

MINUTES OF THE PARK WARDEN SERVICE ALUMNI SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2022 VIA ZOOM.

PARTICIPATING: Dave Reynolds, President

Marie Nylund, Secretary-Treasurer-Membership.

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING: Colleen Reynolds, Don Mickle, Perry Jacobson, Perry Davis, Kathy Calvert, Dale Portman, Cliff White, Alan Westhaver, Gord Anderson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jim Murphy

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Larry Gilmar, Jane, Gilmar, Tom Buckley, Sid Marty, Dave Downing, Monique Hunkeler, Brian Bindon and Eric Langshaw.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm with the required number of members (10) for a quorum.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with no additions.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 27TH, 2021 AGM.

The minutes had been circulated electronically to all members prior to today's meeting.

MOTION: C. REYNOLDS/JACOBSON – to approve the Minutes of the October 27th, 2021 Annual General Meeting as presented. **CARRIED.**

4.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 2021 financial statement

Marie reviewed the 2021 audited financial report. The 2021 opening bank balance was \$4,961.32. The total assets were \$8,663.15. Total Disbursements were \$7,350.96. This report requires approval by motion at today's meeting. Once approved a signed copy is attached to the Provincial Annual Report that will be submitted to the Province of Alberta to retain our society status.

MOTION: DAVIS/WESTHAVER – to approve the audited 2021 financial statement as presented. **CARRIED.**

4.2 2022 Financial report

Marie reported on the financial activity of the society. The opening bank balance was \$6,273.51. Total income to October 31st, 2022 is \$7,541.41. Total disbursements to October 31st, 2022 are \$4,442.64. On November 1st two checks were received totaling \$400 making the bank balance \$9,772.28. There are remaining budget commitments totaling \$6,410.62. The projected bank balance at December 31st, 2022 is \$3,361.66.

MOTION: WHITE/PORTMAN – to approve the 2022 Financial Report as presented. **CARRIED.**

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dave reported:

1. Membership drive- we are still into a membership drive. We have moved into Eastern Canada, promoting the self-generated oral histories and hope that this will help to increase membership numbers. Dave encouraged Tom Buckley to consider completing a self-generated oral history.
2. Oral History project – over 100 interviews have been completed and are posted on the website.

3. Grant application for 2023 - we will be submitting another grant application for Phase 13 to undertake 10 oral history interviews. This year we received over \$2500. The grant is a matching grant, which means that the province pays for 5 interviews and PWSAS pays for 5 interviews.
4. Revised information package for self-generated histories – Dave has developed a revised self-generated document for review by the Oral History sub-committee.
5. The finances of the society are looking good with a year-end projected bank balance with sufficient funds to start off the new year.
6. International Ranger Federation – this is a world-wide organization. They have invited us to join them at a cost of about \$200 per year. Dave invited the members to explore their website (www.internationalrangers.org). Dave asked for feedback from members (for the next board meeting) as to whether or not we should join.

ACTION: Marie to place this item on the next Board meeting Agenda.

7. Medals – Dave asked for feedback on developing a medal to award to members of PWSAS for outstanding achievements such as long-term service, bravery etc. Discussion ensued. Perry Davis had some concerns about awarding medals to our own members. Tom Buckley spoke about two medals that are available from the federal government that are awarded for 20+ years of service in law enforcement and in public safety. Cliff suggested that perhaps we could consider a medal for Resource Conservation staff. This could benefit our profile. The criteria for a medal awarded by PWSAS would need to be developed.

ACTION: Tom will send out the information on the federal medals to Dave or Marie.

ACTION: Marie to place PWSAS medal on the next Agenda.

8. Cabins – Dave asked Perry Davis to provide an update on the future of the decommissioned cabins in the parks. Perry reported that some cabins were slated for decommission in Banff Park. PWSAS wrote a letter of concern and received a response from the KYLL Field Unit Manager who informed us that due process will be followed in assessing the cabins. We learned that the Owen Creek Cabin has gone through a FHBRO (Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office) process. The Baker Creek Cabin assessment is currently underway. We asked about the Hector Cabin and Perry accompanied parks personnel to the site. The FHBRO process will start on that cabin as well. It takes about two years to complete the FHBRO process. Perry further noted that pending the outcome of the FHBRO assessment, perhaps one of these cabins could be relocated outside the park and its condition maintained. It could be situated somewhere where the public could access it such as Heritage Park.

Dave commented that discussions have been held with Terry McGuire of the Parks Heritage Conservation Society with regards to partnering with PWSAS in this process.

