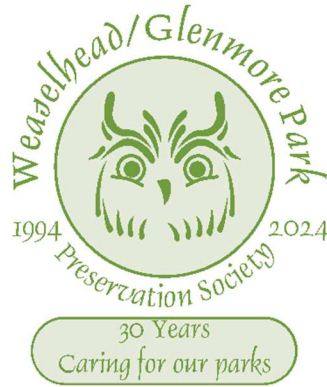




Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society
Annual General Meeting
November 21, 2024, 8:00 – 8:45pm
In person (Haysboro Community Association) and Video Conference via Zoom

The AGM was preceded with a presentation by Jesse Salus on *A History of the Weaselhead*.

The member attendee list is attached to the minutes.

1. Call to order at 8:02 by Yves Dansereau, President
2. Overview of process for online voting if required
3. **Approval of 2023 AGM minutes**
 - 3.1. Motioned by Susan Ryan, seconded by Marjorie Beattie. No objections. Motion carried
4. **Approval of the 2024 Agenda**
 - 4.1. Motioned by Dawn Fark, seconded by Louise Haerle. No additions. No objections. Motion carried
5. **President's Report**
 - 5.1. Yves reviewed the list of Directors
 - 5.2. Thank you to two outgoing Directors – Matt Wallace and Nicole Krawczyk
 - 5.2.1. Matt has been with us since 2019 and champion for our Citizen Science
 - 5.2.2. Nicole has been with us since 2021 as Treasurer and revamped our accounting
 - 5.3. Yves reviewed the list of contractors
 - 5.4. Annual Go-forward meeting at the beginning of the year
 - 5.4.1. Focus on setting and attaining goals
 - 5.5. Education
 - 5.5.1. The programs were a bit disturbed this year due to changes in the curriculum and impacts to teachers
 - 5.5.2. Our Education Coordinator, Spencer Smith has stepped down and was replaced by Sara Jordon-McLachlan
 - 5.5.3. From June 2023 to June 2024, we have 188 Kindergarten to Grade 12 classes, including 4415 students, 500 parent volunteers and 229 teachers in the Weaselhead with our programs

5.6. Invasive Plant Program (IPP)

5.6.1. 22 outings. We had 285 volunteers worked a total of 529 hours

5.6.2. It's hard work

5.6.3. We participated in Rooting for Change with Youth Central. Nine youths participated in the program that ran for four-weeks where students learned about species and removed invasive plants

5.6.4. A new education program was developed and suitable for grades 7 to 9. 4 classes with 102 students. Hybrid between our education program and our invasive plant program. Teaching people how to care for the land recognize invasive plants. They removed 185 cotoneaster and 30 honeysuckles, 205 plants taken out all together

5.7. Wildlife

5.7.1. We have visits from everything in the Weaselhead. From little voles to birds to bears to cougars to moose

5.7.2. There was even a sighting of a Great Grey Owl, who isn't supposed to be in the area

5.8. Water Levels

5.8.1. Water is high in the Weaselhead and mostly attributed to the feeder main break this summer. The reservoir is looked upon as a fall back and normally supplies water to 40% of the population. Due to the feeder main break, it was supplying more

5.8.2. There are impacts to riparian vegetation and erosion when water levels are kept higher than usual

5.8.3. The area within the Weaselhead was purchased as overflow for the reservoir

5.8.4. The area with the boardwalk has overflowed and destroyed the boardwalk but plans are in place to replace/rebuild it

5.9. SWCRR Impact Study

5.9.1. Will leave this for Lisa's presentation

5.9.2. There is a complete, thick version and smaller, summery version

5.10. Citizen Science

5.10.1. Matt Wallace oversaw Creek Watch this year

5.10.2. Yves read out the list of Creek Watch volunteers

5.10.3. They take several measurements including the amount of chemicals in the water

5.11. Nocturnal Sanctuary

5.11.1. The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) has determined a designation to use on the Weaselhead and it will be used as a model

