

Squamish Trails Society April 2020 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Zoom Meeting



Start: 19:12

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Jack, John G., Jennifer, John, Jim

Heather sent her regrets. Jim at RCMP reporting break-in at shed.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jack – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by John, seconded by Matt – carried.

Reports:

The Looking Glass (Wonderland Connector) trail: Matt – early last week trail made connection from end to end. Now buffing up and raking in. Used up \$2500 STS funds on fence so went to Polygon/SORCA for additional funding to complete. Overage will go through STS books to be reimbursed. Discussion of trail name – talked to Jim Harvey (didn't want Wonderland 2) – he's OK with the Alice in Wonderland theme connection. Will there be a grand opening? Likely a "soft opening" with all the Covid-19 concerns. Good opportunity to express thank-yous.

Trail base material for Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: Matt – six weeks ago did online application to DFO and have not heard a word – noted by Matt the good work on road side connector trail upgrades by John G!

Campground & SBP Projects: John – Smoke Bluffs projects moving along: gravelling and clean-up from BC Hydro transmission line near Neat and Cool done. Parking lot Crag will be popular when climbing opens up again. Sign being made up giving thanks to all who contributed.

Financials: Jack's report tabled – distributed by email. Discussion of domain name payment? Need to confirm it is paid as we had issues with this in the past – Jen just resent info to Jack. Noted – paid with Paypal in the past. Question: does Coast Ag continue with gravel donation? – yes. Reminder from Jim that liability insurance through Trails BC is due this month – pay through website.

Brochures: Matt has some set aside for Candy to disperse at trail heads.

2020 Projects List: A work in progress. Looking at low lying fruit to start this year. Carl spoke to Andy Dawson regarding what was on STS future lists so that they could offer as much support as possible.

Correspondences:

Approaches to boardwalks on Summer's Eve fixed? Apparently, it has been done. To be confirmed.

Squamish Non-Profit virtual workshop: Monday, April 20 - how to maintain your volunteer base.

Benevity Profile update: all good

Business Arising:

MOU: on circulation for comments – Jim – favourable comments from most – waiting for SFN.

Sea to Sky Trail signs: Jim started this week (one-person job due to Covid). Jim has also put up social distancing signage.

Annual DOS meeting: passed to Aja to organize – possible Zoom meeting – Matt to contact Aja to confirm details.

Pitch in week: 19-26 April – still opportunity for individuals or families to make a contribution.

"North Loop Connector": Found a well-used link from Eaglewind tennis to town dike: good project, should talk to DoS for load of gravel on east end – needs short bridge.

Trails crew: remove deadfall at east end old north dike – permission? Maybe better to get some gravel moved to fill wet area to north of windfalls? 2" minus would be good.

AGM: in May - exec. and director roles? Discussion of incumbents continuing in their existing roles.

All in agreement to continue in current roles for another year. Noted there is position open for volunteer recruitment and project manager. AGM will probably be by Zoom. Discussion of how that might work – post on website asking members to contact for link – not just put link out there for just anybody?



Roundtable: Jack – thanks to John Harvey on work across from Neat and Cool, thanks to Matt for the effort on the Great Wall off Depot; Jen – why the fence? One reason was because one neighbour allowed works through property which made him unpopular with the others who then said “what about me” - what about them - what about us – Matt compelled to smooth the way to the best of his limited carpentry ability! Bit of work to avoid future conflict; Jen – thanks to Carl for Corridor Trail signage, Jim’s Senior Smoothers signs great as well; Jim – permission to spend money on storage shed dead bolt assembly. Looking to All Keys and Locks for recommendations. Mamquam Golf Course Trail upgrade left some very rough sections – possibly involve golf course folks like Telus Day of Giving. Jim to contact Golf course for possible involvement – OK to spend some money for gravels; John – discussion of bridge across to Rose Park location, Bienally organizer looking to Squamish to support a full time “artist in residence” – also discussed bridge design to facilitate a “glorious” bridge with unique design – not a floating bridge! Could be a beautiful, iconic thing? What about the pedestrian bridge connection to Victoria?



Adjournment: 20:13

Next meeting: AGM? May 20

