



Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
Annual General Meeting
December 9th 2020, 8:00 – 9:00pm
Video Conference via Zoom

The AGM was preceded by a presentation on the Christmas Bird Count by Yousif Attia and Phil Cram

The attendee list is attached to the minutes

- 1. Call to order** at 8:10 by Yves Dansereau, President
2. Matt Wallace explained how to proceed with motions, voting, the use of ZOOM polls and raising hands during the AGM
- 3. Appointment of the Recording Secretary**
 - 3.1. No motion necessary as Dawn Fark is already the Secretary
- 4. Approval of 2019 AGM minutes**
 - 4.1. Motioned by Yves Dansereau, seconded by Matt Wallace. No objections. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of the 2020 Agenda**
 - 5.1. Motioned by Yves Dansereau, seconded by Gary Hearle. No additions. No objections. Motion carried.
- 6. President's Report**
 - 6.1. 2020 started with a Go-Forward meeting
 - 6.1.1. There is a need for increased communication in the city landscape
 - 6.1.2. Rejuvenation of the Board
 - 6.1.3. Resources on the Website
 - 6.2. Updated Mission statement - *We advance and foster environmental learning, experiences, protection, and appreciation to support communities that embrace and conserve our natural spaces*
 - 6.3. The Vision statement is still being worked
 - 6.4. Acknowledgement was given to our Treaty 7 neighbours and going forward an effort will be made to include First Nations in our actions and activities
 - 6.5. The appreciation picnic was held
 - 6.6. The dedication ceremony for the Barry Erskine bridge and plaque to honor Barry Erskine
 - 6.7. Impacts of Covid-19
 - 6.7.1. Congratulations to the people who put on events during the pandemic (following pandemic requirements)
 - 6.7.2. Home field trip guides were published in English, French and Mandarin and are available on the website in response to cancelled field trips

- 6.7.3. Volunteer efforts for knapweed control were cancelled and the naturalists really stepped up during the restrictions
- 6.7.4. There were sheep last winter as part of the invasive weed program
- 6.7.5. We partnered with the Miistakis Institute and Calgary Capture Project
- 6.7.6. Continue to study invertebrates and monitor water quality
- 6.7.7. Monitoring erosion in the NE corner of the park
- 6.7.8. Had successful Halloween hikes, canoe trip and river cleanup
- 6.7.9. Utilizing iNaturalist to capture observations
- 6.7.10. There was a meeting with the City, Province, Mayor's Office and First Nations to form a partnership with the Weaselhead for better park management; establish a Memorandum of understanding in the future
- 6.7.11. Saying good bye to long standing secretary Pat Prevey
- 6.7.12. Gus Yaki passing
- 6.7.13. Push for Nocturnal Preserve designation in 2021
- 6.7.14. The Presidents report will be available on the website

7. Financial report

- 7.1. Sarah Neville presented the 2019/2020 report in the absence of Treasurer, Heather Sheppard
- 7.2. The financial year is July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- 7.3. There were six months of normal finances and six months of covid-19 impacted finances
- 7.4. The casino held last year helped with 2020 finances
- 7.5. Education income dropped significantly due to cancelled spring/summer field trips
- 7.6. Corporate donations also dropped but individual donations increased
- 7.7. Increased spending due to Naturalists supporting at home learning
- 7.8. Executive Director spending increased due to more active Board
- 7.9. Expect to run a deficit in the upcoming year
- 7.10. Motioned by Yves Dansereau, seconded by Paul Finkleman. No objections. Motion carried.

8. Nomination for the Board of Directors

- 8.1. No nominations from the floor
- 8.2. Brief introduction given by current Board of Directors present
- 8.3. Current Officers/Directors: Yves Dansereau (President), Paul Finkleman (Past President), Gary Hearle (Vice-President), Heather Sheppard (Treasurer), Dawn Fark (Secretary), Rosemary Foley (Nominations Director), Susan Ryan (Director-at-large), Matt Wallace (Citizen Science Community Coordinator), Rachel Nadler (Director-at-large)
- 8.4. Motion to elect the slate by Julie Figures, seconded by Roy Young. No opposition. Motion Passed
- 8.5. Motion to re-elect officers by Sally Dansereau, seconded by Louise Hearle. No objections. Motion Passed

9. Special Resolution: **"Be it resolved that Section B 'Board of Directors', section 1, paragraph (v), be deleted from the Society's Bylaws"**

- 9.1. The paragraph states: "With the exception of the President, no Officer or Director shall sit on more than one (1) of the Permanent Standing Committees identified in section R of these by-law". The standing committees referred to were finance, personnel and education
- 9.2. Motioned by Dawn Fark, seconded by Gary Hearle. No objections. Motion Passed

10. No additional business

11. Closing Remarks

- 11.1. It's been a difficult year
- 11.2. ZOOM meetings aren't easy
- 11.3. Naturalists hours were cut
- 11.4. With the vaccine, hope is on the way to getting back to normal maybe in six months
- 11.5. Gary Hearle extended a heartfelt appreciation to the Naturalists and their efforts; their vitality and optimism; spirit of renewal
- 11.6. Susan Ryan said it is nice to have younger people joining the board

12. Questions from the Members

Q: Any actions regarding wildlife collisions on the ring road?

A: Wildlife fencing was not installed during the project and unlikely to be install until next year. There is GIS being used to plot collisions and an Alberta Transportation and Citizen Science project monitoring wildlife passages but show little use at this time

Q: Any updates on the response from the Province on the spills to the beaver ponds?

A: Still under investigation. There is hope for Alberta Transportation to have to have public pressure to improve standards for erosion control and environmental standards for future construction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Minutes taken by Dawn Fark, WGPPS Secretary
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