

# Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society

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## PRPAWS Annual General Meeting, February 27, 2019

Elm Room, Recreation Complex

20 Attendees: ???

### Call to Order 6:00PM

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Ryan; 2<sup>nd</sup>: David Bedry. PASSED

#### 2. Approval AGM 2018 Minutes

Moved: Jesse Newman; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Krompocker. PASSED

#### 3. Retiring Board Member – Greg Rebane

Greg will be stepping down from PRPAWS Board, but will continue this year with the Marathon Shuffle Committee. Thank you for your time and service, Greg!

#### 4. Moratorium on Herring Fishing in Salish Sea

All up and down West Coast waters herring fishing has been shut down, from Alaska to Southern USA coast, and BC coast. Except for in the Salish Sea where the fishing is allowed to continue, to deplete what is left of the herring mostly south of Comox. PRPAWS will join Tourism Powell River in writing a letter to the Minister of Fisheries to cease and desist this savage plight against the natural fish and ocean ecosystems.

PRPAWS to write letter to Minister of Fisheries to cease and not allow any herring fishing in Salish Sea, with CC: to Rachel Blaney (MP-NDP). Moved: Eagle Walz; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Krompocker. PASSED

#### 5. Marathon Shuffle Report – Dustin Villeneuve

Planning well underway, 220 registered for Full Shuffle on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2019, which is the only event – no Half Shuffle this year. Lots of new faces on the Committee. The expensive chip technology suggested by Troy and Nadene Butler was not accepted by PRPAWS Board members on the Shuffle Organizing Committee (SOC) because it would cost several thousand dollars, and therefore necessitate having to charge participants in the neighbourhood of \$30-\$50. This would diminish the interest of many participants who would stay home instead. Can be reassessed

next year, but we wanted new group of organizers to do this year as simple as possible, and become familiar with how the event is organized and run.

Sweaty Yeti is presenting a Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival night of Trail Running movies at The Max, Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, evening. Sweaty Yeti in conjunction with PRPAWS and the Marathon Shuffle Organizing Committee will split any profits of the “Best of the Fest” event – after costs have been covered.

#### **6. Financial Review – Scott Glaspey**

\$2000+ from donations

\$5000 working cash

\$4000 contingency fund – remains untouched, as it is used only for emergencies

There is a separate PRCF account category for the planned two north end huts. Four outhouses already prefabbed but need to be assembled on their sites yet.

#### **7. Membership Report – Jesse Newman**

2018 - 54 Individual and 19 Family memberships (counted as 2 persons each =38 people) for a total of 92 members.

54 Individuals paid \$20 each = \$1080

19 Family memberships paid \$30 each = \$570

For a total of \$1650.

Plus at meeting tonight 15 individual 2019 memberships = \$300.

#### **8. President’s Report**

Full Report sent in emails for news and reference, and posted on PAWS’ Facebook page, as well as on PAWS website.

#### **9. Board of Directors Election**

Don Krompocker in the chair, call to order

President Nomination – Eagle Walz. Accept? Yes

Vice President Nomination – Jesse Newman. Accept? Yes. (Accepting conditionally, not officially appointed until we check on whether there is a conflict of interest with Jesse owning a transportation company servicing the SCT among other destinations. Once we have approval Jesse will be appointed.)

Treasurer- Scott Glaspey. Accept? Yes

Secretary – Emily Walz. Accept? Yes

All the above Executive Committee members were elected by acclamation.

Members at Large – Seven allowed their names to stand, and were elected by acclamation: Jim Stutt, Monty Drake, Dustin Villeneuve, David Bedry, Jesse Newman, Brian Johnston, Keith Laughton. (Board of 10 directors)

Board of Directors need to start thinking about manuals for passing on information to the coming next generation of directors.

(The new Societies Act has description of what each of the Executive Directors are required to do. Please read new Societies Act. )

The Members at large are assigned portfolios such as for instance: Jim Stutt – building director; Monty Drake – research & environment director, writer, editor, etc.; David Bedry – supply director, project oversight, SAR; Dustin Villeneuve – IT director, Shuffle; Jesse Newman = Membership director, Tourism liaison, Shuffle; Brian Johnston – Tool maintenance and shop, co-organizing and planning Traildays; Keith Laughton – Events, Shuffle, organizer

10. **Next AGM:** February 26, 2020

11. **AGM** portion of meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

12. **General Meeting** called to order: 6:45 pm

**13. Trail and Construction Report – Scott Glaspey**

11,000 km volunteer crew back road driving, have given some gas money to drivers

25,000 volunteer hours last year

Alaska Mill purchase has been a huge benefit to construction

Vic Cole cabin project on Sentinel received 1,200 hours of work from PRPAWS volunteers. Thank you to Jim for all his hard and skillful work on Sentinel Vic Cole Cabin, and Brian and Dave for their huge support in kitchen! We are building community!

Safety improvements made on Tony's Trail

Built safe Confederation Trail reroute, roughly from KM 69 to KM 71 plus an entirely new bridge with Niels Voss providing professional expertise

Dismantled derelict bridge (First and Last Bridge) near Saltery Bay on Saltery Bay Trail

15-20 danger trees taken down at Fairview Bay camping area, hired Julian Welp for \$1400

Prebuilt 4 outhouses at Jim's, now stored at "Puppies", ready for building this year 2019.

Applying for GST rebates for large purchases, such as weed whackers

Full Year End report sent in email to PAWS Members for reference; also posted on website

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PAWS building crew prebuilt 4 outhouses at Jim's, now stored at Al and Maureen Parsons, ready for building this year (2019).

Applying for GST rebates for large purchases, such as more weed whackers that speed up maintenance of the SCT significantly, freeing the crew to do other tasks as well

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**Activities for 2019**

Construction of Bliss Portage and Sarah Bay huts still pending, waiting for approval before pre-build can start.

New Outhouse at Manzanita.

Purchase two new weed whackers for fast growing number of volunteers doing amazing Trail Maintenance and Enhancements

Van der Zalm Questions re Huts: need to be researched and provided to him in the coming months. Eagle and Brian will work together on that.

Emily and Keith agree to start looking into possibly applying for a UNESCO World Heritage designation for the SCT and the old growth trees the trail gives access to.

Scott and Stephan want to start applying branding signs on the infrastructure that PRPAWS builds. The BOMB is getting a lot of credit for work done by PAWS because we are so modest, nobody knows who PRPAWS is! AERO may have contact to build a metal brand. Jim knows Dan from Westwind who has all the equipment needed to manufacture a brand.

Moved: That PAWS commission a branding iron of a paw design – Stephan Marti; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Emily. PASSED

A new bridge will be needed at Walt Hill across Walt Creek due to having to relocate around an area to be logged in the near future by WFP. The reroute is approximately 2km long, lying to the west and uphill of the future cutblock and the old road/trail which the SCT continues to use until the reroute is built (before the logging road is built). “Bridge of Doom” needs upgrade.

March Lake to Elk Lake to Walt Hill relocation: We would have financial support from the Powell River Community Forest Project to hire a crew to relocate an approximately 14 km-long section of the SCT through the Smith Range roughly from KM 106 to KM 120 (March Creek to Walt Hillton) with PAWS providing design, layout and quality assurance. This will protect about an additional 8 km of mid and high elevation old growth and will be a permanent relocation. The work doesn't all need to be done all at once, but can be done over a stretch of years. First the mapped route has to be ground-proofed once the snow is gone in the mountains. Northern Walt Hill will be a real building challenge and may not even be feasible as envisioned by mapping program. PRCF agrees to single use hiking trail designation (footpath) where relocation is within the PR Community Forest. Some easterly portions lie within WFP's Tree Farm License 39, Block 1 – mostly within OGMAs. PAWS will have to deal with WFP separately where SCT will be located in WFP's license.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:15 pm**

Minutes submitted by Emily Walz