

**CPAWS SAB CHAPTER
Annual General Meeting MINUTES
September 29, 2016**

Mamdani Opera Centre

Calgary, Alberta

Attendance: Board members-, Gord James, Jim Donohue, David Delawski, Andre De Leebeeck, James Early, Doug Firby, Phil Nykyforuk and Duncan Taylor

Newly elected Board Member: Jon Mee

Total of 12 members and 11 other non-member supporters.

1. Introduction and welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Gord James, Board Chair, who indicated that a quorum was present and as such the meeting was duly constituted. Gord welcomed the members and reviewed the agenda. Anne-Marie introduced staff and thanked supporters and all those in attendance.

2. Review and approval of minutes of 2015 AGM

Motion: Move to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 15, 2015. Motioned by James Early, Seconded by Duncan Taylor. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

3. Financial Presentation. Jim Donohue presented the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016

- Expenses exceeded revenue by \$5,000 for 2015 fiscal year.
- Net asset position of \$205k provides the organization with a financial safety net.
- Auditors delivered the standard audit opinion for a not-for-profit organization for fiscal 2016.
- Reappointment of Buchanan Barry LLP as auditors for 2015 fiscal year recommended.
- Continuing cautiousness over donor funding base & possible donor/funder “fatigue” and in a challenging economic environment for many organizations and individuals.
- Staff positions have been reduced by one person.

Motion: That the audited financial statements of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the year ended March 31, 2016 be approved as presented. Moved by Phil Nykyforuk seconded by Doug Firby. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of Auditors for 2017

Motion: That Buchanan Barry LLP be appointed the auditors of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the year ending March 31, 2017. Moved by Andree De Leebeeck, seconded by James Early. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried.

5. Election of Board of Directors for 2016/2017

- Anne-Marie asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No one stepped forward.
- Anne-Marie thanked the Directors who were stepping down from the Board and introduced the slate of directors
- Board nominees standing for re-election/election: Gord James, Jim Donohue, David Delawski, James Early, Doug Firby, Andre de Leebeeck, Jon Mee, Phil Nykyforuk and Duncan Taylor.

Motion: That the presented slate of Directors be accepted as the Directors for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the coming year. Moved by Ken Murray, seconded by James Early. All in favour, none opposed. Motion carried

6. Distribution of Annual Report including CPAWS highlights and achievements by Executive Director Anne-Marie Syslak

7. Bison Belong and Beyond Panel Discussion with Marie-Eve Marchand, Gord Vaadeland, Cliff White, Paulette Fox

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm