

North Shore Hikers Society AGM Minutes

November 4, 2021 at 7:37 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order by Carol Kautz, President, at 7:37pm.
A quorum was established with 36 members present.
2. Approval of the Agenda – November 4, 2021.
Carol Kautz, moved to adopt and approve the above AGM agenda, which was seconded by Cristina Jacob. **Motion was approved. Carried.**
3. Approval of November 19, 2020 AGM minutes (on the website).
Carol Kautz, moved to approve the above AGM minutes which was seconded by Cristina Jacob. **Motion was approved. Carried.**
4. Questions and Answers on written executive reports (attached).
One member had a question on the reimbursement of the cost for Wilderness First Aid course. The Executive explained the process for reimbursements.
Other Relevant questions/discussions are recorded under each item below.

WRITTEN REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVES below are [available on the website](#).

5. President: Carol Kautz
Carol welcomed and thanked all the members at the AGM, the Executive/Directors of the 2020 - 2021 who were present, and mentioned those who stepped down during the year. Carol reiterated in her speech, a thank you to all the members and the Executive for all their hard work and that the North Shore Hikers club is currently 63 years old and counting, since its inception.
Carol thanked Alastair Ferries and Diane Whiteley for organizing courses for the Club. Carol commended Lesley Bohm who has been awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership with the Club for all her work and trips throughout the years.
6. Treasurer: (Kira Wu)
Kira Wu moved to approve and accept the 2021 Financial Statements, without amendments, seconded by Katy Poon. **Carried.**
 - a) A motion was passed for NSH Club to continue with the donation to the Search and Rescue Teams, for \$100 per team, for the 4 teams, totaling \$400 for the year 2020. **This was moved by Cristina Jacob and seconded by Brent Ehrl. Carried.**

b) Cristina Jacob offered to volunteer for the Auditor's position in 2022.

7. FMCBC Rep: Cristina Jacob

Cristina welcomed all new members and added that the NSH Club has 2 directors on the FMCBC Board of Federation, Monika Bittel and myself, it's a privilege having Monika on the Federation.

Questions on Insurance:

a) Is the additional insurance management fee for August, normal and acceptable?. This was implemented two years ago and is a result of staff spending time in getting issues resolved. With the drop in FMCBC membership, they had to pay more towards insurance while the fees were not raised. This is a positive step in increasing the total fee from \$8.00 to \$12 to cover the costs incurred. As of February 2020, only one FMCBC member is currently on payroll, this Administration and Communication person handles most of the duties within the Federation. As insurance costs are now inflated, this increase is justified. Going forward, a huge benefit is that the Federation will now have sufficient funds to carry out the deductibles on behalf of the Clubs.

The FMCBC has also reinstated the Trail Committee. They are looking into Clubs to take ownership of the trails. Importantly, FMCBC is also in the midst of signing a partnership agreement with BC Parks. This would facilitate the Clubs to work in: 4 Provincial Parks.

1) Garibaldi 2) Stawamus -The Chief, 3) Seymour and 4) Cypress Parks.

Pre-approval on an annual basis, will be required by the Clubs, that the work will be carried out as agreed. Andrew Wong was given the heads up that he will be contacted by FMCBC in the near future regarding this project.

8. Membership Secretary and Trail Clearing Planner: Andrew Wong

Andrew thanked the Executive for the timely updates and handling of the ever-changing Covid rules, with special thanks to Mark Latham.

More trips were scheduled in 2021 compared to 2020. Members were encouraged to volunteer to lead trips in 2022, with hopes for better circumstances.

Trail Maintenance: Due to Covid and other matters, no work has been done this year. NSH officially maintains one trail, Petgill Lake Trail. If any member has a favourite trail, email Andrew Wong and he can assist.

