

**Southern Alberta Chapter
2014 Annual General Meeting
September 9, 2014
6:30 – 8:30 pm**

*Lougheed House
707 13 Ave SW
Calgary, Alberta*



AGENDA

- Review and approval 2013 AGM minutes
- Review and approval of 2014 audited financial statements
- Re-appointment of auditors for 2015 fiscal period
- Election of the Board of Directors
- Update on chapter activities

****Presentation****

Door prize draw and reception



CPAWS PEOPLE

The combined efforts & contributions of all people: Members, Volunteers, Donors, Partners and Staff are critical to our mandate!



Anne-Marie Syslak,
Executive Director



Katie Morrison,
*Conservation Campaign
Director*



Kate Semrau,
*Communications and
Outreach Coordinator*



Kirsten Olson,
Office and Fund Administrator



Lia Chalifour,
Education



Judy Marsh,
Education



CPAWS PEOPLE

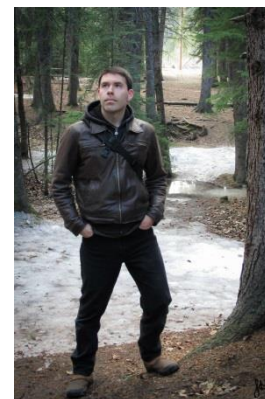
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Julie Walker,
Hiking Guide



Alex Mowat,
Hiking Guide



Justin House
Hiking Guide



Edita Sakarova
Bookkeeper



Carly Johansson
Summer Outreach Coordinator



Moving On – Thank You!

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Jenn Casciani



Greg
McDougall



Claire Sakowski

FINANCES





Financial Overview

- Revenues exceeded expenses by \$34k for FY2014.
- Net asset position of \$168k provides the organization with a financial safety net.
- Auditors delivered the standard audit opinion for a not-for-profit organization for fiscal 2014.
- Have loss of \$1k for the first four months of 2015 fiscal period ended July 31. Net of bequests of \$20k.



Financial Outlook

- Continuing cautiousness over donor funding base & possible donor/funder “fatigue”
- Cautious outlook for FY2015; budgeting break-even position
- Fund development continues to remain priority to proactively manage shifts in donor/funder base
- Motion for reappointment of Buchanan Barry LLP as auditors for 2015 fiscal year



