

**May 7, 2024**

Friends of Garibaldi Park Society: January 2024 Open Board Meeting Agenda

**Date: Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 7pm**

**Via Google Meet**

**In Attendance**

Taryn Eyton (Director)  
Vanessa Arsenault (Director)  
Greg Smolyn (Director)  
Monika Bittel  
Sierra Searing (Director)  
Jillian Dean

**Regrets**

Jagwinder Singh  
Anthony  
Emily Freer  
Carlyle Machinski

**Absent**

Megan Joycey

1. Our by-laws - state we need a quorum to have a meeting of the board. We have 10 directors and we need 6 directors, and we only had 4 in attendance with one maybe coming late. Tonight we are not able to vote on something, but we can have a discussion. So we will proceed with discussion tonight
2. Approval of April meeting minutes
  - a. <https://friendsofgaribaldipark.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/April-2-2024-Minutes.pdf>
  - b. Approved
3. Call for additional agenda items
  - a. Reviewing goals, and efficiency of FGPS society, with regards to Open Board meetings and attendance.
4. Review action items from previous meeting - incorporated into agenda under committee headings
5. Trail maintenance committee update - Jagwinder/Greg/Anthony
  - a. Summer trip availability google doc ([link to doc](#)) - most people still have not filled this out
    - i. Greg to change permissions so Jillian can sign up for summer trips
  - b. Greg and Taryn met with BC Parks North (Keegan) and South (Andrea and Erik)
    - i. got an adjustment to our agreement with BC Parks and we are now allowed to have power tools. FOGPS have to validate the individuals who are going to use those tools know how to use the tools.
    - ii. Asked what other ideas they need help with and we brainstormed, Diamond head- boot-cleaning stations, Cheakamus, and Wedgemount, we can apply for PEF to help with boot cleaning

equipment and concrete pads, signs for boot cleaning and invasive species etc. Wedgemount - heli landing, moving rocks, Cheakamus-slide path, brushing things down, past the first campsite, Taylor Meadows - having 4 Park Assistants there.

- iii. Things we can apply for PEF funding: boot cleaning, plaque for the history of Elfin Lake Shelter in PEF funding and Andrea suggested if we want people to take trail maintenance courses then we can get trail use with trail wholistics, and apply to the grant (PEF) for up to \$3000.
- iv. Things on BC Parks mind/plans: Rubble Creek bridge, Cheakamus - planning new outhouses
- v. Greg needs to send annual plan to BC Parks to them ASAP.
- c. Taryn requests that we have power tool users sign a document acknowledging they know how to use it.
  - i. Andrea sent over documents regarding using power tools
  - ii. Taryn asked Monika and Jillian to look at the documents to verify that we have no liability and will send them the documents.
- d. BC Trails Day planning - June 1
  - i. It's on event brite
  - ii. Brian bringing a crew to brush out to Red Heather and there will be a social/BBQ after at Greg and Taryn's house
  - iii. People on this board can just show up and others outside can sign up on Eventbrite.
  - iv. Greg to invite BC Parks to our BBQ and eventbrite and BC Parks might offer to fund it.
- e. FMCBC funding application - May 31, 2024 funding deadline. Grants in the past have been small about \$4000 so could be good for trail markers, and signs to say we are doing trail work. Taryn forwarded the email with details to Greg, Jag, and Anthony so they can discuss it at the next trail maintenance meeting.
- f. Trail Maintenance to come up with sign designs in Slack this week, then Taryn can design in Canva and they can decide where to order it. We can apply to have Greg reimbursed for the sign and frame purchase.
- g. We can likely set up a monthly meeting in the summer with BC Parks

## 6. Advocacy Committee Update - Taryn

- a. Historical reservation/day pass number crunching update
  - i. Taryn sent email with follow up questions - BC Parks does not want to answer.
  - ii. Although now we do have the number of parking spots available but we do not know how that relates to how many day passes are available.
  - iii. Taryn will follow up with and ask how things are going regarding historical reservation/day pass
- b. 2024 day passes
  - i. No longer being billed by BC Parks as a pilot program. ORCBC and CPAWS put out posts about Daypasses in support of them, and the public seems to think they are the norm now. But we still feel that they

are spending more money on it that can be spent on other things, like Trail Maintenance etc.

7. Treasurer update - Megan - Megan is absent/no update
  - a. 2023 recap spreadsheet to be shared on Slack
  - b. 2024 member dues - who hasn't paid yet
  - c. BC Societies registry receipt - does Megan have it?
  - d. Megan - with all the absences of our treasurer we are concerned about the lack of communication and work - open to having someone take it on in the interim. We might be in a problem with the bank, as we need a 3rd signer and we do not have one, we were in the process of getting Charmaine off. Taryn is on and so is Megan. Taryn will go to the bank and get the status of who is a signer.
  - e. Taryn looking at by-laws as to what to do with a member/director who is not present and we will discuss at the next meeting dismissing Megan as treasurer (she could still remain as a director) when we have Quorum.
    - i. Taryn sent Jillian/slack the by laws and who will summarize them for us regarding members leaving/being expelled.
    - ii. Approved by laws for reference:
      1. [w](#) FOGPS Bylaws - Adopted Nov 2, 2021.docx
8. Website and IT update - Greg
  - a. Greg will update website with new board and audit email permissions and slack actions.
9. Social media update - Carlyle - Carlyle is absent/no update
  - a. Day pass announcement post?
  - b. BC Trails Day promo posts
10. Any additional agenda items
  - a. A next meeting: Talk about attendance at meetings to check investment to see if we want to move forward with some of the plans goals we had/have
    - i. Taryn to put out a poll in Slack asking if Tuesdays are still good for everyone - our June meeting might be on a different night. Ideally, it's still on the first week of the month. Maybe put on the poll a reminder that we need people to show up at the meeting.
    - ii. We are doing Trail Maintenance hikes what can we do to capitalise on new volunteers
    - iii. If we can do training and get people who are interested and build up on team work.
    - iv. Using past events on social to get more out at next events
    - v. Maybe start up newsletters again, or use the emails we have collected over the years to reach out to others and get our name out.
    - vi. Get our name out to other clubs.
11. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
  - a. Next open board meeting Tuesday June 4 at 7pm - all regular attendees have a recurring Google Meet calendar invite
  - b. Trail Maintenance: May 14 at 7pm [2nd Tuesday of the month]
  - c. Advocacy: May 15 at 7pm
12. Action items

- a. Taryn asked Monika and Jillian to look at the documents to verify that we have no liability and will send them the documents.
- b. Greg - needs to get an annual plan to BC Parks to them ASAP.
- c. June 1 - People on this board can just show up and others outside can sign up on Eventbrite.
- d. Greg to put FMCBC funding application on next trail maintenance meeting - Deadline May 31
- e. Greg to invite BC Parks to our BBQ and send event brite.
- f. Greg to change permissions so Jillian can sign up for summer trips
- g. Trail Maintenance to come up with sign designs in Slack this week,
- h. Taryn will follow up with and ask how things are going regarding the historical reservation/day pass
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- m. Taryn looking at by-laws as to what to do with a member/director who is not present and we will discuss at the next meeting when we have **Chorum**.
- n. Jillian will summarize the by-laws for us regarding members leaving/being expelled
- o. Greg to send social media stuff to Carlyle about Trail Maintenance
- p. Advocacy can send Carlyle social media stuff on day passes
- q. A next meeting: Talk about attendance at meetings to check investment to see if we want to move forward with some of the plans goals we had/have
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### 13. Highlights to share on social/newsletter