



Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
Annual General Meeting
November 13, 2023, 8:00 – 8:45pm
In person (Haysboro Community Association) and Video Conference via Zoom

The AGM was preceded with a presentation by Jody Allair on *Building Connections: Birds and Volunteer-based monitoring in Canada*.

The member attendee list is attached to the minutes.

1. Call to order by Yves Dansereau, President
2. Overview of process for online voting if required
3. **Approval of 2022 AGM minutes**
 - 3.1. Motioned by Paul Finkleman, seconded by Brian Luchsinger. No objections. Motion carried
4. The Board Secretary, Dawn Fark, is not present but will manage the minutes through the recording of the meeting
5. **Approval of the 2023 Agenda**
 - 5.1. Motioned by Sally Dansereau, seconded by Matt Wallace. No additions. No objections. Motion carried
6. **President's Report**
 - 6.1. Review of the volunteer Board members, current slate
 - 6.2. Annual Go-forward meeting at the beginning of the year
 - 6.2.1. Would like to build a school, looking for an anchor donor
 - 6.2.2. Partnership with the City
 - 6.2.3. The January 2024 GO-forward meeting will focus on the partnership and how we can work together. Happy this is happening
 - 6.2.4. Thank you to Judi for work with Creek Watch and for volunteering on the Board of Directors. Judi is relinquishing her duties
 - 6.2.5. Special thanks to Nicole Krawczyk who did an incredible amount of work this year. We changed our banking this year and Nicole was instrumental in setting up the business bank account. She also revamped our internal accounting. It was a lot of work. She also helped with ordering our swag and with the casino. Special thanks are in order
 - 6.2.6. Two contractors working for the Board – Maureen Luchsinger and Rebeccah Schwab, the communications officer
 - 6.3. Education



6.3.1. Spencer Smith is our Education Coordinator

6.3.1.1. We are now back in normal business, Covid restrictions are gone

6.3.1.2. Had a normal year, good weather. Almost 1000 students went through our programs

6.3.2. Our Naturalist are:

- Dylann Golbeck
- Lisa Dahlseide
- Laurie Dolph
- Jocelyn Grosse
- Kaya Konopnicki
- Zachary Mager
- Sara Jordan-McLaughlin
- Shaylene Taylor

6.3.2.1. They participate in the education programs, the invasive program, they help with night like these, so hats off to all the people to make the Weaselhead what it is. They also have some volunteer hours as well

6.3.3. Invasive Plant program

6.3.3.1. There is a new problem – Black Henbane and it is a noxious weed, and all parts of the plants are poisonous if ingested. We've been fairly successful. Half a ton has been removed in the Weaselhead this year

6.3.4. Wildlife

6.3.4.1. Black bears, cougars, coyotes even sightings of moose and other ungulates

6.3.4.2. Complaint about a deer carcass, leg in the fencing. The City is going to investigate and see what can be done to the top of the fencing

6.3.5. High Water Low Water

6.3.5.1. What's happening with the beaver pond? One possibility is the beavers are doing it to themselves with further study needed.

6.3.6. SWCRR Impact Study

6.3.6.1. Will leave this for Lisa's presentation

6.3.7. Creek Watch

6.3.7.1. Have to thank Judi again

6.3.7.2. One of the volunteers was very creative and built a device to grab water and bring it back

6.3.8. Nocturnal Preserve

6.3.8.1. There has not too much progress this year

6.3.8.2. Starting to make it happen

6.3.9. Events

6.3.9.1. Annual River Cleanup

6.3.9.1.1. Thank you Paul



6.3.9.1.2. Next year we may ask some people to not pick up garbage and walk some of the less travelled trails and look for structures that don't belong in the Weaselhead, just take pictures and don't interact with people

6.3.9.2. Casino

6.3.9.2.1. We had another successful casino

6.3.9.2.2. Results of how much we receive are not out yet, hopefully by the end of the month

6.3.10. City Partnership

6.3.10.1. Meet every month and gives us an avenue for complaints or things that need to get done, like the report of the deer carcass. Send us a pictures and location as well as call 311. This is where they track all of the issues and the more reports of the same issues, the higher up it goes and attracts funds to deal with the problem

