1 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 1:15 PM by President Davidson. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 6 members including 5 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 John Campbell – Seconded by Terry Nichol– Carried
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of the Society – May 30th, 2019 – 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, John Campbell, Albert Schmidt and John Keller] won't expire until next year. There were no other nominations from the floor.
6. **President's Report – [as presented at the meeting]**

The president thanked Debbie Campbell for continuing to retrieve the mail and to keep the Kiosk map box full. He also mentioned the resignation of Lou Janke from the Board of Directors and from his position as leader of the Trailbuilders after 9 years of service.

Also listed were the addition of a large decorative stump at the parking lot entrance and a number of native plants as well. These included 8 vine maples, 8 Douglas maples, 7 tall Oregon grape and 6 evergreen huckleberry.
7. **Secretary/ Treasurer's Report presented by the President [Financial Statements handed out to attendees upon their sign in]:** Year-end balance was \$900 more than the previous year and didn't include the usual payment from Recreation Sites and Trails BC who have severely limited the expenses they are willing to reimburse.

Membership Report: Our paid membership at the end of 2019 was 76, much less than the 2018 total. However, the average membership dollar amount is much higher.

Motion to accept the report as set out moved by Mike Sutcliffe and seconded by Ken Kolterman.

 - **Report on trail building activity:** Terry Nichol, current leader of the Trailbuilders filed this report:
 - We currently have 16 trail builders on file.
 - Purchased new tools for second crew
 - GPS was completed for the new Gray Creek Trail- approximately 2.6 km one way from the Red Trail #23 intersection (thanks to Tyson).
 - Worked on the Gray Creek Trail for 1.5 km (50% completed) – Had to stop until we receive the go ahead from Dave Lasser [Community Forest] and the Sechelt Indian Band to continue work.

- Continue upgrading the Red Trail which leads to Gray Creek Trail (replaced old bridges, top dressing, rocks and roots removed) Note: Bridge deck slabs were cut from downed trees (thanks to Ken Kolterman master sawyer - they look great)
- Windstorms last winter created a lot of downed trees that needed to be addressed (thanks to Ken Hall and Ken Kolterman)
- We stopped trail work from March to May due to the Covid-19 Pandemic
- We saw a lot more visitors using the trails due to Covid-19 (Note: Ken Kolterman had raked 100% of the trails in both the HG and SHF during the shutdown)
- Hidden Grove Trails recognized as one of the 'Top 7 Easy Trails' to visit for all of BC for the whole family to enjoy during Covid-19.
- The Kiosk area was given a face lift with a top dress of crusher dust (looks great)
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Terry also discussed plans for the current year:

Action Plan for Hidden Groves Trail Work for 2020-2021

- Continue upgrading the rest of the Red Trail, working back to #23 and also the Green trail #3 to #27.
- Build a retaining wall along Take it Easy Trail by Sunny's Bench to stop erosion caused by people taking a short cut before the switchback.
- Informal trail from the west side parking slots through the woods to the trailheads needs upgrading- more defined exit and entrance plus crusher dust surfacing.
- Reducing trail maintenance by moving ferns and foliage that are too close to the trails farther back into to the forest in the winter months.
- More raking during the fall and winter months, especially after leaf drop.
- Bench installation for Mt. Richardson viewpoint on Lavender Trail between #8 and #37.
- Gray Creek Trail -finish the last 1km: if given the go ahead this will move to the top of the priority list.
- Heritage Forest needs to have an assessment done for upgrading needs.
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8. No new business was brought forward.

9. Open Discussion: No new topics were raised.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Mike Sutcliffe, seconded by John Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

