



## April Minutes

Tuesday April 11, 2023 – 2:00 pm

### Meeting held Via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Wayne Stetski (President), Colin Campbell, Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin  
Bev Ramey (3:07), Ric Careless, Bob Peart, Mark Haddock, Kaaren Lewis

**Guest:** Stewart Guy, Executive Director, BC Nature (2:36)

**Gallivanting:** Bill Henwood, Tory Stevens

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Colin, seconded by Mark, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED*

#### 2. Approval of March Minutes

*Moved by Bev, seconded by Colin, that the March minutes be approved. CARRIED*

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

In Bill's absence, Mel reported that the General account had just over \$17,300, including \$11,000 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account has about \$6500 with the recent \$7000 grant.

#### 4. Elders' Projects

##### i. Meeting with Ministers

Wayne, Tory and Colin met with Ministers Cullen, Heyman and Rankin. Colin noted that we were kindly received and they were focused on 30/30. Colin noted their concerns about the financial cost of managing an expanded protected area system, the need for First Nations' leadership on establishment and management and the lack of a planning and consultation strategy.

Wayne noted that the Ministers reflected that the Elders Council could help with reaching 30/30 by assisting the First Nations in the initiative.

Bob suggested that the Elders send a letter thanking the Ministers and our understanding of the outcome of the meeting.

Colin noted that there should be a group formed to advance a strategy.

ii. UVic Archives Funding

Bob noted that we had made a financial commitment to UVic to support collation of archival material that we sent to them under our agreement. We had sent them \$1000 of the \$5000 commitment pending a review of our Gaming application to fund the project. We have still not heard about our appeal as the application was only partially funded.

*Moved by Bob, seconded by Colin, that the additional \$4000 commitment to UVic be concluded. **CARRIED***

iii. Canada Wildlife Service presentation on IPCAs

Wayne noted that he had a recent conversation with CWS and they have offered to present at an upcoming Elders' monthly meeting. Wayne will be receiving info and will forward to the directors and the Elders can decide if we want a presentation.

**5. Presentation by Stewart Guy**

Wayne introduced Stewart Guy, Executive Director of BC Nature, to discuss IPCAs and municipal protected areas.

Stewart spoke to the issue of municipal protected areas. BC Nature is leading the approach, along with the Land Trust Alliance of BC, with senior staff of Saanich, Kamloops, North Cowichan, Cranbrook, Surrey, Whistler and North Vancouver over the next 3 years to establish protected areas at the municipal level on municipal lands and/or associated private lands.

Stewart spoke also to ICPAs. BC Nature, through its members, has sent out letters of support for the establishment of ICPAs.

**6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting May 9, 2 pm.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm