

WELLS GRAY OUTDOORS CLUB

General Meeting minutes for

APRIL 12, 2016

7:00 P.M. at the Clearwater Search and Rescue Building

PRESENT: President: Dave Poole
Vice Presidents: Shane Petre
Charlotte Smith
Treasurer: Christine Graham
Directors: Suzanne Foster
Hazel Wadlegger (note taker)
Member: Darren Coates

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Agenda:** Accepted with the addition of Cabin Use under other business
3. **Finances:** Christine presented a financial report to the end of March 31, 2016. She noted that the revenue from Membership and trail fees were up this season. A final report on the Birchleg will be presented next month. It was also noted that the Club received \$4,100.00 (to help cover the cost of insurance and fuel) from Elaine (Ministry of Recreation and Trails) in April. The finance report was accepted as presented.
4. **Old Business:**
 - (a) **Floor Mats:** Daniel Boudreau will investigate further
Signing Authority: Dave Poole and Christine Graham will go the Interior Savings to finish the paperwork.
5. **New Business:**
 - (a) **Safety Concerns:**

Daniel will further investigate the Floor Mats
Danger trees on the trails will be investigated and dealt with appropriately.

(b) **Mountain Bike Trails Committee:**

- **Darren Coates** outlined the progress and plan to date on the trails: Work by David Biggin-Pound started on Monday, April 11. Two hand labours, working under Kurt Dodd Contracting are working also. They hope to complete approx. 800 meters of trail (from 106 – 107 on the Bike Trail Map) and if funds allow, with work on the trail from 107 to 108. \$10,000.00 has been allotted for the trails to date. Grant funding has been applied for. **Darren** will also look into the possibility of the Rural B.C funding grants. Members are encouraged to help clean up trails by raking rocks and debris off the trail, and to clear brush back from the trail.

(c) **Grants:**

- i) Wells Gray Community Grant – Sabine submitted a grant to obtain funding for the Mountain Bike Trails
- ii) MEC: Sabine submitted a grant to obtain funding for the Mountain Bike Trails
- iii) North Thompson Communities Foundation: Hazel submitted an application for funding to hold 2 Coaching Clinics in Clearwater for the Rabbits. (\$720.00 has been approved by the Foundation)
- iv) **Sabine and Darren** are looking into further grant possibilities.

(d) **Workbee:** The workbee for the Bike Trails was held on April 10. Suzanne Foster reported a group of members and non

members attended, checked out the trails and did some work. Further workbees will be organized and announced.

A workbee will be organized to work on the Storage Shed. The bolts need to be tightened and some venting installed. **Shane Petre** will secure scaffolding and a date will be set for the work.

(e) **Coaching Clinics for Rabbits:** Suzanne Foster announced she has tentatively secured October 21 – 22 for the first course; and December 9 – 11 for the second course. Minimum age for the course is 14 years of age. Invitations will be sent out to Sun Peaks and Barriere (and 100 Mile) to participate in the courses. Further details will be reported at the next meeting.

(f) **Cabin Use:** A request from the Riding Club to use the Cabin for registration was discussed. The request was granted, with the instructions that the Riders not take the horses on the Mountain Bike Trails or ride the Swamp Loop (as it is quite wet at the moment)

(6) **NEXT MEETING:** May 3, 2016, Wells Gray Search and Rescue Building.

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