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**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY**

**5823 Skookumchuk Rd., Sechelt, BC**

**Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 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 1:05 PM by President Davidson. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 5 members including 4 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 – June 9th, 2020 – 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] expire in 2021. Re-election of all Board members was approved unanimously. There were no other nominations from the floor.
6. **President's Report – [as presented at the meeting]** The president thanked Terry Nichol and Ken Kolterman for their speedy response to trees blocking trails throughout the year as well as the clearing of substantial overgrowth between #53 and #52. Thanks was also extended to Nancy Smith for raking and clipping along the trails as well as providing excellent photos for the website. Due to pandemic restrictions there were no regular Trailbuilder work parties except for a skeleton crew doing emergency drainage repairs and a few small projects under Terry's supervision. After 3 years, the proposed Gray Creek Trail finally received permission, first from the Sechelt Nation (with much rerouting on our part), and then from Recreation Sites and Trails BC who attached a number of conditions to the Section 57 designation. Most onerous is the requirement to have the route inspected by a Work Safe BC "Wildlife/Danger Tree assessor". Work on the trail will probably not begin until 2022.
7. **Secretary/ Treasurer's Report presented by the President [Financial Statements handed out to attendees upon their sign in]:** Year-end balance was \$5000 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. The larger than usual current balance is due to both higher donation amounts and the lack of the annual Trailbuilders dinner. Also ahead are the costs associated with sending 2 Trailbuilders to a Wildlife/Danger Tree assessor's course as well as the need for 3000 more brochures and ~ 50 new intersection maps showing the new trails.
8. **Membership Report: Our membership at the end of 2020 was 106, of which 87 are paid members.**  
Motion to accept the report as set out moved by Nancy Smith and seconded by Terry Nichol.
  - **Report on trail building activity:** Terry Nichol, current leader of the Trailbuilders, filed this report:
    - We currently have 21 trail builders on file.
    - Thanks to Mike Sutcliffe for providing information on needed trail maintenance

- Hidden Groves hosted a hands on chainsaw course in October, 2020.
- Final GPS was completed for the Gray Creek Trail proposal. Roughly 2.6 km from #23 to the Creek. Thanks to Tyson for his help.
- Led Luke Clark, District Manager for Sites and Trails BC, and Warren Hansen, Operations Manager for the Community Forest, on a tour of the proposed Gray Creek Trail route.

Terry also mentioned trail work performed in the last year:

- Periodically addressed pot holes in parking lot, especially following rains.
- Created second access trail across parking lot interior. Topped with crusher dust as well as topping the existing path.
- Rebuilt two sets of stone steps on Mike's Lane between #3 and #27
- Addressed mud and root issues on the Root Loop and Lavender Trail in the Heritage Forest.

#### **Action Plan for Hidden Groves Trail Work for 2021-2022**

- 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. Build a less damaging short cut alternative.
- 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 - begin in 2022 once prerequisites have been taken care of.
- Heritage Forest needs to have an assessment done for upgrading needs.

**8.** No new business was brought forward.

**9. Open Discussion:** No new topics were raised.

**10. Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Terry Nichol, seconded by Cody Ficko. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

