

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society February 2023 Open Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 7pm

Via Google Meet:

In Attendance:

Taryn Eyton
Sierra Searing
Suk Soos
Vanessa Roth
Alexandra Piros
Carlyle Machinski
Char Joyce
Emily Freer
Meghan Joycey

Agenda:

1. Approval of [January meeting minutes](#)
 - a. Approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
 - a. No other items
3. Streamlining meetings going forward
 - a. Less open board meetings
 - b. Regular committee meetings with set dates, agendas, and meeting minutes
 - i. Generally the idea is liked, questions around if we would have designated people to take minutes at the committee meetings, as it's challenging to chair a meeting and take minutes.
 - ii. How would we then share the minutes: Slack, a google form with a general summary after each meeting.
 - iii. Then we would have to figure out what the key issues are in the minutes that we would put in the general form and/or newsletter
 - iv. If we had the summary of the minutes sent then when we do have an open board meeting we could actually discuss topics that we have reflected over from summary minutes.
 - v. Taryn would be willing to synthesise the minutes to go out in the Newsletter.
 - vi. An informal vote was done as to who uses Slack for Gmail more. Most were Slack, encouragement was asked to use Slack or forward your FOGPS mail to whichever mail service you use.
 - vii. A Slack could have a Channel for Minutes. Alex will create now.
 - viii. Next committee meeting will see how you will appoint someone to take minutes. If you need a template Taryn can help create it.
 - ix. Carlyle and Taryn will look at the minutes and pull things out for the Social Media and Newsletter.

4. Indigenous liaison committee idea - Taryn
 - a. Have talked to various groups and people about having this.
 - b. Talked to a Mountaineering club on the Island and they have a Indigenous Committee and they do various projects and are involved with Indigenous groups.
 - c. What could we offer the Indigenous groups to be involved with us at Garibaldi Park, as it's better to offer something then to take it.
 - d. Who might want to join Taryn on this Committee.
 - i. Sierra and Megan will join.
 - e. One idea would be to hire an Indigenous person to take us on guided walks in the Park.
 - f. Suggestion was to offer a donation to help hire someone.
 - g. Alex will create an Indigenous Liaison Slack Channel and invite those who want to be a part of it.
5. Treasurer update and proposed new funding models - Megan
 - a. We have enough funds to pay back members who incurred expenses on behalf of FOGPS
 - b. We are paying our board dues and then aim to fundraise over the summer.
 - c. Question was raised about how to go about fundraising. We should have a one page overview about what we do so we can give it to them. Also a statement about where the money is going.
 - d. Megan will work on that document, Greg will ask Trail Maintenance about what it is they would like to buy to put it in the document.
 - e. We could also put this information in a Newsletter when we do it and we could also put a fundraising goal amount.
6. Social media update - Carlyle
 - a. Will do call outs when we know what we are asking for and when.
 - b. Possibly put the months/dates of when we are doing trail maintenance and start promoting.
 - c. Will post the Blackcomb winter access Survey
7. Trail maintenance committee update - Greg
 - a. Vanessa stepping down, Greg stepping in
 - b. Discussing with BC Parks South to see if we can be involved in some of their projects they have for this year, there seems to be a good amount of things they would like to see happen.
 - c. BC Parks suggested Crooked Falls Trail, Sea to Summit Trail for early season trail watch training hikes
 - d. Composting toilet at Panorama ridge trail junction, is a project we could consider to fundraise for.
 - e. Also we could build the boardwalk in Taylor Meadows if BC Parks can find a construction supervisor.
 - f. Meeting with Andrea next week to chat about some of these things.
 - g. Meet + Greet Proposed by BC Parks later in the spring - we will keep you informed if you are interested.
 - h. Proposed schedule for 2023 - Call for Captains and all the trail watch events. We have started the schedule in April and go through September.

- i. Please think when you are available and if you want to be a leader and if we can schedule ahead of time then we can give the information to Carlyle to post and recruit more volunteers.
 - j. Trail Maintenance will send out the potential hikes in Slack.
- 8. Advocacy Committee Update - Suk/Taryn
 - a. Checked on Elfin Lakes shelter and when it can be opened, they are working on a propane leak and not sure when it will be fixed.
 - i. Taryn will follow up with an email and see if they fixed the propane leak.
 - b. Asking for an update and historical data from the reservation system - we want to know how much reservation policies and bear closures at Cheakamus and Taylor Meadows have impacted people as well as how much visitation has increased over the last few years
- 9. Volunteer Coordinator update - Emily, Greg, and Alex
 - a. Update done with Trail Maintenance
- 10. Website and IT update - Alex
 - a. No updates
 - b. Megan and Carlyle are working on the statement about donations that we want to say on the website and will get to Alex.
- 11. Any additional agenda items
- 12. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
 - a. Next Open Board Meeting Tuesday March 7 at 7pm
 - b. Trail Maintenance: Tuesday Feb 14 at 7pm [2nd Tuesday of the month]
 - c. Advocacy: Tuesday, Feb 21, 7pm (third Tuesday of the month)