

**SIERRA CLUB OF BC FOUNDATION**

**Annual General Meeting**

**October 1, 2020, 5:15 pm**

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Call to Order** - James Coccola, Chair

Territorial acknowledgement.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda** - James Coccola, Chair

MSC: (Elisabeth Hazell/Susan Kim)

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM** (September 14, 2019) - James Coccola, Chair

MSC: (Patricia Lane/Tim Pearson)

**4. Report from the Chair** - James Coccola, Chair

- The Chair acknowledged and thanked outgoing Board members for the contributions they have made during their terms.
- The Chair offered gratitude to the staff for implementing the changes that we have set out in our strategic plan and the challenges that COVID and ecological challenges present, and the importance of our continued work together.

**5. Campaigns and Education Update** - Caitlyn Vernon & Munifa Ahmed

- Campaigns Director, Caitlyn, provided an update on SCBC's education program and forests and climate justice campaigns
- Operations Lead, Munifa, shared what inspires her to work with SCBC.

**6. Special Motion** - James Coccola, Chair

Proposed bylaw amendment:

**That** the bylaws be amended to include the following as article 31:

*For the purposes of enabling effective participation, directors may be reasonably compensated for their board service.*

**That** all following articles are renumbered accordingly.

**M:** Elaine Stuart **S:** Lynn Bakken

Discussion:

- This is in compliance with the CRA and Societies Act, and comes from SCBC's commitment to justice and inclusion, and reducing barriers to participation.
- Rebecca Hazell moved a motion to amend the language from "be reasonably compensated" to "receive an honorarium".

The amended motion is as follows:

**That** the bylaws be amended to include the following as article 31:

*For the purposes of enabling effective participation, directors may receive an honorarium for their board service.*

**That** all following articles are renumbered accordingly.

**MSC:** (Rebecca Hazell/Elaine Stuart)

**7. Appointment of Auditor** - Gordon Stewart, Treasurer

- a. Presentation of the 2019 Financial Statements

**MSC:** (Alex McArdle/Lynn Bakken)

- b. Appointment of KPMG as auditor for the current fiscal year

**MSC:** (Jordan Watters/Rebecca Hazell)

**8. Report of the Nominations Committee** - James Coccola, Chair

- The Nominations Committee went through a rigorous process of recruiting new board members and is recommending eight Board members. The Chair opened the floor to other nominations. None were forwarded.

**9. Election of Directors** - James Coccola, Chair

- The following incoming directors were accepted for two-year terms: Rob Gillezeau, Susan Kim, Nikki Sanchez, Dakota McGovern, Jordan Watters, Alix Flavelle, and Bud Napoleon; and the following director for a two-year term renewal: Nadia Nowak

**10. Volunteer Awards** - Elisabeth Hazell, Manager of Donor Relations

- The Jack Hemphill Exceptional Volunteer Service Award was presented to Jane Welton
- The Geraldine Irby Award for Volunteerism was presented to Gabe Davis and Rob Calder
- The Rosemary Fox Conservation Achievement Award was presented to Helena Symonds and Paul Spong

**11. Report from the Executive Director** - Hannah Askew

- This was SCBC 50th year and we have thought a lot about who we are and who we want to be moving forward, which is reflected in our strategic plan.
- Hannah introduced the staff team and offered thanks to our youth advisors

**12. SCBC Video and Closing Remarks**

**13. Adjournment**

2020 AGM adjourned at 6:27 pm