

MINUTES Wildsight Invermere Annual General Meeting April 27, 2021, 7pm On digital platform ZOOM

In attendance online through ZOOM

<u>Wildsight members</u>: Kat Graves, Baiba Morrow, Cam Gillies, Karen Barkley, Marylin Kraayvanger, Taoya Schaefer, Penny Powers, Robyn Duncan, Anne Zurbriggen, Marie Pike, Miel Dubielewicz, Pat Morrow, Tracy Flynn, Masha Stich, Aurora Orchiston, Becky Blakley, Steph Van de Kemp, Karla Bliss/Bilodeau, Jessie Caza (20)

Minutes recorded by Jessie Caza Meeting chaired by Cam Gillies

- 1. Call to Order 7:04pm
- 2. Welcome by Baiba Morrow
- 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, Baiba Morrow, second Anne Zubriggen; carried unanimously

4. Approval of 2020 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve the 2020 AGM minutes as presented, Taoya Shaefer, second Karen Barkley; carried unanimously

- 5. Financial Report for fiscal year ending January 31, 2021, presented by Cam Gillies Adopted M: Marie S: Taoya; all in favour Motion to approve financial report as presented, Marie Pike; second Taoya; carried unanimously
- 6. Action Items
 - a. Election of Board of Directors 2021/2022
 Motion to approve the Board of Directors as below, Marilyn Kraayvanger; second Anne Zurbriggen; carried unanimously

Penny Powers

Tracy Flynn

Cam Gillies

Jessie Caza

Baiba Morrow

Miel Dubielewicz

Taoya Schaefer

7. Discussion Items

- a. Highlights of 2020/2021, presented by Kat Graves and Karen Barkley
- b. Questions/Discussion
 - i. How can we make our members feel like they're members & appreciated? Question from Steph Van de Kemp. Robyn Duncan acknowledged the ongoing issue around memberships; she will consult with Branches on to improve the membership structure and bring a recommendation to the Regional Council in September 2021. Penny Powers added that she always thought that she was a member because she gets the newsletters, but it turned out that she wasn't.
 - ii. Marilyn Kraavanger & Steph Van de Kemp requests help writing a letter regarding logging. Kat said she will connect with Marilyn & Steph to give them the details from the April 26 <u>letter writing workshop</u> led by Tracy.
 - iii. Steph asked if logging in general is a problem locally or provincially and what Wildsight's recommendations are for action. Robyn stated that the rate of logging provincially is unsustainable & Wildsight is working on the policy & legislation level as well as encouraging individual actions. Private land logging - Tracy spoke to her actions locally. Wildsight Regional will soon launch a campaign around changing the Private Managed Forest Act.
 - iv. Miel commented on how useful the Forestry 101 webinar was, and asked if Wildsight Regional will run something like that again. Robyn said WS Regional is hoping to provide more education opportunities in the future.
 - v. Three ways from Wildsight Regional to learn more and take action regarding forestry practices in BC:
 - 1. Old Growth: https://secure.wildsight.ca/defendoldgrowth
 - 2. Private Land Logging:
 https://wildsight.ca/2021/03/25/communities-are-paying-the-price-for-private-land-logging/
 - A recording of the Wildsight Regional webinar on the Forestry BC featuring John Bergenske, Jim Smith and Eddie Petryshen: https://wildsight.ca/2021/03/17/watch-now-keeping-all-the-parts/
- c. AGM draw prize winners of an E-Bike Raffle ticket: Anne Zurbriggen, Marilyn Kraayvanger
- 8. Adjournment at 7:50pm