

Southern Alberta Chapter  
2015 Annual General Meeting  
September 15, 2015  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

*Lougheed House  
707 13 Ave SW  
Calgary, Alberta*



# AGENDA

- Review and approval 2014 AGM minutes
- Review and approval of 2015 audited financial statements
- Re-appointment of auditors for 2016 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*



Ericka Rau  
*Communications and  
Outreach Coordinator*



Kirsten Olson,  
*Office and Fund Administrator*



Jaclyn Angotti,  
*Education*



Judy Marsh,  
*Education*



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Julie Walker,  
*Hiking Guide*



Alex Mowat,  
*Hiking Guide*



Justin House  
*Hiking Guide*



Edita Sakarova  
*Bookkeeper*



Jordan Zukowski  
*Summer Outreach Coordinator*





# Moving On – Thank You!

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Lia Chalifour

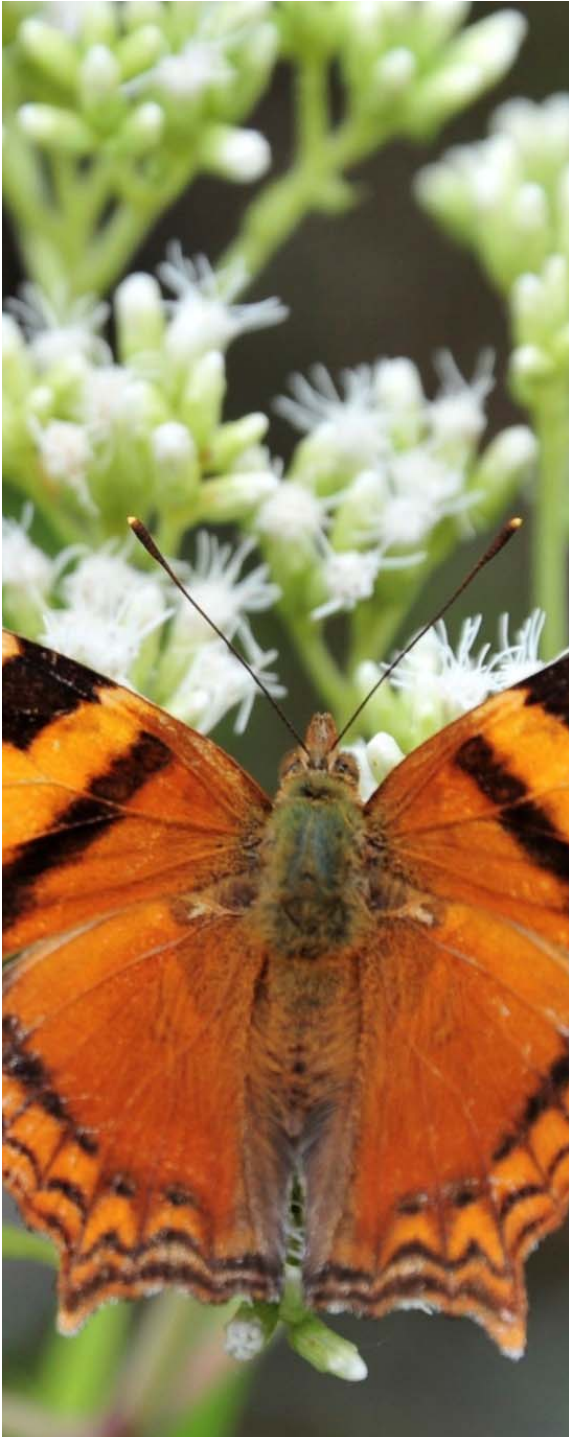


