

Draft minutes Wildsight AGM March 29, 2022, 7 pm. Zoom.

46 in attendance.

In attendance (members):

Robyn Duncan, Lorene Keitch, Monica Nissen, Eddie Petryshen, Brian Conrad, Mary Cosman, Jim Smith, Kelvin Sandern, Kevin O'Neill, Karen Barkley, Jill Jennings, John Bergenske, Bryan Duffett, Randal Macnair, Bailey Repp, Jennifer Lennon, Casey Brennan, Dave Quinn, Lesley Giroday, Woody Maguire, Andrea Chapman, Jason Maitland, Lee-Anne Walker, Joan Dolinsky, Myriam Bourdeau-Potvin, Aita Bezzola, Tracy Flynn, Calvin Beauchesne, Kuya Minogue

In attendance (nonmembers):

Wyatt Petryshen, Aviva Fialkow, Tim Chapman, Siobhan Williams, Tracey Mitchell, Caroline Collier, Jessica Martin-Thompson, Marshall Thompson, Sheri Pee, Lisa Haggeman (left pretty quickly), Caren Nagao, Tony Austin, Dawn Deydey,

Unconfirmed attendees: R. Don, Sandra's ipad

1. Call to Order. 7:02 pm by Brian Conrad
2. Welcoming remarks: Brian Conrad & Robyn Duncan
3. Approval of agenda - as detailed below.

Motion to approve by: Jim Smith

Seconded by: Casey Brennan

No discussion. All in favour. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of AGM 2021 Minutes as circulated.

Motion to approve by: Casey Brennan

Seconded by: Jim Smith

No discussion. All in favour. Minutes approved.

5. Presentation and approval of audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Bryan Duffett

Bryan: Slide #1: Funding - how Wildsight gets its funding.

Slide #2: How we spend our funding.

Statement of revenue and expenditure. Something to note: funding has gone up significantly, to about \$1.4 million up from \$954,00 in previous year. Mostly due to addition of Youth Climate Corps, with additional grant revenue.

Donations up as well.

Expenditures are also up as well - contracts, wages: our people.

Net investment income almost \$38,000 this year. Money we can't rely on, but nice when it

comes in as helps support budget.

Motion to approve by: Casey.

Seconded by: Leslie Adams

No discussion. All approved.

6. Election of Regional Directors: Leslie Adams led election. Each candidate was invited to present themselves briefly.

Current slate for election for a two-year term:

Casey Brennan: from Fernie, happy to continue as Elk Valley rep on regional council

Lesley Giroday: Lives in Comox, but many spent in East Kootenay.

Brian Conrad: Lives in Moyie. On regional board 10 or so years.

Tracy Flynn: Columbia Valley. Relatively new to Wildsight, but very impressed with the work.

Margie Jamieson: [not in attendance]

Kelvin Saldern: Rossland. Huge fan of Wildsight, member for awhile. Background in nonprofit.

Aita Bezzola: Golden resident, to be new Golden rep.

Board members with 1 year of their 2-year term remaining: (no election required)

Lindsay Cuff

Leslie Adams

Woody Maguire

Kimberley Kaiser

Jim Smith

Leslie: Any other nominations from the floor? Asked three times.

On second ask, Aviva nominated herself. Casey stepped forward to nominate Aviva.

Seconded by Caren Nagao.

Third nomination no new names.

After discussion, Aviva formally withdrew her name for nomination.

Motion to approve slate of candidates by Leslie Adams

Seconded by: Casey Brennan

No objections or further discussion. Carried.

7. Program Highlights:

- a. Regional Program Presentation 15 min (introductions of the team)

Education presentations by Monica Nissen, Jill Jennings, Dawn Deydey, Dave Quinn, Graeme Lee Rowlands. Monica shared the news that funding from Columbia Basin Trust is being removed in the next year, so facing a transition time for programs.

Lee Anne Walker spoke up, adding we need to speak up collectively on this concern.

Conservation presentations by John Begenske, Eddie Petryshen, Randal Macnair, Wyatt Petryshen, and Robyn Duncan.

Youth Climate Corps presentation by Graeme Lee Rowlands, Mel Lavery, and Tim Chapman

b. Branch Presentations:

- i. Elk Valley by Mary Cosman, branch president and Dawn Deydey
- ii. KimCra: by Andrea Chapman, branch manager
- iii. Golden by Joan Dolinsky, branch president
- iv. Revelstoke by Aviva Fialkow, branch manager
- v. Invermere by Karen Barkely, branch manager
- vi.** Creston video submission recorded to share by Melissa Flint, branch manager

8. Motion to adjourn the AGM business meeting
Wraup by Brian Conrad.

Motion to approve by: Casey Brennan.
Seconded by: Lesley Giroday.

Adjournment at 9:02 pm.