

Squamish Trails Society Minutes for Meeting/AGM 2024
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7:00 pm
Location: Online

In attendance: Matt Parker, Jennifer Adams, Carl Halvorson, Nina Harvey, Lauren Braithwaite, Vic Draught, Patrick MacNamara, Pat Gilbert. Mark sent his regrets.

Call to order: 19:03

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Matt – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of Last Meeting: Moved by Matt – carried.

Reports:

Looking Glass Trail repair: Matt – extended to May 20, hasn't been any progress for the last month.

Dentville Trail progress report: Matt – 5 vullie days with up to 7 folks – over 50 hours. SORCA crew not available as they are busy on uphill works. Will be available for help on Friday – which should get this project finished.

Website / Membership: Jen – thanks to Jen. She did go through Mail Chimp list which is a bit stale but still functioning...

Financials: Lauren – March funding from Atlantic Power/TCT. This month some pass through funding for BMX – plus we did have a donation from Squamish Liquour Store.

Correspondences:

- Chelsea Olgavie – Looking for fund raising support for their Ride Lab 3-day women's adaptive mountain bike camp in May; she proposed adaptive mtb could be an STS program to which donors could direct donations. Noted that we cannot issue tax receipts for another organization.
- Leslie de Bie - Hike for Hospice invitation to form a fundraising team. Jennifer suggested ad on our website with links to their fundraiser...
- Alison Westwood – Squamish BMX grant from WBF works being done.
- Mairi Blair with Squamish Seniors Society Trail Talk June 26 at 10:15. Matt to highlight accessible trails, use of apps such as Trail Forks/All Trails.
- Work closures to Mamquam FSR & Shannon Basin FSR to Gondola summit.
- Whistler Blackcomb Enviro Fund grant application came through open to May 15: any suggestions?

Business Arising:

- Heather Sidsworth mentioned Brohm Lake Bridge -discuss with Trails and Rec Sites BC & Little Stawamus Trail wet section (ices over) & slippery stump – discuss with DOS. Matt to follow up with Alister. Possibility we help with funding? RE: Little Stawamus – discussion with DoS what can be done – trench on uphill side and culvert? Matt to follow up with Logan...
- Aside: bridge at end of Tantalus set aside for Coho Park crossing. (that is still underway – maybe this year?)
- Other suggested or upcoming Brushback & Trail Maintenance – send Mark or Matt suggestions...

AGM 2024 -2025 nominations and elections: Discussion of governance, notion of one or two year terms, first term exec as President? Last year we did not “fill” executive – other than Treasurer.

Board from 2023-24 resigns with nominations from the floor. Lauren Braithwaite willing to serve as Treasurer and a Director along with: Matt Parker, Jennifer Adams, Carl Halvorson, Vic Draught, Patrick MacNamara, Pat Gilbert, Nina Harvey also willing to serve as Directors. Mark Edwards also agreed prior to the meeting to continue to serve as Brushback coordinator and as a Director. Question asked three times for further nominations – there being none, no questions or concerns all those nominated are elected as the Squamish Trails Society Board for 2024-25.

- Noted that we need full name and addresses for Society filing.
- Updating signing authority with Credit Union – discussion – currently just Matt and Lauren. Mark has agreed to be another signature... Matt/Lauren may reach out if there are any requirements?

Roundtable: Jennifer; Nina's biggest grin on trail work! Anybody know the details on Tantalus Road Corridor Trail extension? Funded by Polygon community amenity package money – though this is a very wide corridor where it might seem moneys could be better spent it does get families and children off the road – this is a multi-use path... Matt; chatting with Logan Manning having discussions regarding DoS utilizing him for “non trail” activities – maybe contact DoS to express emphasis of dedicated trail person. Logan has been great! Carl: Watershed Grill are bike lane barriers are being installed.

Adjournment: 19:17

Next meeting: May 15, 2024