

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES APRIL 5, 2023



6:00 PM Project Presentations:

- Pennask Access Management Project Overview – Slideshow
- Highway 97 pwalxkn (Mule Deer) Monitoring Project – Slideshow

6:49 PM Formal Meeting Commenced:

- Amberlee F. Meeting Chair Nominated at Special Director’s Meeting Held April 5, 2023

Establish Quorum: Quorum Met with 29 Voting Members in Attendance via ZOOM

1. Adoption of special rules

Chair: Motion to adopt Robert’s Rules of Order. Second Robin U. Carried.

2. Approval of agenda

Jason P: Motion to approve agenda. Second Neil F. Carried.

3. Approval of minutes of March 19, 2022 AGM

Chair: Motion to accept Minutes. Second Wendy C. Carried.

4. Financial report

Treasurer presented Financial Report as Reviewed by Accountant

Mike S. Motion to accept Financial Report as presented. Second Neil F. Carried.

5. President’s annual report

- a. A Review of 2022, Goals for 2023

2022 was a pivotal year for Hunters for BC where we really began to focus on what is important for our wildlife, habitat and our many dedicated members. A decision was made to allow the society to dissolve as an SCI chapter and focus on our grass roots here in our amazing province. Being a chapter of SCI was not a mistake but part of a very heavy learning curve in the world of conservation and we recognize the very real contribution SCI makes globally for wildlife and hunters.

Hunters for BC engaged in Strategic Planning in 2022/23 and identified 3 key areas for the organization to focus on going forward.

Access Management, Predator / Prey Dynamics, Public Outreach

I wish to thank everyone involved with the Hunters for BC success story. You know who you are and there are far too many to list. I look forward to a safe and successful 2023 for everyone and a very quick reminder.

Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting are part of our history and very much worth fighting for.

6. Committee reports
 - a. Predator Committee – Written report made available to members.
 - b. Chronic Wasting Disease – Written report made available to members.
 - c. Badger Awareness Program – Written report made available to members.
 - d. Membership Committee – Written report made available to members.
 - e. Fundraising – Written report made available to members.
7. Old business
 - a. Review special resolutions – amendments/additions to bylaws
 - i. Proposed Society name change
 - ii. Amend bylaws

Background: In August 2022 a Special Resolution members meeting was held to deal with the following business: vote to dissolve chapter status with Safari Club International and a subsequent name change from BC Interior SCI – Safari Club International to Hunters for BC. In spite of having done research on the name ‘Hunters for BC’, the name was rejected by BC Societies as being too close to BC Hunters & Jumpers Association. Subsequently, the Special Resolution Name Change and Bylaw amendments approved by members in August, 2022 are null & void.

Directors presented members with the Special Resolution Name Change to H4BC Hunt.Gather.Conserve. Society, pre-approved by BC Societies in March, 2023, and presented members with Special Resolution Bylaw Amendment exactly as presented and approved by members in August, 2022. These documents were sent to all members and made available on the website for more than 30 days in advance of the AGM.

Special Resolution: Name Change

Motion: That the name of the Society be changed from “*BC Interior SCI (Safari Club International)*” to “*H4BC Hunt.Gather.Conserve. Society*”, as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Society, notice of which having been provided to the voting members of the Society, be hereby approved, ratified and confirmed;

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Society are hereby authorized and instructed to submit the name to the Government of British Columbia.

27 Votes in Favour, 2 Abstain

Special Resolution: Bylaws Amendment

Motion: That the Proposed Bylaws, as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Society, copies of which having been provided to the voting members of the Society, be hereby altered and ratified,

The Bylaws of the Society as amended are attached as Schedule “A” to this Special Resolution;

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Society are hereby authorized and instructed to make such changes to the Proposed Bylaws, that were ratified by adoption of this resolution, as may be required by the Government of British Columbia; and

Motion: That the Board of Directors of the Society is hereby authorized and instructed to change the text of the Proposed Bylaws that were ratified by adoption of this resolution if the change is consistent with the ratification.

This Resolution will be effective upon acceptance by the Registrar of Companies.

27 Votes in Favour, 2 Abstain

8. New business

- a. Discussion - Membership revoked was not in compliance with BC Societies Act. H4BC reinstated member.
- b. Discussion – Clarification requested on term of platinum sponsor placement on website. Platinum sponsors are posted to the website for a period of 1 year.
- c. Discussion – Terms of Directors. Director positions are for a 2-year term and the process of elections, resignations and removal is outlined in the bylaws and the BC Societies Act.
- d. Discussion – Closure of the US Account. US account was closed to save on banking fees. Funds within the US Account were transferred to the regular H4BC bank account & accounted for in the financials.
- e. Discussion – Sponsor directed funds. Sponsors may direct funds to a specific project at the time of donation/contribution.

9. Election of 4 directors

Acclimation: Dawson Smith, Jason Price, Robin Roy, Wendy Cary

10. Adjournment of meeting **8:21 PM**