



**Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
Annual General Meeting**

November 14th 2021, 8:00 – 9:00pm

In person (Palliser Bayview Pumphill Community Association) and Video Conference via Zoom

The AGM was preceded with a presentation by Sarah Elmeligi on “What Bears Teach Us”

The member attendee list is attached to the minutes

- 1. Call to order** at 8:31 by Yves Dansereau, President
- 2. Appointment of the Recording Secretary**
 - 2.1. No motion necessary as Dawn Fark is already the Secretary
- 3.** Dawn reviewed the process to handle motions in person and on Zoom
- 4. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes**
 - 4.1. Motioned by Yves Dansereau, seconded by Paul Finkleman. No objections. Motion carried
- 5. Approval of the 2022 Agenda**
 - 5.1. Motioned by Sally Dansereau, seconded by Sarah Nevill. No additions. No objections. Motion carried
- 6. President’s Report**
 - 6.1. Started the year with the Go-Forward meeting. Themes were building a stronger community presence, bigger volunteer base, swag, expand citizen science and grow our relationship with the Tsuut’ina
 - 6.2. Another year of Covid
 - 6.3. Paul – Past-president, is moving away from responsibilities on the Board but will continue with another spring clean up
 - 6.4. Maureen – Executive Director. Great job
 - 6.5. Education programs – Spencer, the new coordinator. Doing a great job. We’ve had a normal year of interaction with schools. 4000+ people, 150 days of programs
 - 6.6. Recognized the Naturalists for training the new Naturalists
 - 6.7. Invasive Plant program – back up and was a lot of hard work
 - 6.8. Wildlife – we lost 4 bears this year. People leaving food in the parks, the bears are becoming habituated. This is why we try to manage the bird feeders in the Weaselhead
 - 6.9. High levels in the reservoir – The City water management has to coordinate servicing the city and avoiding floods therefore, they keep the water at current high levels
 - 6.10. The beaver pond dried up this year. We are going to monitor and figure out the cause
 - 6.11. Impact Study – this is the last year of data collection. There was counting, identifying and returning samples. A lot of serious work being done
 - 6.12. Creek Watch – Judi Vandenbrink took over Creek Watch from Matt Wallace. We had 12 volunteers collecting data

6.13. Nocturnal Preserve – It's not official yet and there is lots of work to do yet

6.14. Events

6.14.1. River Clean Up – Again, thank you Paul. There was more garbage this year may be due to more users of the park as a result of Covid travel restrictions

6.14.1.1. To the people who pick up garbage throughout the park every day, thank you

6.14.2. The Casino – Gary Haerle, Thank you. This was a two day event and we raised \$62,000. Thank you to all those volunteers. We hope to have another casino in the first quarter of 2024

7. Habitat Management Framework Plan (Jason Weiller)

7.1. Jason is one of the Parks ecologists with the City

7.2. The City has recently developed a 10 year management plan for the City parks

7.2.1. Work will begin on the Weaselhead plan in early 2023

7.2.2. Jason is looking forward to working with the Society as primary contributors

7.3. Collectively manage together. Public engagement on the plans scheduled for Q1 2023

7.4. On behalf of the City, thanks to the Society for all the work with Citizen Science and education

7.5. Someone asked if there was an “adopt a park” program? Jason responded and said something was in the works to re-boot the program

7.6. Yves wanted to recognize Susan Ryan for her dedicated work on the water levels

8. Financial report

8.1. Maureen Luchsinger presented the 2021/2022 report in the absence of Treasurer, Nicole Krawczyk

8.2. We've closed the financial year with sound financial results with lifting of covid restrictions and the resumption of educational programs

8.3. There is approximately \$143,000 - \$77,000 in the general account and \$86,000 in the casino account. The casino is the largest fundraising activity

8.4. We are almost back to pre-pandemic levels

8.5. There was \$94,000 in expenses which are attributed to the impact study, educational resources and operating costs to run the society

8.6. The financials were audited

8.7. There is a conservative budget for next year and we anticipate some inflation

8.8. The proposed budget was reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors

8.9. Motion to accept the financial report by Gary Haerle, seconded by Matt Wallace. No objections. Motion carried

9. Questions from the audience?

9.1. None

10. Nomination for the Board of Directors

10.1. At this time, the Board is dissolved

10.2. The current Board are seeking re-election

10.2.1. Dansereau (President),
Gary Hearle (Vice-President),
Nicole Krawczyk (Treasurer),
Dawn Fark (Secretary),
Susan Ryan (Director-at-large),
Matt Wallace (Director-at-large),
Judi Vandenbrink (Director-at-large)

10.2.2. Each person gave a brief introduction to themselves. Rebeccah Schwab read out Matt's introduction

10.2.3. There are currently two vacant director positions

10.2.4. We are not taking nominations from the floor but welcome any people interested to send us your resume and why you are interested

10.3. Propose the seven individuals as presented in the slate. Motion to proceed with voting in the slate by Sarah Nevill, seconded by Paul Finkleman. No objections. Motion carried

10.4. Hats off to Nicole for work on with the finances

11. No additional business

12. Closing Remarks

12.1. Thanks to everyone who has participated tonight and our volunteers

12.2. We are an inclusive organization

13. The 2022 AGM was adjourned by Yves Dansereau

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm

Minutes taken by Dawn Fark, WGPPS Secretary
November 14, 2022

2022 AGM Attendees

Members

1. Yves Dansereau
2. Sally Dansereau
3. Susan Ryan
4. Sarah Nevill
5. Paul Finkleman
6. Marjorie Beattie
7. Louise Haerle
8. Gary Haerle
9. Dawn Fark
10. Matt Wallace
11. Brian Luchsinger
12. Suzzanne Jalsoviczky
13. Charles Jalsoviczky
14. Lesley Turner
15. Leao Vermeylen
16. Paige Martin
17. Judi Vandenbrink
18. Jan Grier
19. Laura Griffin
20. Colleen McCord***
21. Robert McCord***

*** Left part way through the AGM and aren't included in quorum