Kate Semrau

# FINANCES

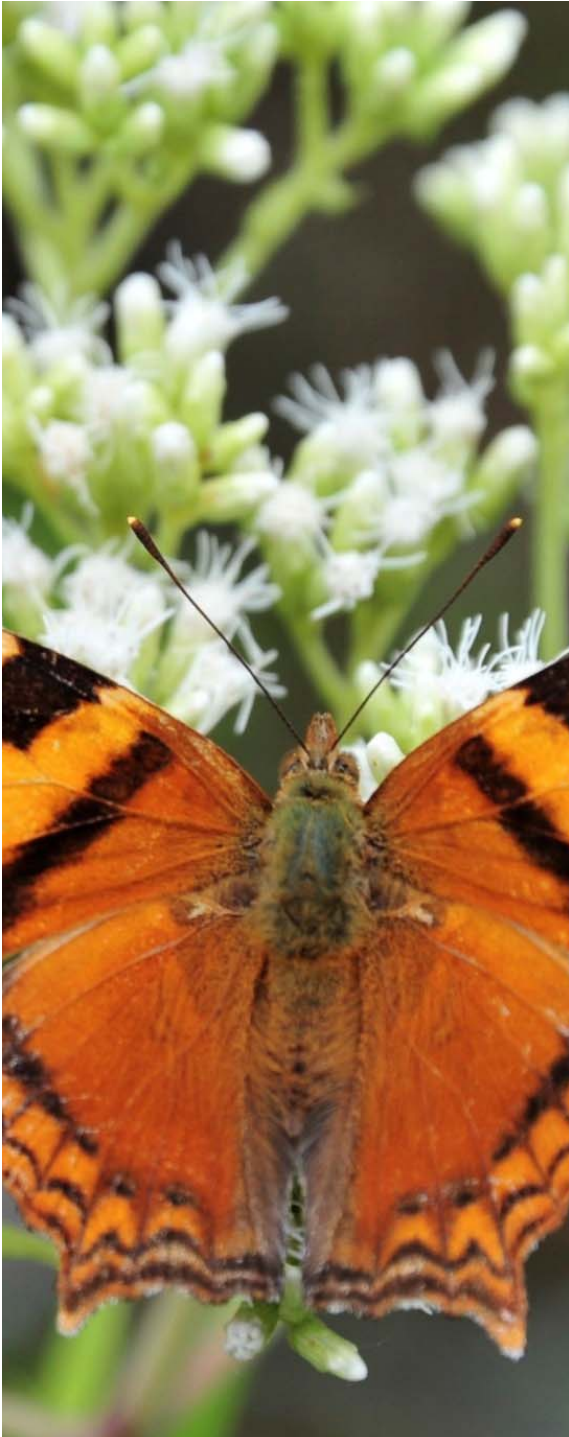






# Financial Overview

- Revenues exceeded expenses by \$43k for FY2015.
- Net asset position of \$210k provides the organization with a financial safety net.
- Auditors delivered the standard audit opinion for a not-for-profit organization for fiscal 2015.
- Have loss of \$6k for the first four months of 2016 fiscal period ended July 31.



# Financial Outlook

- Continuing cautiousness over donor funding base & possible donor/funder “fatigue” and in a challenging economic environment for many organizations and individuals.
- Have budgeted a loss of \$40k for fiscal 2016 period – we have a net asset position that allows us to maintain our team and programs intact at this time. Some unbudgeted funding recently received will help this situation.
- Motion for reappointment of Buchanan Barry LLP as auditors for 2016 fiscal year.





