

**MINUTES OF FEB 2/21 MEETING
for
FRIENDS OF GARBALDI PARK SOCIETY (FOGPS)**

TIME: 7:00pm. February 2, 2021

LOCATION: Conference call via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Taryn Eyton – *president* taryn.eyton@gmail.com
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Emily Freer
Cole
Barbara
Erick

PURPOSE:

Continue discussions of issues relating to the improvement to the accessibility and use
of Garibaldi Park

DISCUSSION

- 1) Introductions
 - a) Taryn introduced the executive and committee members and explained the purpose of the FOGPS and its accomplishments to date.
 - b) The three committees: Trail Maintenance, Social, and Advocacy committees would all welcome assistance.
 - c) Three new people attended the meeting: Cole, Barbara, Erick.
- 2) The minutes of the January 6th meeting were accepted without revisions.

3) Expenses

- a) Taryn clarified that at this time the club must pay the web site fee of **\$180**, the BC Societies registration fee of **\$40**, the FMCBC membership fee of an amount to be determined (\$8/member).
- b) **Action** Members are requested to send a donation to Taryn at taryn.eyton@gmail.com to help her to pay these costs. Surplus funds could be returned on a prorated basis to each donor.
- c) The FMCBC fee is based upon the number of members. She has approached the federation to see if it will accept the present board and committee members for the basis of the fee calculation, but is still waiting to hear back.
- d) In order for the club to continue to collect funds and pay expenses there will need to be a bank account and a treasurer. *This should be discussed at the next meeting.*
- e) **Action** anyone willing to be treasurer should contact Taryn prior to the next meeting.

4) Social Committee – Charmaine & Allyssa

- a) The Social committee is working on what content should be shared that would be of interest to the public.
- b) **Action** Members should send any information that might be of interest to either Charmaine or Allyssa via Slack. This could be just a simple comment or any information about a hike or something that has been observed on another computer site. We all need to “like” and share posts to help spread the word - tag friends/family, create conversations within posts.
- c) There has been a boost in social media on both IG and FB likes (IG from 13 followers to 82, they are also following 106 accounts)
- d) New attendees - Devon, Erick (from FB) & Barbara, Cole (from IG). Follow up with Devon – no show for meeting
- e) **Action** Allyssa and Charmaine to continue creating more contents and pictures, etc., to post
- f) **Action** Allyssa and Charmaine to follow up with Alex about website content and updates.

5) Trail maintenance – Jag & Vanessa

- a) Taryn, Jag & Vanessa spoke with David and Kevin from BC Parks about FOGPS’s future involvement in trail maintenance. Parks is drafting an agreement for FOGPS to sign.
- b) The committee is going to start a trail watch program for Garibaldi Park with the intent of visiting trails every few weeks to do maintenance and to report to Parks on issues.

- c) The hope is to collect donations and do pop-up events at Garibaldi Park. This function will be included in the agreement with Parks.
 - d) The committee is looking for volunteers before deciding how many projects can be tackled in the summer and which trails can be watched.
 - e) It will probably be best to do maintenance on reasonably good trails rather than attempting to do major trail repair or construction projects.
 - f) **Action** Taryn suggested that the committee produce a trail maintenance schedule with estimates of how many people will be required. The committee is intending to develop such as schedule during tomorrow evening's trail maintenance committee meeting.
 - g) Jay stated that Parks is hoping to get funding to maintain at least the following two trails:
 - i) Wedgemount Lake Trail – needs at least \$100K for major work.
 - ii) Singing Pass Access re-route from north side of Fitzsimmons Creek - waiting for approval from Whistler Blackcomb.
 - h) At this time the Rubble Creek parking lot and access road are being plowed intermittently. The lot seems to be quite full at times.
 - i) Unfortunately trail maintenance volunteers will likely have to provide their own tools.
 - j) **Action** Anyone with experience with safety and risk assessment should contact the committee to assist in the production of an Annual Operating Plan.
- 6) Advocacy Group – Tom & Josie
- a) Two updates:
 - i) The FOGPS will send a letter to Parks with some minor revisions to the original letter stating that the group basically maintains its original stance regarding the SW Garibaldi Amendment proposal.
 - ii) The committee will establish a procedure to deal with future issues.
 - b) The access to the Singing Pass Trail is being blocked by the Whistler development. The committee will send a letter of protest.
- 7) Megan has almost completed the document storage. *She will be asked to update the group at the next meeting.*
- 8) Megan has done some research on whether the society should become a “non-profit” or a “charitable” society. *She will discuss this at the next meeting.*
- 9) There has been no avalanche analysis of the terrain within Garibaldi Park to develop ATES.
- a) The FMCBC has investigated the possibility of doing this, but funding is needed plus the approval of BC Parks.
 - b) **Action** The Advocacy Committee should consider how the FOGPS could assist.

- c) The society could perhaps work with the Squamish Search & Rescue on this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meetings:

- **Trail Maintenance Meeting** **Wednesday, February 3rd**
- **Advocacy Committee meeting** **Tuesday, February 16th**
- **FOGPS general meeting** **Wednesday, March 3rd**
- **Social Committee** **Tuesday, February 9th**