

Board of Directors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, at 5 PM - Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. Roll call: Wayne Mercer (Chair), Eric Vanderkruk (Vice-Chair), Barry Huber (Treasurer), Phil Rankin (Secretary), Rod Clapton, David Oliver, Dave Wharton, Ciel Sander (past Chair, ex-officio) and Louise Pedersen (Staff, ex-officio). Regrets: Mike Riediger.
2. Approval of agenda. m/s/c/.
3. Approval of the January 16, 2023, meeting minutes. m/s/c minutes.
 - a. Approval, errors, omissions
 - b. Action items and business arising from the minutes:
 - David to talk to Deb McClelland.
 - Louise to talk to Mark Angelo.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair (WM) nothing tonight due to John Hawkings coming.
 - b. Executive Director (LP). Louise referred to her written report and noted that she had updated the operational plan based on the discussion at the last meeting and was hoping to have it approved.
 - c. Treasurer: Barry gave a few highlights of the draft ORCBC budget for 2023-24 (starting April 1) and asked everyone to review and be prepared to discuss and pass a motion at the March meeting.
 - d. Reconciliation Committee: Short recap of progress.
 - e. Policy Committee (DO). Short recap of progress.
5. Matters for board discussion and information.
 - a. John Hawkings, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy: Presentation on the Province's recreation strategy project. He noted that the Provincial Budget was released today February 28, 2023 Budget appropriation for BC Parks and RSTBC increased significantly. Mentioned that this year's budget means there is no question that this government wants enhancements to recreational maintenance and upkeep, and that the budget announcement shows that there is a recognition that forest roads is an aspect of recreation. He expects that the budget increase for staffing will be a permanent uplift. Gave presentation which were captured in slides that were subsequently distributed to the board.
 - b. Membership applications for review: Pemberton Valley Trails Society and Fernie Trails Alliance. m/s/c. All in favour.
6. Establishment of next Board meeting - March 20, 2023 at 5 pm PST
7. Meeting adjourned 7 PM.