

CPAWS Southern Alberta Chapter
Annual General Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022

Zoom Conference Call

Attendance: The Chapter's Bylaws indicate that a quorum of 10 members must be present at the Annual General Meeting. Attendance was taken and the members present met the number necessary for a quorum. As such, the Annual General Meeting was duly constituted.

1. Land Acknowledgment

Given by Doug Firby.

2. Review and approval of the minutes of the 2021 AGM

Motion: To accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 30, 2021. Moved by James Early. Seconded by Gord James. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

3. Approval of the 2022 Financial Statements

Lana Mezquita presented the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2022.

Motion: That the audited financial statements of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the year ended March 31, 2022 be approved as presented. Moved by Lana Mezquita.

Discussion regarding the motion, and questions raised by member, Gord James. Questions relating to plan for excess cash. Comment regarding "restatement of cash" (\$36,000). Comment regarding "prior period adjustment". Question regarding individual donors, and drop on that revenue. Comment about casino funding, and placement of revenue within the financial statements.

Revised Motion: That the audited financial statements of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the year ended March 31, 2022 be approved as presented, subject to a discussion with the Auditor regarding the allocation of casino monies in those financial statements. Moved by Lana Mezquita. Seconded by Doug Firby.

All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

4. Financial Update

Lana Mezquita provided an overview of our financial outlook, noting that we have a solid funding base. For July 2022 to date, the budget was a loss of \$45,000. The actual is break-even, which is positive. We have received higher donations, and the numbers show that we are \$10,000 over budget in donations YTD. Revenues are forecast to increase 18%. We are in a strong financial position and expect to use the unrestricted funds for special projects in the near future. The strong financial position helps us to retain our excellent staff.

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2021

Motion: That Buchanan Barry LLP is appointed the auditors of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society Southern Alberta Chapter for the year ending March 31, 2023. Moved by Lana Mezquita. Seconded by Gord James. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

6. Year In Review

Presentation by Katie Morrison, ED.

Commenced with recognition that we have exceptional staff. Review of our Strategic Plan was undertaken, identifying our accomplishments over the past year, including successes on the issues of coal (reversal of the decision to rescind the coal policy), Alberta Parks defence, as well as our work in Rocky Mountain National Park, in addition to our work on land use matters, the trout file, and forestry work.

In terms of education, a celebration was led regarding the fact that the education program is now 25 years old. The launch of ChangeMakers and the stewardship program were also celebrated.

7. Election of Board of Directors for 2021/2022

Board nominees standing for re-election: Jon Mee, Phil Nykyforuk, Ross Glenfield, Doug Firby, Kirsty MacKenzie, Lana Mezquita, Nancy Phillips.

Board nominees standing for election: Nigel Bankes

Noted that there are 8 nominees for the Board of Directors, all of whom, bar Nigel Bankes, are returning members.

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 Jon Mee. Seconded by Gord James. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

8. Other Business

None brought forward.

Motion: that there being no further business, the Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm. Moved by Phil Nykyforuk. Seconded by Gord James. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.