9. Webmaster Report: Mark Latham
Murat Gungora, a technical professional was our Webmaster for more than a year, from September 2020 until recently. Unfortunately, he has stepped down and moved away, so is no longer our Webmaster. He left the NSH website in very good shape, with installations and plug-ins all updated.
We are looking for a volunteer with WordPress knowledge to be the new Webmaster. Meantime, Mark is looking after this portfolio, learning as he goes along. He would appreciate anyone with WordPress knowledge to assist or be on call when needed. If you are interested, please contact him at webmaster@northshorehikers.org
10. Trip Report Secretary: Carol Kautz
Trip Report Secretary had to step down. The Trip Summary will be posted on the website along with these AGM minutes.
11. Planning Coordinator: Alastair Ferries
Nothing to report.
12. Election of New Executive and Appointments
Recommendations: Katy Poon, Chair of Nominating Committee.
Katy stated that everyone should assist with running the club and thanked Carol Kautz and Cristina Jacob, members of the Nominating Committee.
Carol Kautz moved to nominate Pet Dias as the Recording Secretary and Heather Drugge as the Newsletter Editor.
Katy Poon moved to nominate, Mariken Van Nimwegen as the mid-week planner.
Diane Whiteley seconded the motions for the above nominees.

Carol Kautz moved the motion to appoint the Executive for 2021 - 2022 as follows, seconded by Katy Poon. Carried.

Diane Whiteley - President

Kira Wu - Treasurer

Pet Dias - Recording Secretary

Andrew Wong - Membership secretary

Alastair Ferries - Planning Coordinator

Heather Drugge - News Editor

Andrew Wong - Social Media Coordinator

Carol Kautz - Trip Report Secretary

Cristina Jacob - FMCBC Representative

Webmaster - Vacant (Acting - Mark Latham)

Cristina Jacob and Donna Nyberg - Social Conveners

Lesley Bohm - A Hike Planner

Brent Ehrl - B Hike Planner
Patricia Friedman - C Hike Planner
Alastair Ferries - D Hike Planner
Mariken Van Nimwegen - Mid-week planner
Lesley Bohm - Ski Trip Planner
Katy Poon - Bicycle Planner
Diane Whiteley - Multi-day trip planner
Andrew Wong - Trail Cleaning Planner

13. The Club honoured long-time member Lesley Bohm, who received an Honorary Membership.
14. Special NSH Trip Leader Contest Winners - Alastair Ferries
Kira Wu volunteered to draw the names for this contest, prize is \$50 gift certificate from MEC.
1 or more trips led by 48 people - Winner is Sheila Sakich
2 or more trips led by 30 people - Winner is Jane Hardy
5 or more trips 15 people - Winner is Lesley Bohm
10 or more trips - Winner is Ye Chu
Brent Ehrl led 25 trips, Ye Chu led 22, and Lesley Bohm led 15 trips.
15. Other Business matters or Announcements:
NSH Christmas Party 2021 - Cristina Jacob and Donna Nyberg
Proposal is to hold an indoor party at the Hart House restaurant - Deer Lake Park, Burnaby, preceded by a walk between 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
 - Date : When available
 - Club to cover the cost of the appetizers ??
 - \$20-25 per person is estimated.
 - Games/Trivia with prizes
 - Presentations/Slide shows

OR

 - Another restaurant downtown with X-mas lights walk anytime between December 10-20

It was agreed to consider this proposal as there were 15 people with show of hands.

Sheila Sakich followed up on her nomination proposal for Brent Ehrl for the Honorary Membership for 2021 as she did not receive feedback. Katy Poon will follow up with Sheila on this item.

Non-Motorized Access Issues - Monika Bittel

- Monika reported she has done some background research regarding the recent decision from Recreation Sites and Trail BC relating to the Mt Gardner recreation site.
- Bowen Island Municipality had asked that the entire recreation site be non-motorized.
- Decision states that the entire recreation site will not be made non-motorized because the Mount Gardner area has been used for motorized, non-motorized and equestrian use before it was made a recreation site. The decision however also states that the summit ridge of Mount Gardner is to provide a non-motorized experience, with a trail from the road to the summit.
- The Bowen Island Trail Society, which is a hiking group, is a member of the FMCBC. Now that the decision has been made, the Society is hoping to work with the 2 other groups, a trail riders and an equestrian group, to provide non-motorized opportunities in the recreation site.
- Jay MacArthur and Monika will follow up with the FMCBC club to find out more details and how the Society plans to move forward. Monika will report further on this decision.

Carol congratulated the winners, and thanked everyone for attending the AGM and Mark Latham for setting up the virtual AGM.

There being no further discussions, the AGM was called to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.