



January Minutes

Tuesday January 12, 2021 – 2:00 pm

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Colin Campbell (President), Kim St. Claire, Mel Turner, Bob Peart (3:15),
Tory Stevens, Bev Ramey, Nancy Wilkin, Gail Ross, Bill Henwood, Betty Davison

Gallivanting: Rick Searle

1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Kim, seconded by Bob, that the Agenda be approved. **CARRIED***

2. Approval of November Minutes

Minutes were not available.

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General account had \$22,000, including \$15,315 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account had \$6620. Bill tabled the 2020 statement on revenue and expenses.

4. Previous Issues

Colin chaired the review of the follow up items.

i) *Parks and Climate Change Committee*

Tory reported that Rob Davis has joined the committee. Three initiatives are underway: webinar on natural solutions of climate change, video and webinar and dialogues on selected topics of protected area system expansion, enhanced protected area management and public engagement.

*Moved by Tory, seconded by Bob, that \$5000 be allocated from the General Account to the production of a 20 minute video on climate change and parks **CARRIED***

ii) *Planning for the Elders*

Colin noted that Tory has sent out an outline on the dialogues noted above. Tory asked how the executive members wished to participate in the 3 discussions. Members will contact Tory expressing personal interest and suggesting potential participants.

Bob noted the need for government inclusion and suggested engaging other partner groups in the discussions.

iii) *Membership Update*

Kim reviewed the current membership status and suggested that we set a fiscal year (January 1) for renewal. Colin reviewed the history of membership to record active members.

Moved by Nancy, seconded by Bill, January 1 be the date that membership is due. CARRIED

Mel will send out the constitution.

iv) *Archives*

Gail reported that there is a need to contact UVic to get a commitment on the UVic archives. Tory offered to contact UVic. The intent is to determine what is needed to complete this component.

v) *Parks Expansion*

Bill prepared two letters on park expansion to Parks Canada and BC Parks. Colin will sign the letters.

5. New Business

i) *Ecological Reserve Program*

Mel suggested that we set up a discussion with Friends of Ecological Reserves to discuss a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the *Ecological Reserves Act*. Mel will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

ii) *Government Engagement*

Wayne Stetski has joined the Elders Council and presents a unique opportunity to further government engagement. Colin will discuss with Wayne how to action this potential.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, February 9 at 2:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

Meeting be adjourned at 3:30.