7. Financial Report

7.1. Maureen Luchsinger presented the 2022/2023 report in the absence of Treasurer, Nicole Krawczyk

7.2. Nicole has done an outstanding job with the work she's been doing

7.3. Maureen presented the financial overview covering the fiscal year ending in June 2023

7.4. Financially we remain in line with our budgetary expectations throughout the year

7.5. As of June 30, 2023, the Society held total assets of \$109,000, including the amounts of \$64,000 cash and \$40,000 in guaranteed investment certificates. Notably there was not a casino event in this fiscal year, which lead to the depletion of our casino cash account, however we successfully held our most recent casino event in August 2023 with the funds earmarked to support our initiatives over the next 24-month period

7.6. From an income and expenditures perspective, we are pleased to report our education programs have rebounded to pre-pandemic levels and higher generating \$42,000 in revenue for the year

7.7. Memberships, donations and events also contributed \$75,000

7.8. We continue to receive grants for our initiatives totalling \$20,000

7.9. Expenses for the year were in line with our previous fiscal year, allowing us to expand our education programs. Our primary expenses were in education delivery, coordination of our many programs and projects, the Southwest Calgary Ring Road Impact Study and our ongoing Invasive Plant Program

7.10. We experienced a total cash inflow of \$70,000 while the outflows amounted to \$105,000. It is important to note the funds from the casino are recognized in the year we receive them

7.11. As we look forward to the fiscal year in 2024, we anticipate ending the year with a total asset of \$109,000. We are on track with our budget to date with four months of actual financial data. We remain dedicated to our mission of responsible stewardship of our



resources and would like to thank you for your continued support in preserving the Weaselhead area in its natural beauty

7.12. No questions on the financial information

8. Motions

8.1. Motion to accept the financials for 2022/2023 by Susan Ryan, seconded by Paul Finkleman.

No objections. Motion carried

8.2. To approve the new Board member slate nominees

8.2.1. At the moment, the Board is dissolved

8.2.2. We do not accept nominations from the floor. We prefer to vet them prior. There was a call out prior to this meeting for vacant positions, and they remain vacant. If anyone wants to volunteer, they can get in touch with us

8.2.3. The current slate of nominees are:

8.2.3.1. Yves Dansereau – President

Gary Haerle – Vice President

Dawn Fark – Secretary

Nicole Krawczyk – Treasurer

Susan Ryan – expert with the environment

Matt Wallace – Citizen Science

8.2.4. Motion to approve the slate of nominees by Sarah Nevill, seconded by Brian Luchsinger. No objections. Motion carried

8.2.5. Motion to approve the slate of nominees for the new Board for 2024 by Sarah Nevill, seconded by Paul Finkleman. No objections. Motion passed

9. Southwest Calgary Ring Road (SWCRR) Impact Study presentation by Lisa Dahlseide

10. Any questions directed to the new Board?

10.1. None

11. Closing Remarks

11.1. Special thank you to Dawn Fark for the minutes

11.2. Yves extended a big Thank you to all of the volunteers for everything from the casino to Lisa's work. The memberships help in some of the work we are doing for money. Special thanks to our sponsors because funding from the casino and the schools isn't enough to run everything we are doing. So we have our sponsors – the Calgary Foundation, RBC Blue Water Project, the Alberta Conservation Association, Land Stewardship Council and Alberta Ecotrust. Big thank you and we much appreciate all of our sponsors

11.3. We are an inclusive society and would like to thank all of the Naturalists, Board Directors, members and friends for making the society what it is with talent, enthusiasm, and dedication. Thank you very much

11.4. Next year we will be 30 years old

11.5. Motion to adjourn the 2023 AGM by Matt Wallace, seconded by Paul Finkelman. Meeting adjourned



Minutes Taken by Dawn Fark, *WGPPS Secretary*
From recording

2023 AGM Attendees

Members

1. Annemarie Mayer
2. Jeromy Farkas
3. Colleen McCord
4. Marjorie Beattie
5. Kristin O'Connell
6. Jan Grier
7. Yves Dansereau
8. Sarah Nevill
9. Matt Wallace
10. Tiffany Stephan
11. Sally Dansereau
12. Mélanie Windle
13. Brian Luchsinger
14. Lesley Turner
15. Teresa Lynch
16. Susan Ryan
17. Janis Turner
18. James Early
19. Lise Binard
20. Donna Lamb
21. Tiffany Stephan
22. Linda Wiggins