

Yukon Conservation Society

Annual General Meeting

March 28, 2019, 5:30 PM, Alpine Bakery, Whitehorse

Present:

(refer to sign-in sheet)

Mike Walton

Lewis Rifkind

Gill Cracknell

Ben Derochie

Ciaran Connolly

Judith Van Gulick

Dave Mossop

Walter Streit

Allan Norberg

Luc Garceau

Clay Alderson

Gerald Haase

Murray Martin

Fran Curran

Sebastian Jones

Julia Duchesne

Joan Norberg

Gerry Whitley

Claudia Rector

Mary Whitley

Ernie Berken

Alison Reid

Jared Gonet

Itai Katz

Don Roberts

Jason Lane

Stu Clark

Sandy Johnston

Cody Reaume

Skeeter Wright

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Skeeter Wright presenting

2. Quorum Verification

- a. Quorum is verified because at least 12 members are present (refer to sign-in sheet)

3. Review and Approval of the Agenda

- a. Moved by Mary Whitley, passed
- b. Jason 2nd

4. Review and Approval of last year's AGM minutes: March 28, 2018 and follow up (if needed)

- a. Moved by Skeeter, seconded by Stu

5. President's Report

- a. Skeeter Wright presenting

6. Executive Director's Report

- a. Mike Walton presenting

7. Presentation and Approval of the Audited Financial Statements 2017

- a. Budgeted a \$28,000 deficit for 2018 (ended up \$29,000 deficit)
- b. Jared Gonet presenting
- c. Revenues and donations went up by \$9000, memberships by \$800
- d. Switches in revenue due to the Peel; looking for new sources of funding
- e. Increase in funding from YG – advising on mining work, etc.
- f. Expenses – slight increase in ED salaries, took out 2 exterior doors to improve energy efficiency, interior maintenance to make it a better place to work, 50th anniversary party,
- g. Auditor reports: Auditors found no problems with how we handle our finances
- h. Assets: \$285,000 in 2017; now \$256,000 in 2018 to deal with deficit; \$90k (2017) and \$53k (2018) in unrestricted assets that allows us leeway for if we lose any major funders.
- i. Moved by Jared, 2nd Skeeter, passed

8. Motion to Appoint M. McKay & Associates as the Accountant for the 2019 Fiscal Year

- a. Moved by Stu, 2nd Gerry Whitley, passed
- b.

9. Constitutional Amendments

- a. Skeeter presenting
- b. 1st amendment moved by Skeeter, 2nd Mary
- c. Mary suggests amending “that” to “who” in the first line
- d. Some discussion about the option to go on summer break and not count to quorum
- e. Mary calls the question – passes
- f. 6.4 amendments moved by Skeeter, 2nd Jason

10. Election of Directors (1 year mandate)

- a. Mary Whitley presenting
- b. Thank you to Shyloh Van Delft, Styd Johnson, Ted Murphy-Kelly, Matt Landry
- c. Returning:
 - i. Laura Markle
 - ii. Stu Clark
 - iii. Dave Mossop
 - iv. Skeeter Wright
 - v. Jim Boyde
 - vi. Jared Gonet
 - vii. Walter Streit
- d. Mary Whitley requests a short statement by each nominated board member.
- e. New nominations and statements:
 - i. Don Roberts Former school principal; here since 1965; School administrator for 30+ years; TEST program; Family Service board prior to Many Rivers; sports coaching; paddled every river in the Yukon; YCS is a legitimate organization that can make things move. There are big challenges for the future; health minister for a few years; involved with Yukoners Concerned for the last 5-6 years making movements to ban fracking and protect freshwater; we have a big place in the world, are we going to be able to keep it. That’s the challenge. Very competent group of staff, I’d like to be part of that.
 - ii. Julie Frisch (absent) “I’ve been working on this one way or another all my life in the Yukon.” Gerry Couture award winner – requires a certain amount of stubbornness and curmudgeonliness. Returning board member; one of the early members of YCS and part-time staff.
 - iii. Ciaran Connolly Originally from Dublin, relative newcomer to the Yukon. Dublin’s a lot different from the Yukon, quite urban and aggressive, not much respect for the environment. Worked in Toronto and Vancouver, volunteered with SAR in Vancouver for 5-6 years. Spent lot of time in the bush and wanted to learn more and more about the environment. Career change to do something that involved more of the environment. School in Yukon College – Northern Enviro Conservation Sciences program. Learning lots, still lots to learn. Concerns: climate change, how it is impacting large mammals. Engaging the public and making the public aware of those concerns.
 - iv. Ben Derochie Started as a Trail Guide Coordinator. Master’s in sustainable energy policy in Ottawa. Living up here full time again, working for YG looking after

buildings and energy use. Sitting on Energy Committee for a year now. Young, policy nerd, into YCS, why not volunteer?

- v. Mary asks 3 times if there are any further nominations.
- vi. Motion to finish nominations moved by Stu, 2nd Jarrett; carried.
- vii. Motion to accept the nominees and the returning Board members. Moved by Sandy, 2nd Fran Curran. Anybody opposed? Hearing no opposition, assume passed. Mary congratulates all.

11. Other Business

- a. Question from a member about how to bring up issues of concern that YCS should get involved in.
- b. Question from a member about who deals with membership, fundraising, and environment.
- c. Question from a member about the whiteness of the Board, prompting a discussion about whether we make an effort to recruit First Nation members to the Board and how to do better. Suggestion of a volunteer committee to tackle this structural issue.

12. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Moved by Mary
- b. Meeting adjourns at 6:42pm