9. Nanton Mini Reunion – Dave thanked Alan and Lisa Westhaver for their hard work organizing this event. The gathering was a huge success. The next reunion will be discussed under Agenda item 9.1.
10. Website – the website is well used.

11. Kathy Calvert/Dale Portman book – History of the Warden Service. Dave reported that Dale and Kathy have received a grant from the province of Alberta as well of a donation from PWSAS to get them started on the book. Dale added that he is using the oral histories as a resource as well as the book Guardians of the Wild which provides a good framework for the book.
12. Membership on the board – Dave informed those present that there are two directors terms that expire today and these will be filled later in the meeting. Since there is room on the Board for two additional directors, Dave invited members to consider letting their name stand.
13. Fundraising – on-going. Right now we have crests for sale.

6.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Marie reported that there are now 152 members. The breakdown is Voting – 98; Honourary – 7; Associate – 8; Supporting – 7 and Lifetime – 32.

7.0 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

7.1 Oral History Phase 11 and 12 status

Marie reported that Phase 11 is almost complete. John Taylor's interview is complete as of November 1st. We are still waiting for Paul Peyto to complete his. Phase 12 Susan Hairsine is interviewing Ian Syme. Monique reported she is still waiting for the final edits from Chris Worobets, Peter Perren and Gord Irwin. Monique suggested that a time line for completion of their edits. Marie supported the idea of a diary date for completion since the grant accounting has to be done by the end of February. This accounting involves providing a list of the interviews completed, and the amount of money spent along with copies of some of the transcripts, and voice recordings.

Dave noted that Jim Murphy has stepped down as Chairman of the OHP and asked for a board member to take this on.

ACTION: Marie to place this item on the next agenda.

7.2 Self-generated Oral Histories

Don reported that some candidates have been interested but not at this time. Edwin Knox and Rob Kaye are working on theirs.

Dave noted that Perry Jacobson had suggested that we post the questions on the website with invitation to anyone who has had warden service experience.

ACTION: Marie to place this item on the next agenda.

8.0 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Dave announced that directors Cliff White and Don Mickle terms expire at today's meeting but they have allowed their names to stand for re-election as directors. Dave invited other members to let their names stand as the board can be expanded by two more directors.

MOTION- WESTHAVER/JACOBSON – that we elect Don Mickle and Cliff White as directors for a two-year term. CARRIED UNAN.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 2023 Mini Reunion – Salmon Arm

Alan recapped the 2022 mini-reunion planning and success. Those who attended met to discuss next year's reunion with the consensus being that we hold only one a year. The next one will be at the Elks Campground in Salmon Arm, September 5-8th, 2023. Anyone interested in attending and/or who have questions are invited to contact Alan by email. (alan.westhaver@shaw.ca).

9.2 Book project – Dale Portman/Kathy Calvert

Dale announced that Kathy has been contracted to write a book on the life of Peter Fuhrmann. The proposed name of the book is "Fuhrmann Sanctions". Kathy commented that Peter has experienced a very fascinating life and the book will be interesting book to write.

9.3 International Ranger Federation

This has been covered earlier in the meeting.

9.4 Jasper-Yellowhead Museum 2023 celebration

Rod Wallace has more information on this event. Rod has suggested that PWSAS become involved with a display booth.

ACTION: Follow-up with Rod Wallace regarding details on this celebration.

ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION:

Tom Buckley asked where a person can donate a couple of warden metal badges. These badges were the template for the badges/crests. The Whyte Museum was suggested as a possible place to donate them. Tom was invited to send the badges to PWSAS to hand over to the Whyte Museum.

Don informed everyone that Mac Elder is in hospital in Canmore with Covid. Members were invited to send Mac a note.

Perry Davis suggested that the PWSAS Board explore the concept of hosting a Warden Days type of event at Heritage Park. This will be placed on the next Board meeting Agenda.

ACTION: Marie to add this to the next agenda.

Alan questioned if we could expand our membership through volunteer regional representatives who could work along with the board. Dave responded that we do have regional representatives. They have not been all that active and suggested that we discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

Alan offered to help recruit regional representatives in B.C. and the Yukon.

Sid offered to speak with Edwin Knox as a regional representative in southern Alberta. Sid offered to assist Edwin.

ACTION: Dave will send Alan the list of the regional representatives.

The next board meeting is set for Monday, November 14th in Cochrane.

Dave thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

10 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY-TREASURER

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