

April 13, 2022

CTSS Annual General Meeting

6:30 pm Red Arrow Brewing

Present:

Board Members: Tom Roozendaal, Rick Martinson, Kelly Dougan, Mckay Vezina, Mark Wallace, Matt Grossnickle, Ryan Jordan, Chris Istace, Dan Berrard, Michele Carr, Dan Johnson

Staff: Vicki Holman, Brendan Gauthier

Municipality of North Cowichan: Councillor Justice, Councillor Douglas, Don Stewart Director of Parks and Recreation, Shaun Mason Municipal Forester

Membership: 19 members at large

Call to order 6:40

SB01 - Approval of Agenda – Those present approved the agenda by consent

SB02 – Approval of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting – Those present approved the minutes as presented and posted on the CTSS website.

SB03-Presidents Report – Tom Roozendaal presented the report as written in the accompanying Annual Report. He reminded the group the society is in its 10th year and he gave thanks to the founders of the organization. CTSS now manages three trail networks, Tzouhalem, Maple and now Prevost for the Municipality of North Cowichan. Tom advised the group he is stepping down from CTSS.

SB04 – Municipality of North Cowichan Report – Don Stewart, Director of Parks and Recreation introduced Councillor Justice, Councillor Douglas and Shaun Mason. This year the MNC and CTSS celebrate 5 years of partnered trail management with the Municipal Forest Reserve. This relationship has strengthened in the last two years as we have come through challenges from neighbourhoods, users and development. We have the support of Council for the trail networks. We have funding from the Provincial Government for Prevost through tourism development programming. Future challenges include addressing parking requirements for Prevost.

SB05 – Year End Financial Update – Rick Martinson, Treasure has financial statements to email. (rick@cowichantrails.ca) Highlights of the financial statements include an increase in revenues of 30% over the last 3 years and revenues from our own sources have increased to 27% of total revenues. Rick advised that administrative costs are 15% and 85% of revenues are directly spent on operations.



SB06 - Questions from the Membership:

1. Nevilane Parking lot is still on hold.
2. A publicly viewable camera is in the process of being installed in Kaspera Parking Lot
3. The Bumble Bee refurbish/rebuild is on hold due to land transactions not yet in place. CTSS will continue to advocate for new trails which would include a Bumble Bee Connector. There is a process to be followed and can be found on the MNC website. It was confirmed that Bumble Bee does need a rebuild and once done, Nevilane parking lot will need an expansion.
4. The question of a dirt jump park came up as well as a skills park for the kids. Information may be found in the North Cowichan Parks and Trails Master Plan. The firehall trails are in the process of being sanctioned and the contact for them is Keona Wiley, Parks Manager.
5. Cobble Hill Mountain is CVRD jurisdiction and it was suggested to make referrals to the CVRD
6. Summit trail is on First Nations Land and development or reroute planned but not yet approved.

SB07 – The following directors were voted to the CTSS Board

One Year Term

Dan Berrard
Chris Istace
Kelly Dougan
Mark Wallace
Pete Stephenson
Ryan Jordan

Two Year Term

Mike Evans
Rick Martinson
Dan Johnson
Mckay Vezina
Matt Grossnickle
Michele Carr

SB08 – Election of Officers - The newly elected board convened a meeting to select its officers.

Motion to elect Rick Martinson, President
Mckay Vezina and Kelly Dougan as Co-Vice Presidents
Mike Evans, Treasurer

MOVED: Dan Berrard Second: Rick Martinson CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm