

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting 2015

For Thursday September 17, 2015

Hilton Hotel, Cinnamon Bear Grill

Start at 6pm



ORDER OF BUSINESS

Board of Directors Attendance

Present: Gloria, Jenna, Jerome, Craig, Suki, Christine, Nina, Emily, Peter, Benoit, Clark, Shaun

Absent: Hilary, Tim, Mark,

58 members total in attendance

Secretary to: Ask for Approval of the minutes for the last AGM, Thursday September 18th, 2014

Move a motion to approve the minutes from last year: Jenna

Seconds: Nina

All in favour: all members in favour

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Benoit / Membership / insurance

Membership was slightly lower this year but we still have the Halloween Toonie Ride and Westside Wheel Up where we usually capture 15-20 new one day memberships. Total new members this year totaled 1771 versus last year at 1815. A difference of 44 members.

Peter / PR

Busy year with email newsletter going out regularly, once per week. Over 50 newsletters sent out over the course of the year (October-September) keeping members informed of all the great events and activities put on by the organization.

Thanks to Barber Media, we've launched our first ever WORCA app. It's just another great tool to help communicate to members and non-members alike our events throughout the season. Especially helpful is the push notification feature, informing users of changes to schedules or updates to Toonie rides. Download the app from the iTunes or GooglePlay store, if you haven't already done so.

Spring was very busy supporting our Fundraiser, Raffle and SWAP. Plenty going on for us this year, giving me plenty to communicate to our members.

Toonie Rides: spent the spring and early part of summer photographing rides and posting results to our 2015 Toonie Ride Results page. Plenty of photos listed from this year's events on this page, so check it out – you'll have to expand the weekly results to view photos for a number of rides (not all).

I also set-up an Instagram account, but with so much going on it was used only in spring/early summer and then continued with mostly Twitter and FB support.

Craig / Youth

WORCA's youth program has 4 parts to it.

- 1) Kids Camps
- 2) High School Race Program
- 3) 2 High School \$500 scholarships
- 4) Lumpy Award

1) This year kids camps grew from 378 to 407 over last year. 6 years ago when I took over the program we had just over 200 kids in the camp. One indication of their popularity is that over 60 kids this year attended more than one camp. The early summer smoke alerts caused us some scheduling problems. It is yet to be seen if that has caused our camp survey satisfaction numbers (previously over 90%) to decline. It did mean that coach costs increased more than

anticipated. Mummy, and his team deserve a huge thanks for all the work they do to make the camps a success.

- 2) The High School race program had its biggest year ever over 40 students were in the program. I am never sure if the students realize the high caliber of their coaches. It almost seems that you had to have to been on the national team or raced internationally
- 3) The High School Scholarships this year went to Conrad Murdoch & Georgia Astle
- 4) This years Lumpy award was awarded to Cammie Matteau-Rushbrook

Nina / Race

Last seasons numbers tallied 4414 and this season we are at 3802 with a Halloween Toonie Ride to go. So we are close to last years numbers but slightly lower. We did miss out on the Brent Harley Toonie ride due to air quality this summer. No major injuries to report and it was a smooth season overall. Thank you to the sponsors for all their hard work and efforts to put their events together.

Emily / Planner

- ☑ Construction Phase of Sproatt Trail Project (year 2 of 3). Planning for next steps and next new trail development zones
- ☑ Trail Planning Working Group (RMOW)
- ☑ Cheakamus Integrated Resource Mapping Project (Cheakamus Community Forest)
- ☑ Multi-Use Trail Planning Issues
- ☑ Trail Etiquette
- ☑ Trail signage and way-finding

Jerome for Tim / Trails

Volunteer Day

This season we have run 14 volunteer trail evening/morning sessions and 4 Trail days over weekends. With 147 individuals amounting to approximately 1130 Man-hours or the equivalent of 28.25 x 40 hour weeks! A HUGE thanks go out to all that came out to lend a hand building new tril and maintaining our existing network.

Sproatt Trail (The Lord of the Squirrels)

With the NTC grant of up to \$48,000 match funds and \$20,000 from American Friends of Whistler, \$20,000 From RMOW parks department, the extra \$8,000 was attained through WORCA fundraising via trail pass sales and the Raffle to bring our fundraising to \$96,000. We have also allocated money from our usual Budget to the project bring the total budget to \$161,940, although we are expecting to be well under this figure having spent approximately \$70,000 with about 6 weeks to go this season.

Dan Raymond was retained as the lead Contracted Builder for this project and has contracted 5 builders and laborers for the majority of the summer. And has hired another 1.5 people to round out the season (and make sure we spend more!) until

late October.

The guys are doing a great job up there and if you are yet to sample the new trail we have given it a soft opening to where the crew is still working. It's a tough climb and is descending primary but please be ready for two way traffic and work crews to be on the trail. Thanks to the team for an amazing result so far!

Trail Maintenance

Our budget was \$42,472 of which we have spent \$21,115 with some more work planned for the Fall.

Projects included many reroutes and maintenance on trails selected As well as some work on new trails in the Valley. This included Danimal South, Yummy Numby, A Cut Above (just a few hundred meters from connected), Hot Dog Alley (thanks to the Waldorf school for their week of service!) Young Lust, North Secret, Hi-Hi, Hi side, Pura Vida, Industrial Disease and Baby Snakes, Danimal North, Kill Me Thrill Me, AM/PM (thanks to the Cheakamus crew for the reroute to the exit!), Out There (Thanks Mr. Haggerty),

Sponsorship

Thanks go to the many businesses that have helped with the trail days or donated to maintenance or the Sproatt project.

The National Trails Coalition for the Major Grant or \$48,000,

American Friends of Whistler for \$20,000

Crankworx once again for \$5,000

The RMOW \$20,000

BC Bike Race for \$2000

Outer Bike (TBC)

Norco \$1,000 for Sproatt trail days.

Starbucks for many many coffees and treats

Dirt Series,
Arbutus Routes,
Big Mountain Bike Adventures
Howler Contracting
Bike Pirate
Vosprung Suspension
Mark Richards Gallery
Whistler Bike Guide and Trail Solutions
Skis and Bikes
Garbanzo Bike and Bean
Cross Country Connection
Whistler Brewery
Alpine Café and Catering
Pizzeria Antico

On a personal note, it's been an awesome 3 years as Director of Trails and a privilege to serve on the Board with these fine people in front of you. I wish the next person all the best and thanks for stepping up for your turn. We have an amazing team of dedicated Professional builders, volunteers and businesses willing to Sponsor trails in this town. Lots of strong resources to draw on and of course I will be here still and keen to help out into the future.

Jerome for Mark / Skills

First of all I would like to send my apologies for not being in attendance for the AGM tonight and hope you all can forgive me for this. For anyone who is unaware I am currently In Chilliwack BC attending the JIBC paramedic academy.

As skills director I would like to first recognize the Larry Falcon and the guides who provide such a positive community weekly ride. With the current numbers it would be fair to say that we will exceed last year. Our current attendance to date is 820 and clearly shows the popularity of this product.

This year we funded 2 guides to take the PMBI level 2 course that in turn has allowed us to provide more skills clinics as well as weekly guided rides.

I would also like to thank Paul and Shannon from ZEP techniques for providing training for our MNR guides and camp coaches. This training was provided with a generous discount also a discount was generously extended to our members for skills training with ZEP.

Finlay I would like to recognize Pacific Alpine Institute for providing our first aid training for the MNR guides.

I have enjoyed working on the trail etiquette with tremendous support from Jenna Fox and the rest of the board and look forward to the role out of this information both on the trail and through our programs.

Last of all I would like to say to the board moving forward. Thank you to all our board members and a special thank you to all our board members stepping down.

Jenna / Secretary

Thank you to Christine and Suki for all their hard work. Without them you couldn't register for events or sign in. They work diligently to ensure memberships are entered, the website is up to date, youth camps are well organized behind the scenes and prepare our event reporting back to the Board each month. I also helped out planning the Trail pass sticker program along with assisting other Directors when needed. Thank you everyone for your support!

Shaun / Special Events/DH

My position will be amalgamated this coming season with the Race portfolio due to the changes in race formatting. With WB and so many other user groups planning races around the area, WORCA has decided to back down from planning specialty races. Any ideas or concepts anyone wishes to plan for a specialty race will be organized through the Race Director and their sub-committee.

Gloria / Treasurer

I am happy to report another successful financial year for WORCA with total funding of \$321,300. Of the 321,000, we have yet to receive \$64,000, so reported income to date is \$256,967. Expenses for the year totaled \$257,073 leaving us with a current shortfall of \$108. We will have a surplus once the remaining funds are received. As at September 17, 2015 the bank balance is \$40,068.43. This will be enough to cover our remaining commitments for the year, as well as our insurance premiums. The surplus from the 64,000 mentioned above will be used for continued trail building on the Alpine Trail. Fundraising efforts have been successful. The directors continue to seek funding with any new opportunities that arise.

We would like to thank all members for continued support.

Clark / VP

Thank you everyone for your continued support and continue to volunteer your time building trails and being a part of the community.

Craig for Mandy / Fundraising

The following is a comprehensive breakdown of all grants and fundraising events conducted by the Fundraising committee and the Board:

Activity	Actualized	Potential	Declined
AFOW Grant	20,000.00		
BC Gaming Grant			12,000.00
BC Gaming, Public Safety Grant		13,600.00	
Blueshore Financial Grant			10,000.00
CEP Grant	21,500.00		
CIBC Grant			3,451.36
MEC Access & Activity Grant		15,000.00	
Ironman Volunteer Grant	5,000.00		
Live to Play (Norco)	1,000.00		
Outerbike Donation	640.00		
Creekbread Fundraiser	1,343.25		
Raffle Tickets	4,620.00		
Longhorn during Outerbike	1,157.75		
Eddie Bauer Fundraisers	200.00		
Totals	55,461.00	28,600.00	25,451.36

On behalf of WORCA we would like to thank Nicole Koshure for her ongoing support and efforts in grant writing. Nicole began volunteering her time mid-2014 when Hilary Davison made a call out for Fundraising Committee volunteers. Since then Nicole has been responsible for the large majority of our successful grants, bringing WORCA upwards of \$68,000.00 in funding.

Jerome / President

It has been a successful year and everyone has worked very hard with fundraising, trail building, and bettering the programs and events each director is responsible for. I am very proud of our accomplishments and what we do in town and I can't wait to see what the new board of 2015/2016 accomplishes. Thank you for a great term. And thank you to all the volunteers that help out the club every week at MNR's, trail days, toonies, special races, and on all the sub committee's we have that make us work efficiently.

Proposed 2016 Budget

Motion: Craig moves a motion to approve the 2016 budget

Second: Gary Baker

All in favour: All members in favour

DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS:

Grant Lamont – trials, we applied for enviro RMOW funds in the past. Wondering if it is wise for us to apply for Grants there. The River Runs Through it trail is in desperate need to improvements.

Jerome – MUNI took over Emerald and the RRTI trail network. They have been in the trail marking improvement sites already and will start work in there this Fall and next spring apparently.

Member – Curious about non members volunteering on maintenance trail days.

Jerome – you are welcome, we do have insurance issues so we encourage people to purchase memberships to support the trails network and our club and we will always welcome help!

ELECTIONS

- PRESIDENT

Gary Baker nominates Craig Mackenzie for President

Craig accepts

No other nomination

Jerome David seconds

All members voted in favour

Craig – President

- VICE PRESIDENT - no one to challenge existing director, Clark Lewis
- TREASURER - no one to challenge existing director, Gloria Addario
- SECRETARY - no one to challenge existing director, Jenna Fox

- PLANNING

Tim Haggerty nominates Todd Hellinga for Director at Large holding the Planning portfolio

Todd accepts

No other nominations

Craig Mackenzie seconds

All members voted in favour

Todd – D.A.L for Planning

- RACE

Shane Gayton nominates Kate Whitley for D.A.L holding the Race portfolio

Kate accepts

No other nominations

Grant Lamont seconds

All members voted in favour

Kate – D.A.L for Race

- TRAILS

Benoit Reneault nominates Nina Cairns for D.A.L for Trails portfolio

Nina accepts

No other nominations

Lorraine seconds

All members voted in favour

Nina – D.A.L for Trails

- FUNDRAISING

Yogesha Lacroix nominates Martine LaFontaine for D.A.L for Fundraising portfolio

Martine accepts

No other nominations

Huw Jones seconds

All members voted in favour

Martine – D.A.L for Fundraising

- YOUTH

Craig Mackenzie nominates Mark Hill for D.A.L for Youth Camps portfolio

Mark accepts

No other nominations

Jenna Fox seconds

All members voted in favour

Mark – D.A.L for Youth Camps

- PUBLIC RELATIONS

Paul Cooper nominates Huw Jones for D.A.L for PR portfolio

Huw Jones accepts

No other nominations

Gary Baker seconds

All members voted in favour

Huw – D.A.L for PR portfolio

- SKILLS - no one to challenge existing director, Mark Hill

ACTIVITY: SIGN IN NEW DIRECTORS FOR BC REGISTRY

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION FOR ADJOURMENT

Grant Lamont moves a motion to close the meeting

Second: Craig Mackenzie

All in favour: all members in favour