# Volunteer Board Candidates



Gord James



David McIntyre



Andre de  
Leebeeck



Liv Vors



Riley Prescott



Doug Firby



Phil Nykyforuk



Lori Cantafio <sub>9</sub>



# Volunteer Board Candidates



Dave  
Delawski



Jeff Rau



James Early



Duncan  
Taylor



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Joe Vipond



Liana  
McCreadie



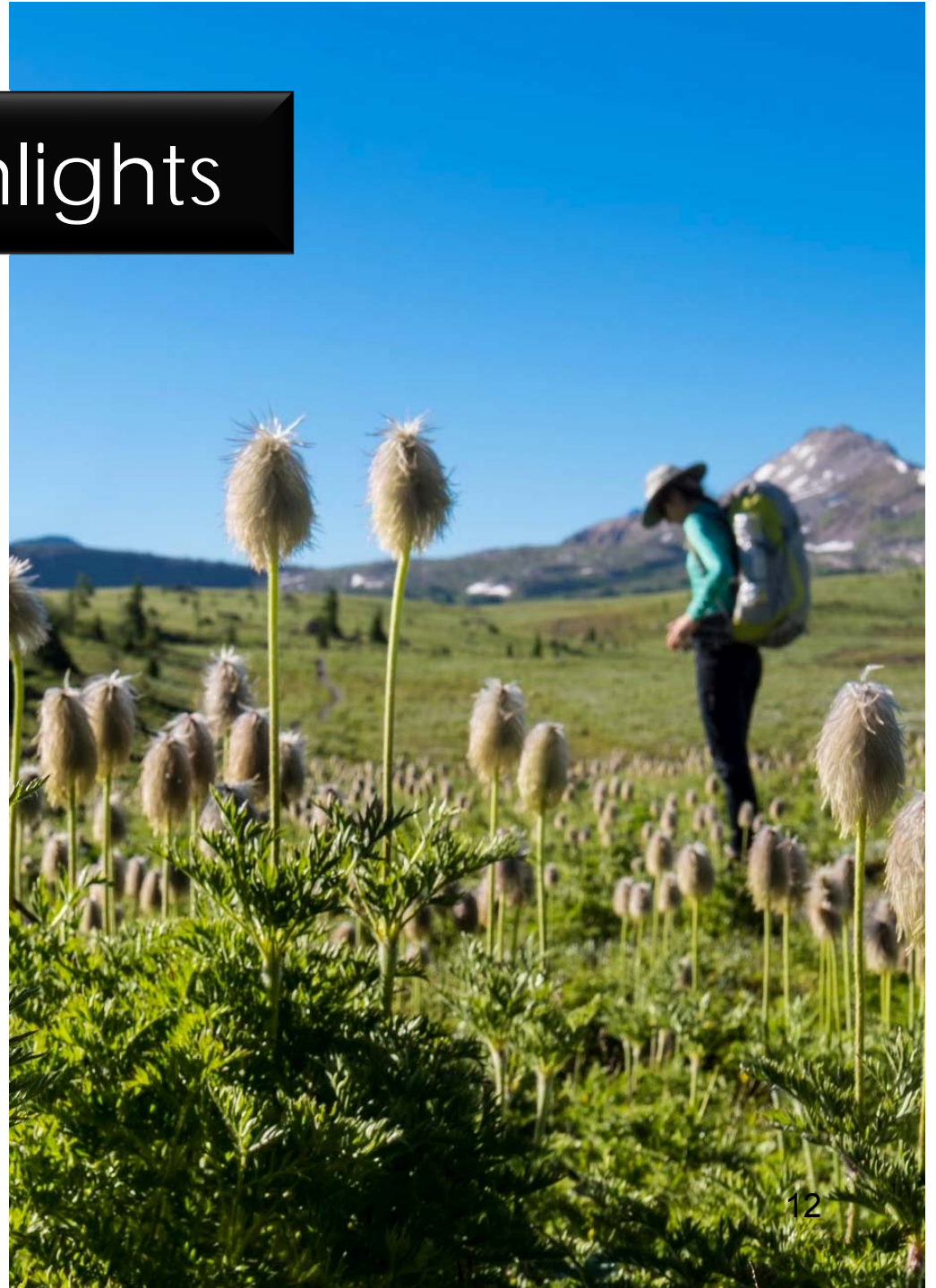
Jean-Phillip  
Hervieux



Venessa  
Shaneman



# 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

- NWT: **Thaidene Nene** homeland of the LutselK'e Dene First Nation beyond the East Arm of Great Slave Lake – on the way to becoming Canada's newest national park! When finalized, the combined territorial and federal park will be over 30,000 sq km. CPAWS has partnered with LutselK'e over the past 4 years to make this happen.
- Quebec: **Broadback**, a new protected area totaling over 500,000 hectares CPAWS worked closely with the Cree to support their initiative to protect their territory which bans industrial activity and protects habitat for endangered woodland caribou.
- Alberta: **Castle Wildland and Provincial Park**. After over 40 years, this significant area for water and biodiversity will be fully protected under law. CPAWS worked tirelessly along with many other groups, stakeholders and concerned Albertans to achieve this<sup>15</sup> protection.



# 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, Whaleback and Castle 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 2014 - 2015

## Outreach and Education:

- Milestone: over 100,000 students reached!
- Spoke at the World Park Congress showcasing our Discover Parks! education program.
- Expanded our education program to reach new immigrant adult audiences.
- Was involved in over 50 outreach events!
- Created and implemented a new volunteer strategy.
- Another successful Wild Soiree
- First Big Wild Challenge.
- Great media year.





# CPAWS SAB Highlights 2014 - 2015

## Conservation:

- National Parks
  - Lake Louise Site Guidelines
  - Crisis in our National Parks report
- Castle Wildland Provincial Park!
  - Major win after 40 years
- Forest management on the Eastern Slopes
- Recreation Survey
- Working more closely with ENGO's and stakeholders

# Looking Forward



- Castle public consultation on now! We need your voice to speak up for conservation of this area.
- Working to ensure that the Castle management plans prioritizes protection of nature.
- Involvement in the Porcupine Hills plan. This is an important template for management.
- Grizzly bear recovery plan update to be released this fall.
- Bull trout recovery plan drafted this coming year.
- Continue work on forest management in the Eastern Slopes. Release of report.
- Release of recreation survey and influencing on the ground use.
- Looking at new opportunities- Eastern Slopes vision project.

# Looking Forward



- Maligne Lake court case end of October.
- National Parks campaign going on now!
- Expanding our education programs and developing new partnerships.
- Strengthening our partnerships and our collective conservation efforts within the community.
- Looking at a CPAWS lobby day in Alberta.
- Diversifying our funding base
- Castle Celebration TBD!



# Thank-you!

To our wonderful 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 of successes. Please encourage others to get involved!



# Guest Presenter: Dr. Joe Vipond





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