Volunteer Board Candidates



Gord James



David McIntyre



Venessa
Shaneman



Joe Vipond



Liana McCreddie



Doug Firby



Phil Nykyforuk



Lori Cantafio 9



Volunteer Board Candidates



Dave
Delawski



Jeff Rau



James Early



Jean-Philippe
Hervieux

Duncan
Taylor



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Carey Booth

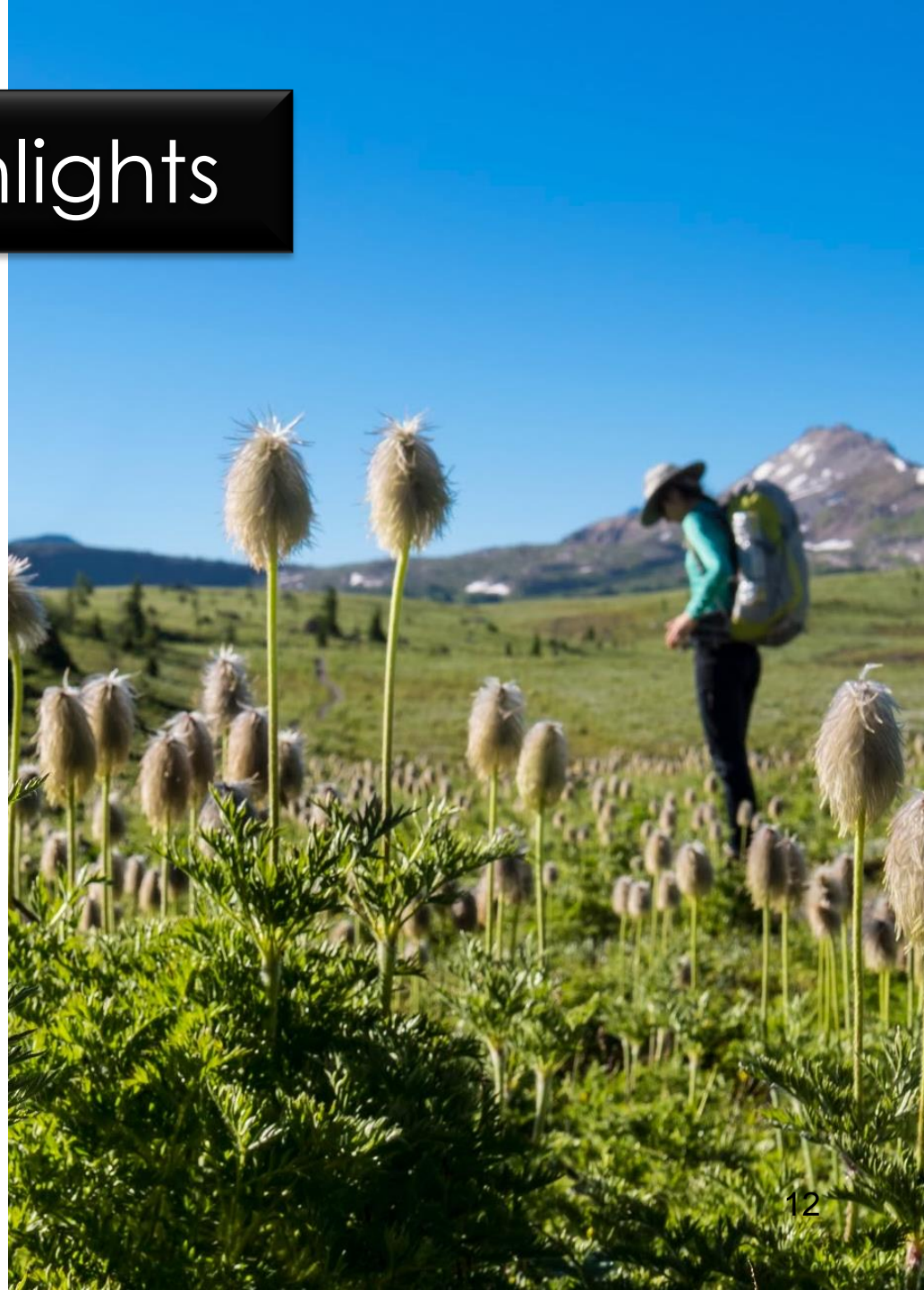


Susan Eaton



Daryl Beatty

Overview and Highlights





50 Years

of wilderness protection!

- Canada's voice for wilderness for over 50 years.
- To date, we have protected an area bigger than the entire Yukon Territory!
- Our mission is to protect 50% of Canada's public lands and waters (Nature Needs Half)

CPAWS Nationwide - 13 Chapters





Highlights across the nation

- Newfoundland: Moratorium on fracking in Gros Morne
- Manitoba: Plan to create a new park to protect polar bears near Churchill, 2.9 million hectares
- Alberta: Hotel at Maligne Lake rejected



CPAWS Southern Alberta Chapter

- Since 1967...
- CPAWS SAB is a leader in national and provincial park management, park creation and protection, and in environmental education.
- Successes:
 - Crossing structures - Banff National Park
 - The establishment of the Elbow-Sheep, Bow Valley and Whaleback protected areas
 - Listing grizzlies as a threatened species under the AB Wildlife Act
 - Stopping Alberta Parks Bill 29
 - Winning an Emerald Award for environmental education.



