



Squamish Trails Society Meeting minutes
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 7:00 pm
Location: Online



In attendance: Matt, Carl, Mark, Patrick, Jennifer, Vic, Lauren.

Call to order: 19:01

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Matt, seconded by Mark – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Reports:

Looking Glass Trail repairs: Matt – repairs ongoing – work has started on the switchback landings making wider for adaptive bikes. We did get an extension to complete until May 20.

SORCA Trail Workers mtg: Matt attended – interesting – lots of participation. Looking at “easy” biking trail from bottom of Bob McIntosh to “Alice Lake area” and Cheekeye Fan connector. Barrier construction is underway as well as harvesting in the Community Forest, so trails in the area are closed.

Insurance options and renewals: Trails BC current, other provider over \$1000 for same coverage. Might be worth considering additional special coverage for accidents on trails day. Discussion of different types of insurance and coverage. Officer/director coverage through private firm - ~\$250 year. Trails BC general liability/volunteer coverage. Matt to forward information for consideration.

Financials: Lauren – February wrapped up. Money in March from TCT and Atlantic Power, Squamish Liquor. GST rebates completed. Some minor expenses paid out... BC Hydro “Company Town Grant” funding approved for BBB expenses.

Correspondences:

Labyrinth Project: Oceanfront Developer Mathews West brought into the loop for consideration – possible future onsite meeting to discuss options – possible part of “Feather Park” – potentially could be painted on Oceanfront plaza? Noted that World Labyrinth Day activities have been cancelled for this year...

SORCA grant support for trail crew e-bikes: W/B Foundation application completed.

Morgan Darlington from Sererus Murphy working on the Eagle Mountain Project inquired about volunteering opportunities? Discussion as to whether this was as an individual or on behalf of the company looking to connect with the community. Individuals can sign up through website. Suggestions made regarding mitigation after pipeline construction that impacts trails in the Valleycliffe area and backcountry trail heads along the pipeline route? Matt to include Directors in communications. Suggestion made that Sererus might do well to connect with Trails and Rec Sites BC, SAS, BCMC, ACC- groups with backcountry/front country interests and infrastructure.

Squamish Seniors Society: Mairi Blair contacted; interested in a Trail Talk on trails suitable for seniors. Getting back to us re: scheduling.

TCT 2024-25 Trail Funding Program & Trail Care Grant Application Deadline: extended – not planning on applying this year – ensuring existing projects are completed.

FSR work & maintenance linked to FortisBC Eagle Mtn. Project – updates being received regarding trail impacts.

Business Arising:

Dentville Trail: Matt arranged delivery next week of >3” for base. Tapping trail crew to gravel? Ted has left some culvert stashed in the area.

AGM: coming up in April – needs to be advertised on website. Jennifer to post. Attendees to notify us for online invite. Discussion of maintaining existing Directors “in a holding pattern” until “saviour” wants to “step in”. Discussion of how often we need to meet.

Signing authority with Credit Union updating:

Roundtable: Carl - Toad boardwalk expansion; discussion of additional traffic through Fawn Lake area; Jennifer – please forward toad info to post on STS site. Mark – watching growth along trails for start of BBB.



Adjournment: 19:30

Next meeting: April 17 AGM?