

Minutes of Meeting – AGM February 27, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Robin Unrau, Ted Bocking, Amberlee Ficociello, Neil Findlay, Jordan Kempf, Evan Saugstad, Wendy Cary, Dave Ryder

Members – 15 Members, 1 Non-Member in attendance. Quorum of 15 required – met.

CALL TO ORDER: 3:03 PM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda as circulated – **Evan Saugstad, Amberlee Ficociello second, Carried**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1st AGM, no prior minutes

3. INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT DIRECTORS

4. PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT

What have we accomplished in 2020

Overview of Committees & Director Positions, current predator management concerns, goals for 2021

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

– Financial report as presented for Fiscal Year 2020/21 – to be reviewed by an Accountant following AGM.

Evan Saugstad motion to accept financial report as presented. Ted Bocking second, Carried

New treasurer Wendy Cary to take over by March 31, 2021

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Dave Ryder, Chair – Recently, a more passive approach to membership activities on social media as our heavy traffic felt to be too much. Excellent engagement recently with published work by Evan, webinar with Dr. Geist – strong membership increases as a result. Membership Drive commencing March 2021 with prizes.

FUNDRAISING – Dave Ryder, Chair - We did not pursue high levels of fundraising activities in 2020. In monitoring other organizations, Facebook auctions are hit & miss and we wish to protect the value of donations. COVID has eliminated our ability to have a convention. With completion of AGM & first Fiscal Year End, we become eligible for Class A Gaming License – fundraising committee has been hard at work. Raffles & auction for small, desirable items may commence.

LOBBYING – Neil Findlay, Chair - Update on Fish, Wildlife & Habitat program will be available on the website soon. Working on Access Management Plan for Pennask Summit complete with grant application to HCTF. Continued efforts to lobby to Victoria for Wildlife Management to be regionalized.

CONSERVATION – Ted Bocking, Chair - Review of 2020 activities including Big Buck Contest fundraiser. In spite of due diligence by directors including dialogue with Victoria level BC Conservation Officer Service, our donation of \$1212.43 has been declined due to conflict of interest.

MEDIA – On February 16, 2021 Directors voted to continue operations under Hunters for BC SCI to better reflect the organization. Interior Chapter SCI will continue as our legal name however website, logos, branding will continue but dropping “Interior Chapter”. Emails will be updated to reflect this. All “Interior Chapter SCI” will redirect to Hunters for BC SCI. Continued efforts in Facebook Group to be a place to discuss Wildlife Management & Conservation issues.

YOUTH – New chair, Director Jordan Kempf – Development of youth programs to come.

EDUCATION – No Chair, report provided by Ted Bocking. 2 successful wolf trapping clinics held in 2020. Plans to develop educational webinars around wildlife & predator management to come.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) \$1200 Donation – We have \$1212.43 raised for BC Conservation Officer Service that has been declined. Discussion commenced around using this for a Youth Committee launch with ideas like sponsoring youth to attend CORE and a possible scholarship program. Amberlee F asked members to comment on whether the money should be sent outside of the organization. Robin U suggested donations came from across the province so funds should be available for an initiative across province. Discussion favoured youth committee

Amberlee Ficociello made a motion to direct \$1212.43 to Youth Committee. Robin Unrau second. Carried

- b) Tentative Guest – Unavailable for AGM

- c) ACT NOW Campaign with Wild Sheep Society – Overview of “End Hunting of Large Carnivores” discussed. Hunters for BC SCI supporting Wild Sheep Society via social media and newsletter plus website efforts. Evan Saugstad will take lead on this initiative with dialogue to WSSBC surrounding how we can support and meetings with SCI Canada regarding the use of Hunter Advocacy Action Center – software program that lobbies to provincial level.

- d) Open to Members additions – nothing to add

8. CALL FOR DIRECTORS

Per Bylaws, Directors positions are for a term of 2 years. Current executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary will be up for election in 2022.

Director, Wendy Cary to step up as Treasurer for 2022 for a 2-year term.

New Directors Nominated | Accepted – Mike Gilson, Darrell Shiels, Mike Stromgren

7, NEXT MEETING – Spring 2022

8. MEETING ADJOURNED 4:41 PM – Motion Amberlee Ficociello, Robin Unrau second, Carried