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## **SIERRA CLUB OF BC FOUNDATION**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**September 23, 2021, 5:15 pm**

### **Draft Minutes**

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

Territorial acknowledgement.

#### **2. Agenda - James Coccola, Chair**

**MSC:** (Avery Halyk/Susan Kim). Motion approved.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes 2020 AGM (October 1, 2020) - James Coccola, Chair**

**MSC:** (Susan Kim/Elaine Stuart). Motion approved.

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

- James offered his thanks to outgoing Board members La'goot (Spencer Greening) and Tesicca Truong.
- The board had been focused on working with staff to update policies, fundraise and uphold our justice, equity, diversity and inclusion commitments.
- The bylaw that we passed last year did not get adopted due to a review of its compliance and no Board Members received honorariums this year.
- James offered his thanks to staff for all their incredible work during these challenging times.

#### **5. Report from the Executive Director - Hannah Askew, Executive Director**

- Hannah offered her thanks to the SCBC membership, staff and board for their contributions.
- Despite the challenges of the pandemic we have been very fortunate as our number of volunteers and monthly donors has increased during this time.
- The realities of climate change have been very apparent this year. To tackle this, we have put a lot of energy into building new relationships with a diversity of communities including rural communities, artists, unions and faith groups.
- We have worked to strengthen our capacity to work with Indigenous Peoples, governments and processes.

- The two primary goals of our strategic plan are:
  - Goal 1: Support and enable leadership for climate action and resilience, with an emphasis on communities that are most impacted by the ecological crisis.
  - Goal 2: Protect ecosystems and nurture their abundance to ensure a viable future for all.

**6. Campaigns and Education Update** - Elisabeth Hazell, Manager of Donor Relations & Haya Aldoori, Education Program Lead

- Elisabeth provided highlights and a review of the campaigns work that has been done over the past year to reach the goals of the strategic plan. This includes:
  - Building relationships with faith groups, artists and musicians for climate justice.
  - Hosting popular webinars including learn to draw, The Future of Salmon, and Finding the Mother Tree with Suzanne Simard.
  - Launching a new online engagement portal to train and support local leaders
  - Releasing reports and guides including: Intact Forests, Safe communities; BC government Old-Growth Report Card; A Pathway Together (an interactive presentation on decolonization); and the ‘Being a Voice for the Forest’ action guide.
  - Working in the field to protect forests: monitoring marbled murrelets in Ada’itsx (Fairy Creek), bear den surveys, and successful protection of karst landscapes.
  - Launching the Tree of Life Project that brings Western and Indigenous science and knowledge together.
  - Supporting Indigenous-led conservation solutions
- Haya provided an update on SCBC’s Education programs:
  - The pandemic has limited travel though we have been able to engage more in local areas as well as offer resources online.
  - We are doing transformational work so that our education programming is in line with our strategic plan which includes a place based approach, focus on interconnection and relations with all beings, and being hands on and sensory.
  - Placing a greater focus on areas that are historically underserved - North Island, Greater Vancouver Area, Gulf Islands.

**7. Appointment of Auditor** - Darius Maze, Treasurer

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

**MSC:** (Mark Hazell/Dakota McGovern). Motion approved.

- b. Presentation of the 2020 Financial Statements

- We have had very good engagement with donors during the pandemic.
- We are in a healthy financial position.
- There have not been large shifts or changes in our financial statements over the past year

Motion to approve the financial statements of the year ending in December 2020.

**MSC:** (Mark Hazell/James Coccola). Motion approved.

**8. Report of the Nominations Committee** - Jordan Watters, Member at Large

- The nominations committee recommends the nomination of Darius Maze and James Coccola as directors.
- Jordan called for additional nominations. No additional members were nominated.

## **9. Election of Directors - Jordan Watters, Member at Large**

- James and Darius accepted their nominations.
- Motion to approve the standing nominees as directors of Sierra Club BC Foundation - James Coccoia and Darius Maze

**MSC:** (June Ross/Mark Hazell) . Motion approved.

## **10. Volunteer Awards**

- The Rosemary Fox Conservation Achievement Award was presented to Marion Cumming
- The Jack Hemphill Exceptional Volunteer Service Award was presented to Sierra Quadra
- The Geraldine Irby Award for Volunteerism was presented to Julius Csotonyi
- The Yaahgudang Award was presented to K'aayhlt'aa Haanas (Valine Brown)

## **11. Memorial Tributes**

- Tributes were made to long time SCBC supporters and members who passed on this year - Terry Simmons, Rosemary Fox and Ken Farquharson.

## **12. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- 42 members attended the 2021 AGM. The AGM adjourned at 7:01 pm