

January 2023 Open Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday January 3, 2023 at 7pm
Via Google Meet

In Attendance:

Taryn Eyton
Monika Bittel
Sierra Searing
Suk Soos
Vanessa Roth
Alexandra Piros
Carlyle Machinski
Manirco Scremin
Char Joyce
Anderson Socials
Jag Singh
Emily Freer
Meghan Joycey
Brian Wood

Regrets:

Greg Smolyn

Agenda:

1. Approval of November and December meeting minutes
 - a. approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
 - a. No additional items
3. Coffee with Kara update - Taryn
 - a. Kara is the current Sr Ranger for Garibaldi South and she met with Taryn mid December 2022

Kara wanted to have coffee informally to see how best we can work together. Had a good in person chat for 2.5 hrs. Kara was open with challenges they are having at BC Parks. It was a wide range conversation, but here are some relevant topics with regards to our committees.

- i. Everyone in her command chain are in brand new roles
- ii. The backcountry is taken care of by rangers, front country taken care of by private contractors. They are hoping to come up with a new

proposal to take back a lot of the front country work, to do a lot of the work themselves and help to generate more revenue.

- iii. Also talked about: Taylor meadows bear closures, bear policies and where/when FOGPS could be involved.
- iv. Talked about Elfin Lakes Shelters - they are almost done. Hoping to open for the busy Christmas/New Year's season but they had to fix propane leak first. Taryn will follow up with them now.
- v. She will keep us in mind for the big projects for this year, Taryn suggested that we have bodies/volunteers but not a lot of skill yet.
- vi. If we want to do fundraising for some projects then she might be able to help us with identifying which projects would be good candidates

4. Treasurer update and - Megan

- a. Cost of the year is \$320 (basically website and a few other things)
- b. We need to figure out how we are going to cover expenses
 - i. Funding options and suggestions were given to board members in a previous document.
- c. Taryn asked board members to voice their opinion around board members all contributing to the costs directly. In the past board members were asked to contribute what they could and everyone did \$20-\$40. Before that the previous President covered all costs himself.
 - i. Can we raise money ourselves and impose a fee later if we need to? We haven't tried to raise funds yet. But we are also looking at solving a funding problem. So if we have 11 board members who pay a \$30 membership fee then we have solved the problem and we can fundraise for other things like tools in the future.
 - ii. If we start issuing tax receipts then we actually lose our ability to advocate, as there are different criteria for Charities.
 - iii. We also want to make the organisation welcoming for everyone, so we wanted to keep membership dues low. So maybe say that dues are not expected as members unless you sit on the board of directors.
 - iv. Suggestion: what if we say this year that we say that Board Members pay \$30 membership dues per person and we also push for more fundraising
 - v. Suggestion to keep expenses as low as possible to keep fees low so more people are able to be involved.
 - 1. Follow up with Tori at FMBCC regarding the tool shed they have. Have Vanessa and/or Taryn to follow up with this.
 - vi. Hesitant to implement a fee for regular members, maybe if there is a Trail Maintenance event then we can ask for a donation to help contribute towards this. Maybe some regular members now could also just contribute something as well.
 - vii. Maybe not the worst idea to have a membership fee to at least cover our bare expenses. And then we can work on getting our social media up and running.
 - viii. For this year, it seems like we are all on board with board members contributing \$30 to cover costs and then we will all work together on raising awareness and helping to fundraise during 2023. We need to work on non-board member fundraising.

- ix. Propose and put to vote a solution where the existing 11 members will pay membership dues of \$30/year and the board agrees that we shall pursue fundraising more aggressively to make up any deficit and to cover any additional expenses.
 1. Yes No vote for the board members only
 2. All 10 board members that are present are all in favour (Greg abstains as he is not present)
 3. Megan will send around something in Slack to board members and they can pay via e transfer by Jan 15, 2023. If you are not able to make it by then let Meghan and/or Taryn know.
5. Social media update - Carlyle
 - a. Not much as she was away for the last month
 - b. Trying to make instagram to facebook posts work, Taryn can help if Carlyle messages her.
 - c. Goal is twice a month to post and clean-up the Instagram profile
 - d. Any ideas from anyone would be helpful to get things running.
6. Trail maintenance committee update - Jagwinder/Vanessa
 - a. No big update
 - b. We will submit some documents for the year.
 - c. Taryn will share more about her meeting with Kara at our next meeting on Jan 10.
7. Advocacy Committee Update - Suk/Taryn
 - a. They are not clearing the roads at Rubble Creek consistently. David Whiteside is back tomorrow and hopefully will get more information. Monika is waiting to hear from him to see if the ploughing contract has been signed with Miller Capilano (the plowing contractor).
 - b. If any of us are at the Rubble Creek park road and parking lot please take pictures of the road and the cars and send them to Monika or Taryn.
 - c. Carlyle works in Insurance and she will look to see if they are a broker for Miller Capilano and if they are then she will see what relationships she can put together and send it to Suk/Taryn.
8. Volunteer Coordinator update - Emily, Greg, and Alex
 - a. Emily is going through the video and working on a checklist for the Trail Maintenance training. If we need any clarification then we can send the checklist to David at BC Parks to do so.
9. Website and IT update - Alex
 - a. The renewal is coming up for the website hosting.
10. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
 - a. Tuesday February 7 at 7pm
 - b. Trail Maintenance: Tuesday, January 10 at 7pm
 - c. Advocacy: Tuesday, Jan 17 at 7pm.
 - d. Social: tba
 - e. Volunteer coordination: Tuesday, Jan 10 at 8pm after trail maintenance.