

Wells Gray Outdoors Club

Annual General Meeting minutes for

Tuesday November 3rd, 2015

7:00 pm at the Clearwater Search and Rescue Building

Present: President: Wes Bieber
Vice president: Dave Poole
Secretary: Jen Belle
Directors: Anne Baker
Jean Nelson
Shane Petre
Charlotte Smith
Hazel Wadlegger
Members: Robert Beaudry
Daniel Boudreau
Larry Colborne
Aaron Cooperman
Suzanne Foster
Sienna Foster-Henderson
Grace Gormley
Kevin Henderson
Katrina Link
Lynda MacLennan
Guests: Elaine Gillette
Keith McNeil
Heather Steere
Regrets: Christine Graham

1. Welcome:

Club president Wes Bieber warmly welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. He noted that we have three goals to attend to this night, an AGM, a general meeting and a guest speaker. Wes introduced all present to Elaine Gillette, the outgoing Recreation Site Manager that has always been supportive of the club's endeavours, and Heather Steere, a former resident of Clearwater and our amazing guest speaker for the evening.

2. Agenda review:

The agenda was quickly reviewed by Wes with no additions made.

3. President's report from 2014-2015:

Wes quickly highlighted major events and accomplishments the club has succeeded at over the past year, and was generous with his praise for the volunteers that make this organization what it is, through hours of dedication and by the perseverance of our members. Wes's report was a tribute to volunteers. United, we have groomed beautiful ski trails at Candle Creek (although last year was rather shy of the white stuff), Merlin Blackwell groomed at North Thompson Provincial Park for skiers with dogs, we groomed John McMahon's field by Raft River Elementary, we planned and executed a successful Birchleg event, mountain bike trails were

planned and two kilometres of gorgeous bike/hike/snowshoe trail was completed, plus we built a storage building for the groomer and Club items, a huge endeavour by the Club! Also, we have held work bees for cleaning up the site around the warming hut and done brushing, we have maintained our equipment, even attending meetings was recognized, as this is also done on a voluntary basis. All of these actions are completed with the help of numerous volunteers, and Wes wished to thank all of the people involved. People volunteer to help with the Rabbits program, memberships need to be organized, banking is completed, accounts are kept in balance, mail is checked... the list goes on and on, and all of this is done with gracious thanks to our volunteers. A big hand to volunteers!!

Wes declares we will offer a stellar season despite whatever Mother Nature may throw at us! It was a positive final farewell from a splendid president. We thank you Wes for all that you have done!

4. Financial report from 2014-2015:

Christine was unable to attend the meeting, but was kind enough to forward a copy of the Club's finances to Wes, for him to discuss.

The Club's revenues seem to be remarkably similar year after year. A typical year sees about \$21,000 in revenue. Grants, donations and memberships are the bulk of this.

This past year has seen an increase in expenditures, which is logical considering the costs involved in erecting a building of the magnitude that we did. Much of the building's expenses are not on this financial report, as the end of the fiscal year was August 31st.

The Club invested money into the building of the mountain bike trails as well this year, which was a massive undertaking, with many volunteer hours and some paid hours.

Our current assets add up to \$44,788, but we have spent about half of that since the report.

Our total assets amount to \$365,000 which takes into consideration the warming hut and the Pisten Bully. These items have been adequately depreciated yearly by Christine for accuracy.

The storage building is not included as an asset to the WGO, in this financial report.

Thank you to Christine for the financial report and for her ongoing accounting capabilities (yes, volunteer time!).

There were no questions or concerns with this financial statement, so we journeyed on with the AGM.

5. Election of executive:

Wes let it be known that he was stepping down as Club president, so he offered to give Jean a break, and manage the elections (one last boo-ya). The final results were as follows. Each candidate went through proper protocol, accepting to stand, nominated, seconded, and voted for as required, each in turn.

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Our final act for the AGM was a draw for a free membership for any non-executive (pre-vote) that was present. The lucky winner was... Katrina Link!!

Thank you to everyone for everything, we mean it! This club is possible because of people like you! Let's look forward to another year filled with progress and we are pleased to have some new faces on the board of executives! The turnout for this meeting was incredible, and we appreciate your support! It was a very positive conclusion to our 2015 AGM.

The AGM was concluded at 7:37 p.m.