5.11.2. The application for the designation has to be signed by the owners of the land, which is the City

5.11.3. There are some pressures from the public regarding the need to install lighting along the pathways

5.12. Events

5.12.1. Yves reviewed the list of events and some stats

5.12.2. Events are free to members

5.13. Annual River Cleanup

5.13.1. Thank you Paul for continuing to organize this

5.13.2. Thank you to all of the volunteers as this is a very important annual event

- 5.13.3. There was an uptick to garbage collected this year which could be attributed to the loss of a long time member who passed away this year. Vlad was in the park daily and pick up garbage during his visits
- 5.14. Casino
 - 5.14.1. The date for our next casino is April 9 & 10, 2025
 - 5.14.2. We need volunteers again, the request will be posted soon
 - 5.14.3. This is the big source of income for the Weaselhead
- 5.15. Agreement with the City
 - 5.15.1. There is a data sharing agreement where we have access to the City data and they have access to our data
 - 5.15.2. The other agreement allows to be an entity for consultation on management decisions
 - 5.15.3. As part of our Invasive Plant Program, the City loaned us tablets to track invasive weeds throughout the park. These are part of the functional aspects of the agreement
 - 5.15.4. If you run into problems in the park, do not interact. Log the issue or complaint to 311. Each time something is logged, it adds to the database and will eventually be actioned by the City
 - 5.15.5. Also send Yves and Maureen an email with information to present at the monthly meeting with the City

6. Financial Report

- 6.1. Maureen Luchsinger presented the 2023/2024 report in the absence of Treasurer, Nicole Krawczyk
- 6.2. Again, we'd like to thank Nicole for the amount of work she's done
- 6.3. Maureen presented the financial overview covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024
- 6.4. Financially we remain in line with our budgetary expectations throughout the year
- 6.5. 2023 was of the most successful casinos, earning ~\$85,000
- 6.6. The income from the education programs are at pre-pandemic levels, memberships and donations, we continue to receive grants and generate interest on investments
- 6.7. Casino funds are recognized in the year they are earned (2023)
- 6.8. We remain dedicated to our mission
- 6.9. As of June 30, 2023, the Society held total assets of \$156,038
- 6.10. No questions on the financial information

7. Motions

- 7.1. Motion to accept the financials for 2023/2024 by Gary Hearle, seconded by Sally Dansereau. No objections. Motion carried
- 7.2. To approve the new Board member slate nominees
 - 7.2.1. The Board is dissolved
 - 7.2.2. A nomination for Treasurer was received prior to the AGM. The candidate was interviewed by the executive and we were impressed with their credentials and include them in the slate
 - 7.2.3. The slate of nominees are:
 - 7.2.3.1. Yves Dansereau – President
 - Gary Haerle – Vice President
 - Dawn Fark – Secretary

Carl Chala – Treasurer
Susan Ryan – expert with the environment
Kris Kerkermeier – Director
Karen Wang – Director

7.2.4. Motion to approve the nominees as a slate by Lise Binard, seconded by Brian Luschinger. No objections. Motion carried

7.2.5. Motion to approve the slate of nominees for the new Board for 2024/2025 by Brian Luchsinger, seconded by Leao Vermeylen. No objections. Motion passed

8. SWCRR Impact Study presentation by Lisa Dahlseide

9. Additional Business Presented

9.1. Is there a timeline for rebuilding the boardwalk?

9.1.1. No, it is in the works and the path location has been decided. City processes are slow

9.2. We've seen more by-law officers in the Weaselhead this year. Good to see

10. Closing Remarks

10.1. Thank you to our members, volunteers and our sponsors

10.2. We are an inclusive society and would like to thank all of the Naturalists, Board Directors and friends of the Weaselhead

10.3. We have lots of talent here. Without them we wouldn't be here and to the people in the past who have made this what it is. 30 years of work and still moving

10.4. Motion to adjourn the 2023 AGM by Yves Dansereau, seconded by Susan Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm

Minutes Taken by Dawn Fark, *WGPPS Secretary*
November 21, 2024

2024 AGM Attendees

Members

1. Sarah Nevill
2. Teresa Lynch
3. Nathan Schmidt
4. Judi Vanderbrink
5. Matt Wallace
6. Gerhard Maier
7. Paul Finkleman
8. Linda Wiggins
9. Stephen Herrero
10. Lise Binard
11. Dawn Fark
12. Wendy Lees
13. Susan Ryan
14. Yves Dansereau
15. Sally Dansereau
16. Marjorie Beattie
17. Gary Haerle
18. Louise Haerle
19. Kristin O'Connell
20. Carl Chala
21. Annemarie Mayer
22. Lesley Turner
23. Leao Vermeylen
24. Brian Luchsinger