



## June Minutes

Tuesday June 11, 2024 – 9:30am

### Meeting held Via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Wayne Stetski (President), Mel Turner, Bev Ramey, Mark Haddock, Bob Peart, Nancy Wilkin, Kaaren Lewis (10am)

**Gallivanting:** Gail Ross, Bill Henwood, Ric Careless,

**Guest:** Jim Standen

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Bob, seconded by Bev, that the agenda be approved. CARRIED*

#### 2. Approval of February and April Minutes

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

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Mel reported that the General account had just over \$1500 cash and a \$10,000 term deposit, and the Gaming account has about \$4000.

#### 4. Elders' Projects

Wayne invited Jim Standen to provide an update on Parks management.

Jim noted that the government is in a pre-election mode and everything is generally on operational hold. There was a major ranger training program that includes First Nations guardians.

Policy work on reconciliation and co-management is a priority.

Mark asked about co-management on operational issues. Jim noted that a director position has been established for an indigenous operation plan.

Kaaren asked about a relationship with the BC Parks Foundation. Jim noted he sits on the land acquisition file and there is an MOU with the Foundation.

Wayne asked about the licence plate program to hire staff. Jim noted that he was not

supportive as it is an enhancement plan.

Wayne also asked how the Elders could help Parks such as encouraging political platforms. Jim noted there may be fiscal restrictions.

Wayne thanked Jim for his participation.

Wayne next asked Kaaren to update the Elders on her work with the Foundation.

Kaaren noted that significant work had been completed on the \$300 million BC Conservation Fund. An interim committee to administer the fund has been established. The committee has established a vision and a mission statement. The next steps are to finalize a strategic plan, design the fund and initiate grants.

**5. Next Meeting**

Next meeting June 21, 10am.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.