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SQUAMISH RIVER WATERSHED SOCIETY

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SRWS 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Tenderfoot Hatchery, 1000 Midnight Way, Brackendale

Members of the Board Present:

- Edith Tobe (Executive Director)
- Francesca Knight
- Jennifer Buchanan
- Jordan Uittenbogaard
- Edith Tobe
- Shelagh Thompson

Absent Members of the Board:

- Randall Lewis

Other's Present:

- Andrea Buckman
- Steven Chappell – Cheakamus Centre
- Clare Greenberg - SSISC
- Jack Cooley – Stream Keepers
- Rhonda O'Grady – Education Coordinator
- Vanessa Isnardy – Nat's Nursery
- Ruth Simons – Howe Sound Biosphere Initiative
- Alyssia Jebb – Blue Carbon w/ Laura McCauley
- Bruce Wilson – Balanced Bookkeeping and Accounting, Book Keeper
- Kim Stegeman – Squamish Terminals
- Frank Paulsen – New volunteer!!
- Kimberley Armor – present via telephone

Absent with regrets: Lora McAuley, Chrystal Nahanee, Marjorie Wonham

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion for approval: Jordan
Seconded: Shelagh
Agenda **Approved!**
3. Minutes from October 26, 2016 AGM
Minutes from previous meeting were forgotten, and therefore not reviewed.
Motion for approval: Shelagh
Seconded: Francesca
Minutes **Approved!**
4. Treasurer's Report / Financial Review
Shelagh discussed financial document prepared by Bruce (Balanced Accounting), explaining project details and difficulty with having multiple funders and different fiscal calendars to balance. Those present directed to ask BW questions directly about report.
Motion for approval: Shelagh
Seconded: Jordan
Treasurer's Report **Approved**
5. Resignation of Directors
 - Jennifer Buchanan
 - Jordan Uittenbogaard
 - Josh Retallick– resigned earlier in the year
 - Randall Lewis
6. Nominations and election of new directors
 - Jennifer Buchanan: Secretary to board
 - Jordan Uittenbogaard – with caveat that if he receives management position he may have to resign from board: Board member
 - Kimberley Armor: Board member
 - Francesca Knight: President
 - Randall Lewis: Vice-president
 - Shelagh Thompson: Treasurer

All new members and roles approved. A big round of appreciation for Randall Lewis' role as President since 1998!

7. Preparing for BC's new Societies Act – updates to Constitution and by-laws
All societies have to update constitution by November 2018. While we are doing this, we would like to update much of our constitution and policies at-this-time to include some language regarding: "First Nations Liaison", conflict of interest, policies on receiving donations, etc.

A committee was formed to update policies:

- Edith Tobe

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- Kimberley Armor
- Clare Greenberg – SSISC

8. Available positions

- Communications support (Social Media)

Alyssia Jebb to talk more thoroughly with Edith about doing some work on website and updating our Facebook page.

9. Sea to Sky Invasive Species Update

Update provided by Clare Greenberg. Brief overview of field season 2017:

- Education and Outreach
- Yellow Flag Iris Training
- Events
- District of Squamish Transfer Station Training
 - No longer free to dump invasive species
 - Working on trying to change pricing structure so companies and organizations that have SSISC training have reduced or eliminated dumping fees
- New book featuring SSISC – Aliens Among Us by Leslie Anthony
- New fact sheets passed out
- Clean, Drain, Dry
- Soil Movement – tracking invasives
- Report-A-Weed App

10. Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve Update

Update provided by Ruth Simons. Showing draft boundary drawn up to apply for UNESCO Biosphere region for Sea to Sky for the height of land that flows into Howe Sound. Purpose is to create an overarching land and water use plan for Howe Sound including all three districts. The group is already in the process and are providing a list of the projects happening within the region. Ruth will provide website.

Letter of Support requested. – **Edith Tobe to complete**

11. Education Outreach Program

Update provided by Rhonda O’Grady, Education Coordinator for SRWS.

- Bat programs have been requested by all the schools, so a kit is being developed that teachers can use. – “Bat Pack”
- Adopt a wetland program – kit is also being developed for elementary schools so classes can go to a wetland every year and do activities related to wetland biology.
- Working with Alternative Highschool to create interpretive signage for path along Britannia Slough
- Spring Education Program – 2018 will be back at the Mamquam Reunion!

12. Squamish Estuary Blue Carbon Project Update

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Update provided by Alyssia Jebb. Has been working on the mapping and field sampling manual for the Blue Carbon Project to help Laura McCauley.

13. Current Project Updates and New Business

- Cheakamus Centre Channel Extension – adding another off channel to the Dave Marshall Salmon Reserve. Connects up with the Evans Creek Re-watering project.
- Boulder Obstruction in the Elaho River – last week started drilling into rock but had to stop due to high water levels after rain. Working on securing funding for a very narrow section of the river. The roadway is the cause of the narrowing.
- Squamish Training Dyke – early days still but plans are brewing to remove the training dyke! Plans right now are to upgrade the first culvert by March 31st.

14. Other Initiatives – Round Table

- Francesca Knight – why she wants to be president: building capacity for our group and others in the area
- Kim Stegeman – Squamish Terminals is having to do a major dredge of the terminal site to maintain safe passage. Partnering on the training dyke project.
- Alyssia Jebb – Interested in any mapping projects that may come up
- Jordan Uittenbogaard – Hatchery update: approved to put chum in the new Evans Creek channel to speed up the recovery. Un-fed Coho have been put in new channels. Have also been approved to put Chinook in Elaho above slide if boulder barrier is removed. Connect with Rhonda and Jack to get kids out to juvenile release.
- Vanessa Isnardy – “Biodiversity Squamish” – citizen science observations vetted through iNaturalist. Trying to get a complete checklist of species around Squamish.
- Jack Cooley – Beaver Dams. Polygon Homes – cancelled meeting due to user groups not being organized, what happened?
- From all SRWS – big thanks to Randall Lewis for all the hard work he put in as president!

15. Wrap-up and next meeting