



2018 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

January 31, 2019

Environmental Learning Centre, Fish Creek Provincial Park

1. Call to Order. Declaration of quorum.

Bob Morrin, Chair, welcomed the members to the Meeting and called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM. A quorum was declared with 27 members present and no proxies.

2. Motion to approve agenda.

Moved by Bruce Mitchell, and seconded by Syl Zacher, that the agenda as presented be approved. Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Brian Bell, and seconded by Doug Maxwell, that the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

4. Motion to approve slate of Directors.

Moved by Carole Steeves, and seconded by Doreen Fulton, that the slate of Directors as presented be approved. Motion carried.

5. Motion to appoint 2019 auditors: Kenway Mack Slusarchuk Stewart LLP

Moved by Doreen Fulton, and seconded by Joe Gerritsen, that the firm Kenway Mack Slusarchuk Stewart LLP be appointed as the Society's auditors for 2019. Motion carried.

6. Special resolution re: proposed amendments to the Bylaws, Change of Year-End

Moved by Phil Greer, and seconded by Naomi Parker, that the special resolution – Amendments to Bylaws, be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Annual report:

i. Chairman's report

Bob Morrin thanked the Directors who have left the Board and expressed his appreciation of the strong support from members and volunteers. The Staff's quick response to the short shut down caused by the Province's safety plan requirements minimized the impact on our programs. The Strategic Plan was updated and highlighted the need for more space. Nic will be examining the impact on our programs caused by the space constraint. The Jobber's House and Visitors' Centre are potential alternatives. Approval to proceed on the options will be at least a year away due to the time required for feasibility studies and the impact of the upcoming provincial election.

ii. Treasurer's report

Phil Greer provided highlights of the financial position of the Society, including:

- Net income was \$5, compared to a loss in 2017 of \$10,612.
- Revenues were up \$78,456 to \$367,426, due primarily to the sale of 16 dedication benches, the sale of anniversary bricks, and a successful Taste of Autumn.
- Expenses were \$367,421, a \$67,809 increase due to expanded programing. Salaries now exceed \$200,000 a year.
- The Learning Naturally contract is due for renewal with TD Bank, and \$44,000 was received from the Alberta Real Estate Association to allow the feasibility review of renovations to the Jobber's House.
- At year-end, the Society had a cash balance of \$242,000.

Looking ahead, the competition for grants and sponsorships is increasing in an environment of shrinking funding. Fortunately, we have no reliance on any single funder, including the Provincial Government.

iii. Executive Director's report

Nic reported from the perspective of day to day activities, asking, "Why do we do this?" We do it to reach our vision, the long-term sustainability of the Park. "How do we do that?" We do it through our mission of engaging Park users and expanded the focus from "education and awareness" to a broader "activities and awareness". We continued our move to be facilitators of engagement, rather than having to be the

providers, which allows greater leverage of our programs. Professional training will allow more in-house expertise to assist in this process. An example of this are the volunteers trained in riparian restoration who can now direct the work of others. “What are we achieving?” We strive to have Park users who are informed on the issues and what they can do as individuals to support and protect the Park.

Nic thanked the staff and responded to questions.

8. Adjournment of the AGM

Moved by Naomi Parker that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Robert Bell. Motion carried, and the Meeting ended at 7:45 PM.

9. Special presentation – 2019 Strategic Plan

Nic Blanchet, Executive Director of the Society, provided a brief explanation of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.

10. Open Discussion

Informal discussions ensued.

Stewart Scott
Acting Secretary