



September Minutes

Tuesday September 14, 2021 – 2:00 pm

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Colin Campbell (President), Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin, Tory Steven (3:00), Kim St. Claire, Bill Henwood, Bev Ramey

Gallivanting: Rick Searle, Betty Davison, Gail Ross, Bob Peart,

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Nancy, seconded by Tory, that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED

2. Approval of July Minutes

Moved by Nancy, seconded by Tory, that the Minutes be approved. CARRIED

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General account had about \$22,800, including \$15,500 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account has about \$6,800. \$5000 in the General account has been budgeted for support to the Parks and Climate Change initiative and \$2000 has been dedicated from the Gaming account to the Dialogue initiative. A further \$7,000 has been allocated from the Gaming account for the outreach program (attached) as part of the contract signed with Elise Roberts.

4. Previous Issues

Colin chaired the review of the follow up items.

i) Parks and Climate Change Dialogue

Tory reported that the conference slated for last year has been pushed forward to next year. Several follow-up initiatives included potential school debates, Elise's film on climate change, meeting of senior government bureaucrats on nature-based solutions, meeting the climate change group that the Elders have joined and advising on a K-12 education curriculum.

Nancy suggested that discussions be held with some NGOs including Ducks Unlimited and Nature Conservancy of Canada on nature-based solutions as well.

ii) BC Park Meetings

Mel reported that he had reached out to Bob Austad to discuss common interests. Bob replied that it would be good to set up a meeting or two on an

annual basis with an agenda. Colin, Bev, Nancy and Mel will meet to discuss agenda items.

- iii) *Park Pioneers and Builders Recognition Event*
Bob reported that the event is scheduled for March 2022. Three individuals are being considered. A letter has been sent to the members asking for nominations.
- iv) *LG Engagement (Leman Dedication and Indian Arm tour)*
Mel reported that the LG and about 30 friends of Ian Leman participated in the Leman dedication at the Heritage Centre on August 30. On August 31, the LG toured Indian Arm/Say Nuth Kwah Yum Park to become more familiar with provincial parks in urban settings and co-management with First Nations. The Seven members of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation welcomed Her Honour and also participated in the tour as did the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and 3 MLAs that border on the Park.
- v) *Park Expansion*
Mel connected with Kaaren Lewis and offered the Elders' support to assist her in the delivery of her program.
- vi) *Elders Futures*
Colin tabled some options for the Elders Council in the future. This will be an agenda topic for the October meeting.
- vii) *Insurance*
Mel reported that the Elders members and directors are now covered under the BC Nature policy.
- viii) *Finance Committee*
Colin reported that he shared a submission to the Committee.

5. New Business

No new business arose.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting Tuesday, October 12 at 2:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:15