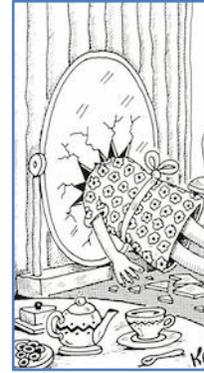




Squamish Trails Society May 20, 2020
Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Attendance: Matt Parker, Carl Halvorson, Jen Adams, Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Jack Hughes, John Harvey, Heather Evans

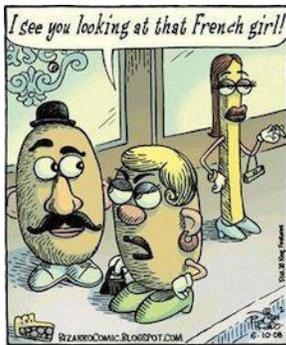
Call to order: 19:09

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of Minutes of April Meeting: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Jim – carried.

Reports:

The Looking Glass trail: Matt – it is done, some homeowners are modifying fence for more privacy. Question; was it supposed to be a 1.5m trail? One spot is a metre trail. Original application was for a “blue” trail – probably between green and blue. There is a concern regarding the narrow bit. There was some concern about the slope being unstable, so the trail was built on top of the existing scree slope with rock walls built up from below. Neighbours noted that trail is getting lots of use. Will there be a later on, more formal opening? VP of Polygon did come out with his family for an informal look see and “declaration of opening.” Did you get a picture? Yes!



Trail base material Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: In progress Matt – Matt to follow up with Pascal from DFO to give some impetus to respond. Hopefully we will get some permission to move forward.

Brushback Brigade: Vic – growing quite fast now. SORCA is looking for trail crew work, so we can put some suggestions forward. Discussion of reporting volunteer hours – could send times to Vic to tabulate. Noted

Campground & SBP Projects: John - nothing new to report...

Financials: Jack – report tabled, thank you very much! Need a grant writer to move forward.

Trails BC AGM: Jim & Matt attended Zoom meeting from all around the Province.

DOS meeting: Carl, Jim, Matt attended (with extremely long list :-)) Meeting notes available...

Question regarding Crumpit Cruiser signs excluding use. Problem with gathering areas being provided upgrades the danger tree assessment. Matt to ask if sign can come down. Discussion of danger tree criteria.

Correspondences:

Volunteer application received through volunteer connections: Jim handled it and added to call out list.

Had about 50 lists, 3 applications and 1 came through.

Business Arising:

STS Projects & Projects: to be assigned to Trails Crew. Does anybody have anything at this time? North Dike trail has a big heavy tree on east end. Discussion of SFN permission lands – seems to be all happening in North Vancouver. Can we just move forward and do it? Maybe partner with SFN youth to get some buy in? Would be good to put in a couple of cubic metres of gravel into the wet, muddy bit. Matt to look into some local permission – Joyce Williams. Discussion of muddy sections of North Swan – could possibly be fixed with some local materials. (Good for trail crew)



AGM & Executive Elections:

Adoption of the Minutes of 2019 AGM Minutes: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by John – carried.

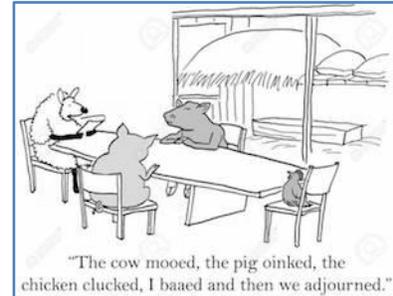
Elections: Heather not staying on as director but willing to continue assisting with membership.

Matt did contact most people to see if they would like to continue – has not heard back from Sean Gosnell – who has signed on as STS rep on Smoke Bluffs. Discussion of Jack as Director, being related to Matt – willing to serve though if OK. Noted that the Executive Committee includes the Treasurer – so Jack should be a Director... Candy keen to continue helping out with brochures.

Candidates agreeing to stand: Matt Parker – President; John Harvey – Vice president; Treasurer – Jack Hughes; Secretary – Carl Halvorson; Directors at Large – Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Jennifer Adams. Question asked three times if there are any other candidates – there being none candidates elected.

Discussion of filing the Society directors with Province – Jack has the forms and Jim can help if required. Easy enough to submit on line...

Roundtable: Matt: Telephone conference tomorrow with lawyer concerning Westbild settlement. They have new offer closer to that which is generally acceptable to STS. Discussion of particulars settlement options – preferred option is buyout to wrap this up. Discussion of lawyer fees and strategies for incentives to settle – what would we let go of to ensure settlement and no future issues. Jen, Jack, Jim, Matt to take part in call.



Jack: acknowledge work on Parking Lot Craggs. John; importance for STS to continue to get acknowledgement to raise profile. Logo going on new projects supported in SBP area. Jim working with InBiz to create presentation/recognition plaques. (Diabond) Motion to spend \$200 for plaques – carried. Jack: noted that social distancing on trails has been very good; Carl: repairs/modifications done to both Chelem bridges, discussion of Amblepath trail options and bridge deck replacement, reporting volunteer hours; Jim: who needs keys for storage shed? (4), trails advisory committee – any objections to moving forward to contact other interested community groups? Discussion of other committee roles ie. smoke bluffs – DoS a bit gun shy of another committee – maybe an advisory group (not a committee?). There would be advantages to an adhoc committee – we should reach out and see what interest there is? Jim will put forward the idea to groups to see what the interest is. May only be an acknowledgement that we all have common interests and think about other groups with shared interests before moving forward individually? John: thanks to everybody who assisted in getting the door into the “Ted Shed”. Noted that the windows are still a vulnerable point. Jim and John to work on making windows a bit more secure.

Adjournment: 20:09

