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**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SECHELT GROVES SOCIETY**

**2 PM – Sunday, July 7th, 2024 at 5823 Skookumchuk, Sechelt, BC**

1. Welcome and call to order at 2:02 PM by President Davidson. It was noted that a quorum was in attendance – 8 members, including 6 Board of Directors members.
2. There were no additions to the Agenda.
3. The President called for a motion to adopt the agenda – moved by Howard Baker– Seconded by Terry Nichol– carried.
4. Motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of the Society, June 27, 2023, moved by Ken Kolterman and seconded by Terry Nichol, carried unanimously.
5. **Elections:** All members of the Board of Directors: Michael Davidson, Terry Nichol, Ken Kolterman, Nancy Smith, Howard Baker and John Campbell have one more year left in their terms. There were no other nominations from the floor.
6. **President's Report – [as presented at the meeting]** The president reported continued heavy use during the year. Main focus has been on trail building and maintenance (see Terry Nichol's report below). Over 120 native plants were added to the parking lot in December, following a plan by Nancy Smith. Updated intersection maps were added to the Northern section to match those in the central section. 2023 saw a record 120 downed trees blocking the trails which were primarily cleared by Ken Kolterman and Terry Nichol. A major drainage issue in the parking lot was solved by Ken Kolterman with the installation of a large culvert and 2 catch basins. Rental Equip generously donated an excavator for the task.
7. **Secretary/ Treasurer's Report presented by the President [Financial Statements handed out to attendees upon their sign in]:** Year-end balance was close to the opening balance. The balance as of July 7, 2024 was \$29,506.67. Biggest expenses for the year were for trail building and the annual Trailbuilders' dinner.
8. **Membership Report:** The membership at the end of 2023 was 95 members. This includes a few Lifetime memberships and complimentary memberships for all Trailbuilders. Motion to accept both reports as set out was moved by John Campbell, seconded by Terry Nichol and carried.
9. **Report on trail building activity:** Terry Nichol, head of the Trailbuilders, praised the dedicated work of the Wednesday and Saturday crews. The biggest accomplishment was the completion of the 2.6 km long Gray Creek Trail, begun over 4 years ago. This included 4 cedar benches crafted and installed by Ken Kolterman which are unique to this trail. A small 'short cut' trail was also created in the vicinity of intersection #3 to prevent erosion caused by users avoiding the switchback. The Saturday crew has now moved to the Sechelt Heritage Forest to upgrade the trails there.
10. **There were no additional agenda items for discussion:** President Davidson announced that the SGS had received a record \$2000 donation. Members were asked to think about possible uses for this windfall as well as possible locations for memorial benches, since the bench program was starting up again for a very limited number.
11. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Terry Nichol, seconded by John Campbell. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm