

## Friends of Garibaldi Park Society October 2023 Open Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday October 3, 2023 at 7pm

Via Google Meet

### In Attendance:

Taryn Eyton  
Sierra Searing  
Suk Soos  
Vanessa Roth  
Alexandra Piros  
Greg Smolyn  
Dave Nabi  
Anthony Downes  
Jagwinder Singh  
Carlyle Machinski

### Regrets

Emily Freer  
Charmaine Garcia

## Agenda:

1. Approval of [June meeting minutes](#)
  - a. approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
  - a. No new items
3. Review action items from previous meeting
  - a. Trail Maintenance to add 9 of those were new faces from June 3 to that need to go on the mail list. - **done**
  - b. Can every board member refresh their availability on the google sheet to Co-Lead. - **done**
  - c. Alex will give Monika access to Slack - **done**
  - d. If anyone else is interested in the Trail Building Course with BC Parks please get in touch with Greg soon. - **done**
  - e. Taryn to add Anthony to the email list for the Open Board meeting - **done**
  - f. Taryn should add "review action items from previous meeting" to all subsequent agendas - **done**
  - g. Suk will connect with Meghan and/or Carlyle on Slack regarding the letter to organisations. - **tried, still waiting for fundraising letter. Suk will be going to Squamish this week.**
  - 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? - **we didn't get done - let's give it to Trail Maintenance for their meeting next week.**
  - i. Trail Maintenance to ask BC Parks if we can do a BBQ in the Fall instead. - **we haven't heard from BC Parks about this.**

- 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. - **done**
- 4. Prep for Nov AGM and elections
  - a. Reminder that all board members are elected at large, and then the board members decide amongst themselves who gets each role
    - i. According to By Laws - we need to give notice 30 days before AGM, done
  - b. Which positions will be vacant?
    - i. We sit on 2yr terms. We have room for up to 11 people on our board of directors.
    - ii. We may decide to fill all 11 board seats and have some board members do more than one role (previously we had vice chairs who were not board members but we have less board/committee volunteers this year)
    - iii. Roles that are open: Advocacy Chair, Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Chair (new), Trail Maintenance Co-chair, Social Media Vice Chair
    - iv. Going: Suk - Advocacy Chair, Alex - Webmaster, Emily - Volunteer Coordinator, Greg - potentially leaving Volunteer Coordinator/Trail Maintenance role and stepping into webmaster role, Charmaine as Vice President
    - v. Taryn will sort out all the open positions and communicate back to us.
  - c. Any changes to board titles/responsibilities?
    - i. Trail Maintenance and Volunteer Coordination: do we need to clarify who does what in these areas. They will discuss it in their committee meetings. Trail Maintenance needs some help with coordinating this.
- 5. Treasurer update - Megan
  - a. Megan not here tonight - no report
- 6. Social media update - Carlyle
  - a. We have photos from the last day with BC Parks
  - b. When we have an event - can we send just a couple of photos with a tag/comment
  - c. The link tree style landing page needs to be updated to include the event brite for Trail Maintenance events, so this can be posted on Social Media - Greg to do this going forward. Will discuss this at trail maintenance meeting.
- 7. Trail maintenance committee update - Jagwinder/Greg
  - a. Elfin Lakes - Vanessa was able to help in September to help set up the Kiosk.
  - b. Helm Creek - not too much garbage, some fall down trees that we cleared.
  - c. Wedgemount Lake - not a lot of trail maintenance to do, it was in good condition and little garbage.
- 8. Advocacy Committee Update - Taryn
  - a. Meeting in September talked about these 3 points:
    - i. Mount Garibaldi/Nch'Kay renaming support letter - submitted in Mid September by Advocacy. Only the name of the mountain is changing but it could lead to the name of the park changing down the road. If this happens we would have to change our name, website etc.
    - ii. We may buy a domain name now in case the park name changes
  - b. Day pass policy clarifications

- i. We asked for the fairest interpretation of the day pass as possible: We had reports of park facility officers and rangers enforcing the day pass inconsistently. BC Parks confirmed that our interpretations of their policies were correct and said they would follow up with staff re allowing people to enter park without pass on foot/bike/being dropped off
  - c. Follow up on request for historical reservation/day pass numbers sent in January.
    - i. We followed up in May and September, but we still do not have it.
    - ii. We will follow up one more time, as a courtesy for the new person in their new role, and if we do not get it we will likely be submitting a freedom of information request.
- 9. Website and IT update - Alex
  - a. Nothing to report
  - b. Put together a list of all the things to hand over to Greg stepping into the Webmaster position.
- 10. Any additional agenda items
  - a. None
- 11. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
  - a. AGM November 7 - all regular attendees have a recurring Google Meet calendar invite
  - b. Trail Maintenance: Tuesday October 10 at 7pm [2nd Tuesday of the month]
  - c. Advocacy: Wednesday October 18 at 7pm - NOTE now on Wednesdays
- 12. Action items
  - a. Greg, Jag, Emily to create a list on what tasks need to be done in both Trail Maintenance and Volunteer Coordination prior to the T.M meeting so more work can get done in the meeting.
    - i. Some tasks to include: Whose job is it to send the photos to the social media person to post
    - ii. The link tree style landing page needs to be updated to include the event brite for Trail Maintenance events, so this can be posted on Social Media.
  - b. Trail Maintenance and Volunteer Department: To discuss in their committee meetings the breakdown of tasks and who does what role.
  - c. Taryn will attend Trail Maintenance and help break down who does what.
  - d. Trail Maintenance to add board and member at large to invitation list for Trail Maintenance meetings, including Sierra.
  - e. Trail Maintenance to discuss and create something that communicates who we are and what we do to give out at trail events.
  - f. Taryn will sort out all the open positions for the Board and Communicate back to us.
  - g. Greg to buy a domain name now in case they approve changing Mount Garibaldi/Nch'Kay
  - h. Advocacy will follow up a third time on the request for historical reservation/day pass numbers sent in January.
  - i. Alex will/is put/putting together a list of all the things to hand over to Greg stepping into the Webmaster position.
  - j. Taryn sends Carlyle photos of Garibaldi/Nch'Kay

13. Highlights to share on social/newsletter
  - a. Elfin Lakes Kiosk
  - b. Post in support of Mt Garibaldi renaming