



## July Minutes

Tuesday July 11, 2023 – 10:00 am

### Meeting held Via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Wayne Stetski (President), Colin Campbell, Mel Turner, Nancy Wilkin  
Bob Peart, Bill Henwood, Mark Haddock

**Gallivanting:** Ric Careless, Kaaren Lewis, Tory Stevens, Bev Ramey

**Guests:** Ian Adams, Joe Foy

Wayne had everyone introduce themselves.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Mark asked to add the recent Golden Ears lost hiker incident to the agenda and Colin asked to speak to the Province's Outdoor Recreation strategy. *Moved by Nancy, seconded by Bill, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED*

#### 2. Approval of June Minutes

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Colin, that the June minutes be approved. CARRIED*

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General account had just over \$6,100, including \$10,000 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account has about \$5800. Mel noted that the Outreach Program (\$4000) had begun with 10 programs slated by Fall. Mel also noted that our application to the Parks Enhancement Fund for support to the UVic archival project was denied. Wayne has followed up with Parks to reconsider.

#### 4. Elders' Projects

- a) Key Biodiversity Areas
- b) Ian Adams, Wildlife Conservation Society, is the coordinator for KBAs in the Province. Ian spoke to a Power Point presentation on the purpose of KBAs.
- c) 30x30 First Nation Engagement  
Following up with Wayne's April meeting with the Ministers and their advice that if the Elders Council wishes to provide input into the 30x30 initiative that they should engage the First Nations, Joe Foy was invited to provide comment. Joe noted that First Nations had identified some 8 million hectares for the initiative. He recounted his experience in working with First Nations.

Joe felt that the Union of BC Indian Chiefs might be approached by the Elders to discuss if and how there was a role for the Elders on the 30x30 initiative. Colin commented on the need for resourcing protected areas and Bob noted the need to ensure indigenous protected areas be comparable to the IUCN definition of protected areas. Bill commented that there was a lack of proposals in the centre of BC.

d) Golden Ears Incident

Mark commented on the lack of trail maintenance as a potential cause of the incidence. Mark is going to research further.

e) Outdoor Recreation strategy/We-Can

Colin moved that we financially support We-Can with a \$250 contribution for this year and review the contribution in succeeding year. Seconded by Bill.

***CARRIED.***

Colin also reminded the directors of the upcoming virtual meeting on a provincial Outdoor Recreation strategy. Colin will report on the meeting at the next meeting.

**5. Next Meeting**

Next meeting September 12, 10am

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am