

Cranbrook Community Forest Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday April 17th, 2019

Location: Room 250 College of the Rockies, Cranbrook BC

Meeting came to order at 7:00pm

1. Introductions: Joseph Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Society Directors.
2. Approval of Agenda: Kathleen Opal moved to approve the Agenda; David Floer seconded. Motion Carried.
3. Approval of previous minutes for April 18, 2018. Dan Oicle moved to approve the minutes; David Floer seconded. Motion carried.
4. President's report presented by Joseph Cross:
 - a. Entered the EKCCU Community Competition. Came third for a \$1100 cash award.
 - b. Gateway Trail opening was celebrated in June.
 - c. New kiosks have been installed above the College in the CCF.
 - d. BC Timber Sales has plans to log the interface area south of the CCF boundary (pipeline). Delayed now until next winter. Want to thin the entire south CCF in the future. Board wants to see what the first area looks like before discussing area within the CCF.
 - e. BC Timber Sales has agreed to improve the upper parking lot as part of the harvesting.
 - f. Trail counters were put out to gather usage information. Two stolen. No use to anyone else.
 - g. Bear Aware Session was organized for September.
 - h. CCF has a new logo.
 - i. New website developed. Can now pay for memberships online.
 - j. Trails BC upgraded and graveled a connector trail through CCF from gasline parking lot to the Gateway Trail.
 - k. Total volunteer hours for 2019 in the CCF - 371. Joe thanked the following on behalf of the Board: Wildhorse Cycling Club for trail building; James McKee for the trail grooming last winter; and to Kathleen Opal and Bud Beeman who look after emptying the garbage cans. Board is looking for volunteer to take over for Kathleen.
 - l. Grant was received from CBT to expand the Espresso Loop trails and connectors. Anonymous donations were also made to come up with the CCF share for matched funding. Special thanks to the anonymous donors and to Jim for his work on this project.
 - m. Met with Kristy Jahn-Smith from Cranbrook Tourism. Positive development for the CCF.
 - n. City of Cranbrook will expand the Pipeline parking lot when they have time. City will add signs directing people to the CCF.
 - o. Thank you to Gaby Zezulka, Chris Bullock, and Todd Hebert for their contributions to the CCF through their services to the board.
5. Treasurer's report: Presented by Kathleen Opal

The April 11th, 2018 balance was \$7,134.42. The April 11, 2019 balance is \$35,094.23. Total income: \$41,024.57, total expenses \$13,064.76. Motion to accept the report was made by Kathleen Opal, seconded by David Floer. Motion Carried. Thank you to Gerrick Sports, Steeples Vet Clinic, Cranbrook Tourism, Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society, and the Rotary Club of Cranbrook for their donations to the CCF.

6. Trails Report presented by Jim Nicol:

- a. New Trails in 2018
 - i. R2DTour – offers great views
 - ii. Upper Coaster - built by Trails BC
 - iii. Elephant Run – built by Wildhorse Cycling Club with support from CBT grant and private donations.
- b. Maintenance
 - i. Your Cheating Heart
 - ii. Upper Bonehead
 - iii. Bridge removal in Bonehead to Migor connector. Pilisit makes redundant and current bridge needed repairs so was removed.
- c. 2019 Plans
 - i. New Trails – the Espresso group will be built partly by a CBT funded contractor and the rest donated labour from the Wildhorse Cycling Club. Trails will connect Pilisit to Migor and back to the Chief Isadore Trail near the Eager Station location.
 - ii. Loop system – in the process of creating 5 loops for new users and visitors to the area. Will be marked by decals and have pamphlets for tourists to pick up. Will help get people into the forest and be able to find their way around without the fear of getting lost.
 - iii. Formal Trail Documentation: Process to formally document the trails to protect them through Section 56 legislation. Will provide a higher degree of protection and indicate their location clearly. There are a few name changes to some unlabeled sections and connectors to make trails easier to follow.

7. Elections of officers

Elections were held for half of the Director positions. Motion to nominate and elect the following made by David Floer; Jim Rogers seconded. Carried.

Elected for a two-year term by acclamation were:

Kathleen Opal
Tara Skzorupa
Jo Ellen Floer
Jim Nicol

Elected for a one- year term is

Dan Oicle

Returning for the second of a two-year term are:

Joseph Cross
Randy Harris
Walter Rechlin

8. Announcements

- a. Hats and toques for sale by Walter
- b. Bear Awareness will be offered
- c. Need volunteer for emptying some of the garbage cans
- d. Great Trail Loop opening will be May 23rd at 7pm as the Isadore Canyon Trail head. Al Skukas with the Trails BC program announced they will be installing signage for the Great Trail. Looking for volunteers to put up the signs and help rake out the Meander Trail in June.

9. Questions and Answers

- a. Member would like to see dogs on a leash while in the CCF. Concerned for safety for people and dogs. Most of the problems in the CCF are related to dogs. Dogs should always be under control. It is a people problem. Hard to enforce.
- b. Kettle Lake - still have ATV's going around the barriers. Another people problem. Costly to add rocks. Take a picture and report them. Better than it used to be.
- c. COTR - will be putting in a new road. Six new residences will be built on the east side of the college. COTR is interested in keeping the new trails as part of the area plan.
- d. Asked about the penalty for ATV's using the non-motorized area. Board doesn't know.
- e. Will weed spraying occur? CCF has put in an application for weed spraying funding. Use Report-a-weed App for areas you come across. Have done weed pulls in the past which helps.
- f. Are E-bikes considered to be a motorized vehicle? Class 1 Ebikes are allowed on the trails but not bikes that have throttles or are similar to mopeds. Most Ebike users are people who need the assistance of the extra power. No conflict reported to date.

10. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Minutes recorded by Jo Ellen Floer