

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society March 2021 Meeting

Time 7pm, April 6, 2021

Location Conference via Zoom

In attendance

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Purpose

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

1. [March meeting minutes](#) were approved
2. New FMCBC Trails Committee:
 - a. Jay explained they are starting a new trails committee with the goal to keep track of all the different trails, taking into account the different trail systems, who is managing the trails
 - b. Look into starting trail audits again
 - c. Adopting trails
 - d. Unknown how often the committee would meet.
3. Wilderness First Aid Course
 - a. Tiffany reached out a few different organisations who offer the course, explaining who we are and how we could benefit from taking the course. We're potentially looking at getting sponsorship, either full or partial to offset the costs

- b. Need to find out what the minimum numbers are to take the course
- 4. Recap of FMCBC Meeting with BC Parks
 - a. Jay, Monica, Taryn and Cassandra from VOC attended BC Parks in March
 - b. Focus was to convince BC Parks that funding, trail work was needed
 - c. Jay presented slides about trail erosion at Wedgemount, Seymour and Cypress
 - d. Recap was a fairly positive meeting, BC Parks was open to feedback about erosion, lack of maintenance, but they don't have the funding from provincial government
 - e. BC Parks has a budget of \$14 million for the whole province. Gives priority to drive-in front country campgrounds
 - f. For FOGPS: BC parks has hired some student trail crews who will be working in Garibaldi this summer, we can connect with BC parks to pair up with the crews. They also plan some outreach events at trail heads, which we could also pair up with
 - g. There is no long term budget for plowing Rubble Creek, so if there is winter plowing it has to be taken out of the summer budget
 - h. Couldn't confirm if they have a trail counter in the winter. They are however counting cars in the parking lot, so there is some awareness of how popular the trail is in winter
- 5. Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale
 - a. Avalanche Canada provides forecast for key backcountry locations
 - b. Elfin Lakes used to be on it, but has been removed
 - c. We think that Garibaldi Lake and Elfin Lakes should have more avalanche awareness at the trailheads
 - d. According to AC, some evaluations are being paid for by BC Parks, so there is a chance at they're coming back, but no clear direction
- 6. Singing Pass Trail update
 - a. Jay reports no update from Vail
- 7. Elect Treasurer
 - a. Megan has knowledge about non-profit accounting knowledge
 - b. Megan is our new treasurer
 - c. Alex to share Google Form for website info
- 8. Elect New Secretary
 - a. Vanessa was elected as new secretary
- 9. Charity vs Non Profit
 - a. We are a non-profit, could apply for charity status
 - b. [Reference Document](#)
 - c. Megan to look into the process involved to gain charity status

- d. Registered charities can give tax receipts, which will benefit us when it comes time to raise money
 - e. For now we are staying as non-profit with the aim to eventually go for charitable status
10. Social Media and Events Update
- a. Start reporting outcomes from meetings with BC Parks or other organisations
11. Trail Maintenance Update
- a. Meeting with BC Parks on April 9, aiming to finalising our agreement with them
 - b. Have been in touch with Garibaldi ranger responsible for Garibaldi South
 - c. Vanessa and Jag to share FAQ and sign-up form with Alex to post on the website
12. Advocacy Committee
- a. FOGPS thoughts on Garibaldi SW Amendment finalized ([see position here](#))
 - b. Next focus on day pass system and Garibaldi at Squamish Resort
13. Google Drive update
- a. Megan started a Google Drive
 - b. Alex to look into free Google Workspace for non-profits
14. Website update
- a. If anyone has content to share, please share everything with Alex
15. Switching from Zoom to Google Meet
16. Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates:
- a. General Meeting: Tuesday May 4, 7pm - now a [recurring meeting in Google Meet](#) for the first Tuesday of every month
 - b. Trail Maintenance: Wednesday April 14 at 7pm
 - c. Advocacy: Tuesday April 20 at 8pm
 - d. Social: tbd