



Squamish Trails Society
Wednesday, April 17/AGM Meeting
Squamish Savings Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:02

In attendance: Carl, Matt, Jim, Meg, Heather S, Jennifer, Vic, Nelson, Pat, Patsy, John, Jim*, Jack*, Mike, Patrick, Nicole. *new members

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Meg – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jenn, seconded by Heather – carried.



Reports:

- **Nature Trail Progress Report:** Jim – spent \$3300 completed approx. %60 – next work party April 26/27 9am start. Thanks to Muni for compacting ... thanks to Richard for that. AND, what about horses? Discussion non-slip surface for south bridge: Volunteer use on multiple locations – no standing around ☺
- **SVEA Report:** Nicole – re: Nature Loop – how does the info get out to call for help? Planning for grant application in 2020 – looking at Nature Trail south bridge. Discussion Brennan Park/Centennial way equestrian access and routing.
- **Dog Owner Education:** Laura – planning to be at Earth Day
- **BBB:** Coat of paint on shed – next projects? CH 4.5 hours on Ray’s – raked 350m.
- **Campground and SBO Projects:** John – thanks to Matt and grade 5/6 with BC Hydro moving brush and chipping. Hopefully we will see a lovely story in the Chief! East Side Trail – Smoke Bluff meeting on Thursday. Controversy with mountain bikers – signage installed to inform/direct and clarify. Thanks to Landlugger – next challenge is to pay for it. Campground on annual 2 week shut down. Overwinter clients got out on time so it is all working out for May 1st opening date.



- **Turtle Trail:** Meg – physical trail moving around, last year DoS did 6th avenue area, this year hopefully. Wayfinding in process. Will be going out to do more flagging – need to sort out with DoS re marking on private land. May 14 Committee of Whole – Community Interpretation Plan – talk to Meg on Earth Day. Keely working on Community Crawl routes – three will be on Turtle Trail. Based on last years ride recommendations came forward.

Planning to meet one time in middle of town – Mamquam overpass – head north to Fergies/Sunwolf. Off road/not off road – establish priorities to bring forward. Then meet again same place and head south to Gondola. Information on Facebook page – Squamish Turtle Trail. Wayfinding – any money? Main route – Sea to Sky/Cross Canada is in place. DoS big wayfinding project not doing “year three” roll out but may have some money for small projects. Challenge is what is form and character that is appropriate?

- **Financial:** Jim – assets almost \$45K with bills to \$8K – need to spend some money? ☺
- **Smoke Bluff Park Updated Park/Trail Map:** Table – discussion of scope of park/map discrepancies. Discussion regarding “ownership”. FMCBC wants to keep control on their parts – don’t trust that DoS will protect park designation and like to control mountain bike/trials bikes from “their” area. Discussion regarding expansion of park – high priority to expand to Mamquam Blind Channel (acquire Drenka property). Trail issues: priorities projects – east side trail had SORCA approval but small number of people not happy with crossing downhill lines. Previous committee members fought against multiple users in Park and were looking for restrictions.



Correspondence:

- Chris Singer: Thompson Trail bridge repair – deck and railings need some repair. Suggested that he come and make a presentation? Do we want to improve access to a trail that could be deemed as dangerous as the Brohm Lake area bridges are in poor repair. Do we want to set precedent that we are looking after Forestry infrastructure? Cost to repair \$85. Approved by show of hands we pay for material.
- Robin Sherry: Mamquam River Canyon project – seeking letter of support for zoning change from RS-1 to Commercial/Rec. Needs to have some crafting to ensure there is protection for public access in the area. Noted

that the Mamquam run of river plant does have concerns regarding the number of people that will be attracted to the area. Discussion of merits of projects. There will be a public meeting for persons to express concerns and support. Moved by John that STS write a letter of support, seconded by Carl – carried.

- Benevity: Electronic fund transfer set up to facilitate \$5000 RBC grant. Target Wonderland trail? Maybe could do some work on Jack's Trail as well?
- SORCA Trail Day: - #2 Crouching Squirrel Saturday April 13. Installed some water bars etc.
- Helen Beynon: Letter of support for SORCA youth employment grant to Coast Capital Savings and inquiry into WBF grant for paving at bike/jump park.
- BC Hydro BBB grant for \$400. Maybe could be an annual grant for a specific trail – maybe under a powerline?
- Trails BC AGM in Penticton May 10. Interested? RSVP.
- Daffodils in Chief for Swan Trail connector: Good future upgrade project – particularly low “wet” bit!



Business Arising:

- Earth Day: Pavilion Park – April 20. 9:00 am set up with day ending at 2pm.
- Nature Trail: resurfacing southern section planning. Dry weather dependant ...
- Purchasing 2 more wheelbarrows? Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Heather – carried. \$400 budget. Plastic, contractor style with STS boldly marked on side.
- Next project and Trail Crew proposed proposals:

AGM Elections and Appointments:*

Financial Statement: Moved by Patricia, seconded by Heather, that we approve the financial statement as presented – carried.

AGM chaired by Meg, thanks to Matt and everybody who has served for the past year.

Elections:

Matt Parker – President, John Harvey – vice President, Carl Halvorson – scribe, Jim Gracie – Treasurer with Jack Hughes as Director Treasurer’s Apprentice
 Heather Evans – membership, Jennifer Adams – communications, Shaun Gosnell – Smoke Bluff Park rep.



Roundtable: Nicole – North Swan Trail bridge requires new deck : action item Carl – Andy Dawson contacted; Patricia/Patsy Chelem Trail south bridge in very bad shape – log is rotten: action item Carl – SRWS contacted and are aware of situation, bridge deck has been repaired; Jim – International Trails Day June 1; Heather – Beckham property - access in works with RedBridge development; Jennifer – appreciates the images people send along; Vic – can we store gas in our storage shed – no!; Jim – prefers emails for communications, forestry background; Jack – campground ideas related in Chief – great if useable but both have significant problems; Meg – off road transportation network efficiencies, alignment needs to be done at some point. Community rides can highlight these issues. Often safer if there is separation; Pat – issues about dog bags; Carl – when does an electric bike become an electric motorcycle, noted that DoS is doing upgrades to Discovery Trail, could we have BBB day on Ray Peter Wed. April 24? Meet at Alice Lake turnoff.

Adjournment: Moved by Nelson we adjourn – 20:52

***Attendance:**

John Harvey, Jim Gracie, Jen Adams, Vic Drought, Jim Drake, Jack Hughes, Mike Wilson, Patricia Marini, Heather Sidsworth, Patsy Richer, Meg Fellowes, Patrick MacNamarra, Nelson Winterburn, Carl Halvorson, Nicole Murray

