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SIERRA CLUB OF BC FOUNDATION

Annual General Meeting

September 19, 2024

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order - Board Chair, Jordan Watters**
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
- 2. Agenda - Board Chair, Jordan Watters**
 - Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by Dan Kells. Seconded by Bruce Livingston. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes (October 19th, 2023) - Board Chair, Jordan Watters**
 - Motion to approve the 2023 AGM minutes: Moved by Bruce Livingston, seconded by Katherine Nielsen. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Report from Chair - Board Chair, Jordan Watters**
 - Appreciation for the work of SCBC. Acknowledging the role of the interim ED, Fiona Douglas-Crampton. Appreciation to staff for rolling with the changes. Thank you to the Board.
- 5. Report from the Executive Director – Interim Executive Director, Fiona Douglas-Crampton**
 - Focused on listening and learning and nurturing the roots of the organization. First activity was to meet all the staff and board. During these meetings, she drew out three themes: clarity, compassion, and connection. Staff are incredibly caring and connected with each other. Will continue to nurture that through team activities out in nature, and having office space to meet in person. Have rented office space in a co-working space in Vancouver.

- **Activities:** Overseeing salary review and finalizing the strategic plan. In fund development, continuing to develop new partnerships. Excited about the work the team is doing.

6. Campaigns Update – Director of Campaigns and Programs, Shelley Luce

- **30 by 30:** Work on 30% protection by 2030 is progressing slowly. Only 5 years left to achieve another 15% from where we are. Need to work together.
- **Biodiversity campaign:** So important because it represents protection for all beings in the rest of the 70%.
- **Climate change:** Connecting the dots on how fossil fuels and poor forestry practices are making wildfires much worse. Shared the message on a webinar for which 1000 registrations.
- **Mother Tree Local leaders program:** Garners deep commitment leading to deep change and networked effects.

7. Education Update – Education Lead, Kate Sotelo

- **Prioritize:** Inquiry based, land-based, and place-based.
- Always blending western science and indigenous connections.

8. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer, Rob Gillezeau

- **Strong fiscal position.** 2023 was not an easy year for non-profits. Transition period coming off the supports of the pandemic and at a time of high inflation. Even with a tightening of the fiscal context, the numbers still balance. Compared with 2022, revenues declined. Revenues fell from 3.6 to 2.9 million. While expenses were brought from 3.2 to 2.8. Surplus declined from \$392K to \$70K, but that is normal and can be seen as the right spot for this type of organization. With respect to our broader financial picture, we are in great shape. Assets of 2.7 million, outstripping liabilities by 1.1 million.
- **Motion to approve the financial report:** Moved by Katherine Nielsen. Seconded by Kerry Baisley. Motion carried.
- **Rob recommended that Sierra Club BC continues to use KPMG as our auditors.**
- **Motion to approve appointment of KPMG as auditor:** Moved by Rob Gillezeau. Seconded by Kerry Baisley. Motion carried.

9. Bylaw Amendments – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- The Chair presented to the members the special resolution to amend the bylaws of the Foundation in accordance with the Societies Act - attached as schedule A.
- Motion to adopt Special resolution as attached in schedule A: Motion to approve by Kerry Baisley. Seconded by Bruce Livingston. The special resolution was approved by more than 2/3 of the votes cast.

10. Board Chair Departure – Interim Executive Director, Fiona Douglas-Crampton

- Thank you to our exiting Board Chair, Jordan Waters by Fiona Douglas-Crampton.

11. Appointment of incoming Board Chair: Kerry Baisley – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- Motion to approve appointment of Kerry Baisley as Board Chair: Moved by Katherine Nielsen. Seconded by Aurora Tejeida. Motion carried.

12. Election of Directors – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- Our current board members continuing their terms are:
 - Kerry Baisley
 - Sara-Katherine Coxon
 - Desiree Lawson
 - Shanti Aria Scarpetta-Lee
 - Kamila Suchomel
 - Amanda Tracey
- Three existing Board members up for re-election for another 2 years:
 - Alix Flavelle
 - Rob Gillezeau
 - Dakota McGovern
- Motion to approve these individuals: Moved by: Mary Paquet. Seconded by Aria Scarpetta-Lee. Motion carried.

13. Appointment of Vice-Chair: Alix Flavelle – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- Motion to approve: Moved by Kerry Baisley. Seconded by Aria Scarpetta-Lee. Motion Carried.

14. Appointment of Treasurer: Dakota McGovern – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- Motion to approve: Moved by Kerry Baisley. Seconded by Desiree Lawson. Motion Carried.

15. Local Leader Awards – Environmental & Indigenous Governance Coordinator, Ascher Goodman

- The Jack Hemphill Exceptional Volunteer Service award to: Brad Foster
- The Geraldine Irby Award for Volunteerism awarded to: Elaine Perry
- The Yaahgudang Award for climate justice awarded to: Meghan Fandrich
- The Rosemary Fox Conservation Achievement Award was awarded to: Carollyne Yardley

16. Closing Remarks and Adjournment – Board Chair, Jordan Watters

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Moved by Kerry Baisley. Seconded by Aria Scarpetta-Lee. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. 34 members attended.

Confirmation of Review of Minutes:

Board Chair's Signature



Interim Executive Director's Signature

