

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday April 19, 2023

**Location:** Red Arrow Brewing Company, 6:00PM

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**Present:**

**Board Members:** Dan Johnson, Dan Berard, Matt Grossnickle, Rick Martinson, Michele Carr, Mike Evans, Kelly Dougan, Peter Stevenson, Ryan Jordan, Dan Cathro

**Staff:** Brendan Gauthier, Lorrie Mansey

**Membership:** 30 members in good standing.

**Call to order:** 6:30PM

**Standing Items:**

SB1 – Approval of Agenda – Membership

- Those present approved the agenda by consent

***Motion to accept the agenda***

**MOVED: Matt Grossnickle | Second: Pete Stevenson CARRIED**

SB2 – Approval of Minutes (2022 AGM) – Membership

- Those present approved the previous year's minutes as presented and posted on the CTSS website.

***Motion to accept minutes from 2022 AGM***

**MOVED: Kelly Dougan | Second: Ryan Jordan CARRIED**

SB3 – President's Report – Rick Martinson

- Rick Martinson presented the Annual Report, also available on the CTSS website.
- Discussed the potential development of Mt. Richards as a sanctioned trail network, and CTSS's advocacy for amending the PTMP to include mountain biking on Richards.
- Discussed the value of membership.
  - Increases the power of advocacy held by CTSS
  - Creates a close-knit community of like minded individuals who can enjoy organized group events together.

- CTSS plans to venture into CVRD for 2023; would like to work on Cobble Hill Mountain.
- Municipal Forest Review is still pending and new trails in North Cowichan are on hold until the MFR is completed.

**Motion to approve President's report**

**MOVED: Ryan Jordan | Second: Michele Carr CARRIED**

**SB4 – Municipality of North Cowichan Report – MNC**

- MNC was unable to attend the meeting as they had a conflicting council meeting. An annual report from their perspective will be released to membership.

**SB5 – Year-end financial update – Mike Evans**

- Total revenue growth since 2022 is about \$70,000.
- Ended 2022 with approx. a \$6000 surplus

**SB6 – Ratification of CTSS Board members – Membership**

- There are 6 available terms and 6 board applications.
- The following directors were voted to the CTSS Board:

**New & Renewed Terms (2yrs)**

Dan Berrard

Kelly Dougan

Mark Wallace

Pete Stevenson

Ryan Jordan

Dan Cathro

**Continuing Terms (1yr)**

Mike Evans

Rick Martinson

Dan Johnson

McKay Vezina

Matt Grossnickle

Michele Carr

**SB7 – Election of Officers - Board**

**Motion to add Dan Cathro to the Board of Directors:**

**MOVED: Pete Stevenson | Second: Dan Johnson CARRIED**

**New Business:**

**NB1 – Corporate Sponsorship Program**

- New Corporate Sponsorship Program will be rolled out in the next few weeks. The new program has tiers of sponsorship in increments of \$500/annually. Annual contributions will be accumulated and recognized accordingly.

#### NB2 – Volunteer Trail Builder Program

- Designed to support independent trail builders. They will “adopt” a trail for a year, following CTSS guidelines and expectations. CTSS will provide PPE and tools as needed in exchange.
- Program to be rolled out in the next few weeks.

#### NB3 – Bylaw changes

- Change corporate “members” to corporate “sponsors”
- Proposal to change AGM quorum from 10% of membership to 5%, with a stipulation that the quorum must include at minimum 2x the board of directors plus 1.
- Proposal to change board meeting quorum to be 50% of board members instead of the majority.
- We are now a charity for 2023. Can now issue charitable tax receipts.
  - Bylaw changes as a result:
    - In the event of dissolution, all society money now must go to a nonprofit that is ALSO a registered charity.

#### **Motion to accept bylaw changes**

**MOVED: Pete Stevenson | Second: Mike Evans CARRIED**

#### SB8 – Questions from the membership – Membership

- Suggestion to approach parks commission committees to get CTSS involved with CVRD
- The BC Carriage Driving Society might be interested in adopting a trail.
- Plans in place for Maple Mountain?
  - *CTSS is developing a list of unsanctioned trails that we would like to sanction.*
  - *Intend to develop an Upper Phloem*
  - *Looking at sanctioning Chicken Monkey*
  - *Areas of Maple Mountain are untouchable as per MNC due to sensitive ecosystems.*
- Would like to see a trail from Crofton to Maple Bay.
  - *This was discussed by MNC but was lost in communication.*

#### **Motion to Adjourn – Membership**

**MOVED: Rick Martinson | Second: Pete Stevenson CARRIED**

**Adjourned: 7:30PM**

From the Municipality of North Cowichan:

*North Cowichan's continued goal is to increase recreational opportunities and enhance accessibility/user experience for the broader community. CTSS is playing a critical role in both the maintenance of the existing hiking/biking systems within the Municipal Forest Reserve and as strategic partners in developing hiking/biking opportunities in the remaining mountains as identified through the Parks and Trails Master Plan.*

*North Cowichan would like to thank CTSS - specifically Rick, Brendan, Lorrie and board members for your continued efforts and support as we continue to improve on the already highly popular and sought-after recreational opportunities available for the public within the community. North Cowichan looks forward to working with CTSS on continuing to improve, expand and enhance recreational opportunities to make North Cowichan a prime destination in the hiking and mountain biking communities.*