CPAWS SAB Guiding Principles

- We believe nature, wilderness and wild places have intrinsic value unto themselves.
- We base our decisions and opinions on science-based research and citizen involvement, guided by the precautionary principle.
- We believe that healthy ecosystems have a significant positive impact on human health.
- We believe that healthy, functioning and diverse ecosystems are more resilient to climate change and thus more opportunity for nearby human communities to adapt as well.
- We believe that people are an integral part of the ecosystem and we encourage and empower people through education and awareness to share in the responsibility of stewardship of the ecosystem.
- We promote collaboration and cooperation with industry, governments, Aboriginal peoples, private citizens, educators and other stakeholders for conserving and managing the wise use of the landscape for our children and great-grandchildren.
- We respect other perspectives and interests.
- We believe that an informed and engaged citizenry is important to public debate and solving environmental and wilderness issues.
- We are politically non-partisan. We support principles and policies, not individuals or parties.
- We proactively develop solutions based in our approach to conservation.
- Our direct success is measured by engagement with Albertans, on-the-ground protection and management and stewardship of parks wilderness areas.



CPAWS SAB Conservation Strategy 2013 - 2018

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

1. Strengthen the network of interconnected protected, wilderness and natural areas throughout Southern Alberta;
2. Ensure the effective stewardship of Alberta's national and provincial parks and wilderness areas;
3. Ensure Albertan's value and respect our parks and wilderness areas through education, appreciation, engagement and experience.



CPAWS SAB Conservation Strategy 2013 - 2018

REGIONAL FOCUS AREAS:

1. Alberta's Southern Eastern Slopes
2. Canada's Rocky Mountain Parks
3. Grasslands



CPAWS SAB Highlights 2013 - 2014

Outreach and Education:

- Education- Discover Parks!
- Accepted to speak at World Park Congress
- Increased outreach this past year
- Started an engagement committee
- Started e-newsletter
- Successful gala

CPAWS SAB Highlights 2013 - 2014

Conservation:

- National Parks
 - Goat's Eye day lodge to meet water quality standards for mountain parks
 - Maligne Lake
- South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP)
- Castle
- Forest management on the Eastern Slopes
- Grizzly bear recovery



Looking Forward

- Involvement in the management frameworks of the SSRP (South Saskatchewan Regional Plan) to champion conservation
- Assess and continue Castle campaign
- Continue work on forest management in the Eastern Slopes
- Provide feedback for updated grizzly bear recovery plan
- Looking at new opportunities- Recreation Guidelines

Looking Forward

- Maligne Lake
- National Parks Strategy
- Implementation of new volunteer engagement strategy
- Expanding and looking for new opportunities/audiences in education
- Strengthening our partnerships and our collective conservation efforts within the community
- Diversifying our funding base
- Big Wild Challenge!! Sept. 28th



MEC **BIG WILD**
CHALLENGE

**TRAIL RUN (5K) AND
MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE (10K)**



WHEN: Sunday, September 28th

Registration 9:30AM, Event start 11AM

WHERE: Canada Olympic Park Eastlands

Entry fee: \$20

This fall, join thousands of other Canadians participating in the MEC Big Wild Challenge. This event raises funds for CPAWS to protect Canada's at-risk wilderness. Join this fun organized event today!



Go to bigwildchallenge.org for more details

Thank-you!

To our supporters – our members, funders and volunteers who give their time, resources and energy to help CPAWS SAB to do the important work that we do!

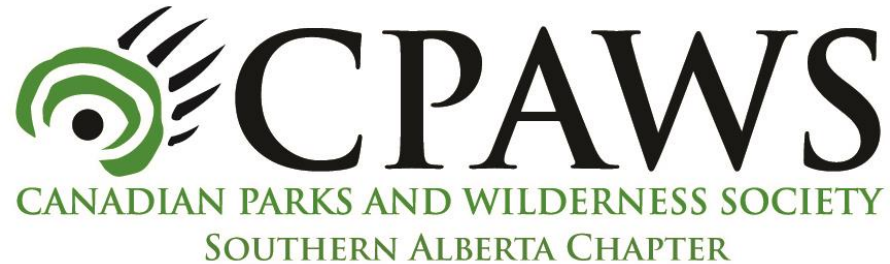
We look forward to another great year. Please encourage others to get involved!



Guest Presenter: Robert W. Sandford



Bob Sandford is the EPCOR Chair of the Canadian Partnership Initiative in support of the United Nations “Water for Life” Decade. This national partnership initiative aims to inform the public on water issues and translate scientific research outcomes into language decision-makers can use to craft timely and meaningful public policy.



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