

**Meeting April 21, 2011 – Annual General Meeting
Squamish Trails Society
Squamish Arts Council Building
Cleveland Avenue, Squamish BC**

Attendance:

Bob Brant, Vic Drought, Patrick McNamara, Don Lawrence, Pru Fuller, Graham Fuller, Doug Morrison, Matt Parker, Yasmine Jodrey, Carl Halvorson, Heather Evans, Maren Bruun, Shawn Gosnell

Notice to STS Friends & Members:

WANTED! A VOLUNTEER RECRUITER/COORDINATOR FOR THE TEST OF METAL FOOD BOOTH!

This person will need to contact a solid existing roster of annual volunteers to solicit / confirm their participation at the STS food booth at this year's Test of Metal, June 18th. Contact Bob Brant if you are curious or interested!
Email squtrails-bob@shaw.ca

Meeting was brought to order at 7:03pm.

MoT Hwy 99 Deficiencies

MOT meeting next Thursday April 28th regarding the deficiencies of the highway upgrade related to pedestrian and cyclists. Big concerns are Mamquam Bridge connection to Corridor Trail, Industrial and Commercial Way, south of Mamquam Blind Channel Bridge near KFC, and many more places.

Cottonwood Park

Cottonwood Park meeting regarding park upgrades and integrating the trail considerations / upgrades is Tues April 26th April at 11am.

Commercial Way Connector

There has been some email discussion regarding this trail, whether it is supported and should go ahead etc. The District has already received Cascade Environmental Consulting report (STS decided in Dec 2010 to commission the report) and if the District want to go ahead at some point in the future (near or far) then it would proceed. Now this trail is 'on the books' as a possibility should it want to be considered as a connector.

A lesson learned from this process is that we should consistently confirm our priority projects on an annual basis. This trail was identified as a priority a few

years ago, but perhaps it was not as highly desired when it made it to the top of the list for consideration.

Squamish Outdoor Recreation Expo

The “SORE” is taking place on Saturday April 30th at the Adventure Centre, 3 to 7 pm. STS will have a table to showcase website, get ideas about maintenance and new trail connections in neighbourhoods, memberships, draw (Penny has secured some draw prizes from local sponsors CORSA). Idea: post a volunteer job description for a Test of Metal Volunteer Recruiter/Scheduler.

Brush Back Brigade

There is a good weekday crew, and Bob is preparing a photo album to hopefully recruit a weekend crew for the Brush Back Brigade. The photo album will be on display at SORE, Test of Metal, etc.

Test of Metal Food Booth

Bob has met with the Campfire Grill regarding a proposal (they had approached the sponsorship group with Test of Metal) to work with STS on our fundraiser at TOM. If it proceeds, STS would get the pulled pork from Campfire Grill, and the buns etc would come from other places including donations. The food for non-racers would not be pulled pork.

Penny has committed to organizing the ticket booth, and Graham can help out. Graham will contact Penny.

We need a volunteer coordinator/recruiter for those helping with the barbecue – duties are to phone people and get their commitment, schedule. See note at beginning of the minutes, and volunteer ‘job’ posting at upcoming SOAR.

We will also need the Friday evening set-up crew (June 17) as per usual.

T-Shirts or Hats or Patches

We have explored STS-wear in October, but decided not to move forward. Discussion was revived about whether we were interested in STS wear. The idea of an apron was discussed heartily – ‘a uniform to some, a soul apron to others.’

Capilano University Student Trail Crew

The student group completed a half-day raking project on Ray Peters Trail and reposted signs. Great progress!

New Trail Maintenance Equipment

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved THAT

STS should authorize expenditure for a new trimmer, and if necessary face screens and a wheel-barrow to a maximum total of \$1,000.

Ring Creek Bridge Crossing (Carpenters Son Bridge) – Equestrian Concerns

Yasmine pointed out that the Backcountry Horsemen group did their first ride, and found that the 'new' Carpenters Son Bridge is narrow and has two 45-degree turns, also you cannot dismount on the bridge or dismount and walk across the bridge. As a result the riders cut up their legs badly or are very unbalanced on their horse (if they move legs out of the way), teeter over Ring Creek as they cross on horseback. Bob suggested that Yasmine email the list of concerns and these will be forwarded to Todd Pope.

Treasurers Report

\$7,184 is our current balance. Year-end financial reporting requirements are in the works by Jen.

Ray Peters Proposed Upgrade (part of Triathlon course)

Upgrading the stretch near the Horth log cut next to Squamish Valley Road has been suggested. Scope of work and approach could be to contract a bobcat to create a proper trail service, and re-crush the powerline south to that point. Need to get a few quotes; there has been lots of great trail work done by various contractors lately in town. This work would need to be done in cooperation with Triathlon as it is part of the running course for the Bob Macintosh Triathlon in July.

Clarke Drive area trail connectivity

This is a difficult area, and it will be fixed up as part of the Corridor Trail project by District of Squamish. We could get an update from Todd on this.

Squamish Trails Society Website

STS has lots of affiliations; should we offer that groups can have an affiliation and presence on the STS site. This could be particularly beneficial for groups that do not have or want a website but may wish to have a web presence. Could also add a list of related club links to our website.

Trail Use Code of Ethics

Environmental Society is working on a code of ethics at the estuary edge at the Spit (Eel Grass “chellum” trail), and they want to get societies to put their logo on the sign (STS etc.) to show solidarity. More info forthcoming.

Elections

President and Vice President:

- Bob is stepping down as the President – still wants to be involved in website, Test of Metal, etc. Squamish owes Bob a huge debt of gratitude for his many years of service. We need people to step up and take a role to continue the excellent and needed work.
- Could ask Capilano Collage video department if they are interested in doing a video project, encouraging trails leadership. Maaren will ask the instructor she knows about whether a student project could be a good project.
- Could do rotating chair as a temporary solution. Question was raised as to whether we need a listed President to fill the Societies Act's requirement.
- STS could consider getting a Facebook account to engage with younger folks and families.

Treasurer:

Jen is interested in Treasurer and is willing to continue to serve in upcoming year.

Secretary:

Heather is interested in Secretary and is willing to continue to serve in upcoming year.

Directors: interested people are Shawn Gosnell, Don McNamara, Don Lawrence, Carl Halvorson Vic Drought, Matt Parker, Bob Brant, Heather, Jen.

Resolution: Approve the appointment of Squamish Trails Society Directors for the upcoming year as outlined:

- **Heather Evans**
- **Jen Adams**
- **Shawn Gosnell**
- **Don Lawrence**
- **Carl Halvorson**
- **Vic Drought**
- **Bob Brant**
- **Matt Parker**
- **Stephane Perron**
- **Penny Wilmot**
- **Ted Prior**

Motion made by Carl Halvorson, seconded by Matt Parker, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.