

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society
June 2023 Open Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 7pm

In Attendance:

Taryn
Vanessa
Monika
Carlyle
Anthony Downes
Alex
Greg
Emily
Suk
Sierra
Jag
Megan

Regrets:

Charmaine

Agenda:

1. Approval of [May meeting minutes](#)
 - a. approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
 - a. none
3. New [standard operating procedure](#) for meetings invites and agendas - how is it going?
 - a. Are we adding minutes to slack? Or sending things to Carlyle for Social?
 - i. People are not posting in Slack. People are not submitting their minutes to Slack.
 - ii. We will try for another month but then Carlyle feel free to poke people.
 - iii. The purpose was to help reduce meetings; however, we are not doing this so we have to continue with meetings.
 - b. Is the recurring calendar invite and attaching agenda working for people?
 - i. Seems to be
 - c. Updated newsletter format - asks new members to email for a meeting invite instead of providing link
 - d. Post on social media about a meeting just before the next trail maintenance event.
4. Fundraising ideas update

- a. Suk talked to Squamish businesses to donate
 - i. They are all interested in donating
 - ii. No Limits Motor Sports, Squamish Toyota, Way Point Insurance
 - 1. Still need a letter to connect with them to get more contract details. Will connect with Megan to get letter.
 - iii. ORBC - \$500 grant we got to buy tools, we did and now they are in the shed beside Taryn and Greg's house, green tape on FOGPS tools
 - iv. The trail markers have arrived - they cost \$200.10 for 300 markers. These were apparently subsidised through the federation, but we can't guarantee that this subsidy will be here in the future.
 - 1. This will be paid out of personal pocket for now but will check with Meaghan to see where funds are at. When Suk brings in the funds we can use the funds for this in the future.
- 5. Indigenous liaison committee -
 - a. no update this month - still have not yet met
 - b. Will pick back up in the Fall
- 6. Treasurer update - Megan
 - a. No update except that we have some recent expenses (web hosting, trail markers) that will need to be paid out of pocket by board members until we can fundraise.
- 7. Social media update - Carlyle
 - a. Posted about June 3 trail maintenance event
 - i. It seemed to work well to have one person dedicated to take photos and then send it Social, so maybe that's something we can do that again in the future.
 - b. Nice to do a poll to see where people want to put 10 Million that the Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC) received, a poll with broad options (e.g. wheel chair accessibility, backcountry camping, new trail creation, and then an give them a text box)
 - c. Monika would like to hear the thoughts on how the money would like to be spent so that way she can forward them to ORC BC when she meets with them in the future.
 - d. Fundraising update to come
 - e. Can do a social media post when we know what we need funds for ex: trail markers.
- 8. Trail maintenance committee update - Jagwinder/Greg
 - a. June 3 event - Greg
 - i. We had 2 board members (Taryn and Greg) 11 volunteers came through Eventbrite - 9 of those were new faces that need to go on the mail list.
 - ii. PNWOA - pacific northwest outdoor association - they were looking for an event to join on trail day and contacted us and then joined us. They brought 11-12 people so we had a total of 25 people.
 - iii. We brought all the tools we just bought and some garbage bags, we used the talking point sheet and checklist and they were really helpful.
 - iv. Took us 4.5 hrs and we did drainage shovelling and garbage pick up and it was pretty good.

- v. Taryn - Good to maybe plan this earlier in the New Year as it didn't look like it needed much trail maintenance, so was it that engaging in for first time Trail Maintenance. Greg thinks it could be ok if the as if there are good trimmers in the front than there is lots to pick up. Monika, if there are timid trimmers in the front (if they are not that familiar with the task) then there is not a lot to pick up and it will grow super quick. Garbage pick up - there is more later in the season.
 - vi. We submitted an application to BC Parks for PEF funding for tools, but we have not heard anything back yet.
 - vii. We had feedback at the event where we have something that communicates who we are and what we do (a sign or flyer?). Whether we hand it out or not, can we do this for the July event?
- b. Trail Building Course with BC Parks - we missed the PEF funding deadline so we can't get any funds back. BC Parks brought the course and will be in Squamish in a couple of weeks and they need fill the course with 15 people and they only have 6/7. It is \$206.67/pp.
1. It's Thursday/Friday June 22/23, 2023, <https://www.dropbox.com/s/lsz5frpjcwgba7r/Trail%20Holistics%20Workshops%202023.pdf?dl=0>
 - a. Anthony, Jag and Monika are interested and potentially could attend.
 - b. If anyone else is interested please get in touch with Greg soon.
 2. Should we fundraise if people want to go and those people plan on sticking around FOGPS.
 - a. This could be good if the cost is the barrier.
 - b. The reality is that participants will likely have to pay out of pocket and potentially get reimbursed from fundraising.
 - c. Before we fundraise for something new, is everyone paid up on operational costs and trail markers - the answer is no. Also we have not yet submitted the ORC
 - d. It's a goal we can work towards if it happens every year or two years.
 - e. Megan - it's great to try and subsidise but can't guarantee
 - f. Result - we would like to be able to subsidise this; however, we need to cover our operational costs first. If we can subsidise we will but people should expect to pay out of pocket and only maybe get reimbursed.
 3. Can someone go out on July 8 to do an event? Please go revisit the pol on Slack.
 - a. Emily would go to Helm Creek, with maybe Jag and ?
 4. What we learned that 4 people signed up to co-lead the event on June 3 and only 2 people made it. So we need multiple people to sign up to lead an event just in case something comes up.
 5. BC Parks BBQ - has that disappeared?
 - a. BC Parks is too busy, we are hard to schedule
 - b. Can we ask BC Parks to do it in the fall?
- c. Upcoming events

1. This will be the topic on our next Trail Maintenance meeting
 2. Will put it into Slack when we have at least one board member be able to attend.
 3. Can every board member refresh their availability on the google sheet.
9. Advocacy Committee Update - Suk
- a. Sent BC Parks update on Campsite booking system - no reply
 - b. Half day passes were listed on BC Parks website for Cheakamus, Rubble, and Diamondhead trails but the don't make sense for Rubble and Diamondhead - we sent them an email about this - they clarified that those two trailheads will have full day passes. AM/PM passes will only be for Cheakamus lake Trailhead. The BC Parks website is now updated with the correct info.
 - c. Recreational Facility plan was talked about but we will wait to see what happens with Golden Ears, Cultus and Seymour before we do more.
10. Website and IT update - Alex
- a. Alex paid USD\$131/year for hosting and she will check in with Meagan on reimbursement.
11. Upcoming summer meeting dates - will enough people be able to attend? Do we need to have the open board meeting or just the committee meetings?
- a. Is there a way to still stay communicative without disrupting the plans if we do not
 - i. Tuesday July 4
 1. Maybe half can come and less think it's important to have a meeting.
 2. We will not have a July Open Board meeting, instead Trail Maintenance will just meet in July before their event.
 3. We can try to just communicate on Slack as Board.
 - ii. Tuesday August 1 - tentative meeting we will discuss on Slack if we are having it.
 - iii. Tuesday September 5 - Taryn cannot chair
12. Any additional agenda items
- a. no
13. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
- a. Next Open Board Meeting is Tentatively Tuesday, Aug 1, 2023
 - b. Trail Maintenance: Tuesday June 13 at 7pm [2nd Tuesday of the month]
 - c. Advocacy: Tuesday June 20 at 7pm
14. Action items
- a. Trail Maintenance to add 9 of those were new faces from June 3 to that need to go on the mail list.
 - b. Can every board member refresh their availability on the google sheet to Co-Lead.
 - c. Alex will give Monika access to Slack
 - d. If anyone else is interested in the Trail Building Course with BC Parks please get in touch with Greg soon.
 - e. Taryn to add Anthony to the email list for the Open Board meeting
 - f. Taryn should add "review action items from previous meeting" to all subsequent agendas

- g. Suk will connect with Meghan and/or Carlyle on Slack regarding the letter to organisations.
- h. Trail Maintenance We had feedback at the event where we have something that communicates who we are and what we do. Whether we hand it out or not, can we do this for the July event?
- i. Trail Maintenance to ask BC Parks if we can do a BBQ in the Fall instead.
- j. Monika will forward results of social poll where to potentially spend ORC money to ORC BC when she connects with them in the future.

15. Highlights to share on social/newsletter

- a. To do a poll to see where people want to put the money that ORC got.
- b. Day Pass Roll Out
- c. Can do a social media post when we know what we need funds for ex: trail markers.
- d. Post on social media about a meeting just before the next trail maintenance event.