

**Meeting June 16, 2011**  
**Squamish Trails Society**  
**Squamish Arts Council Building**  
**Cleveland Avenue, Squamish BC**

**Attendance:**

Bob Brant, Vic Drought, Patrick McNamara, Don Lawrence, Matt Parker, Yasmine Jodrey, Carl Halvorson, Heather Evans, Shawn Gosnell, Doug Morrison, Jennifer Adams, Penny Wilmot, Patsy Reicker

***Test of Metal: set up on Friday night (18<sup>th</sup>) and event on Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>)***

- Some early set up by Matt and Shawn – tables, plus if possible will do the paper (Carl), and plastic
- Matt is bringing big garbage bins and bags from Squamish Elementary
- Multiple canopies are coming in case of a 'precipitous situation'.
- The set up crew will meet at 6pm at the Brennan Park Campground on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. Jen Penny Matt Heather Carl Bob
- Bob needs someone to come with him to load up at Nesters from the set up crew.
- Jen will bring her step-ladder on Friday night to the campground and it can be stored in reefer truck overnight.
- Heather will bring the banners.
- Penny had some new STS pictures printed, foam mounted and laminated, and arranged on a foam core sheet.
- Penny and Jennifer will split the float
- Campfire Grill gave us a draw prize. We'll do donate a loonie to STS and enter your name in the draw.

***Ray Peters Trail Upgrade***

- This project was completed a few weeks ago.
- \$5,000 SLRD, \$10,000 STS, plus any \$ difference will come from the District of Squamish.
- Can put photos on the website.

***SORCA re possible future ByPass in BC Parks Alice Lake – another cycle route between Edith Lake and Alice Lake***

- SORCA requested some support from STS (not financial) which we gave to them.
- likely is BC Parks funded.

### ***Brush Back Brigade Update***

- BBB cleared the Ross Road stretch of RPT.
- BBB also cleared Eaglewind trail that was overgrown – took a couple hours.
- Future BBB project has been identified by Squamish CAN for a project they are working on.

### ***Brackendale Fall Fair***

If STS wants to participate in the Brackendale Fall Fair it's \$25. Penny is able to be the lead for a STS booth. Approved. Jennifer to provide a cheque.

### ***Government Road, and Elements Area - sidewalk, bike lane etc.***

- Line repainting is proposed to be happening.
- Alignment of sidewalks and bike lanes, and crosswalks are an issue. Particularly in the Mamquam Bridge – Government road area.
- Carl met with District staff (Greig Garland) about concerns and suggestions at Mamquam Bridge area. Need to build for the demographic in that area.

### ***Ray Peters Trail – equestrian restriction and clarity***

- Equestrian users SVEA are looking for some clarity about where horses are allowed on the Ray Peters Trail. The equestrian users concern is starting to lose presence on the trails due to a small user group in Squamish.
- Comment was made that casual horse use is really complementary from a user point of view, but some different design preferences between mountain bikers and equestrian users.
- Backcountry Horsemen and SVEA are more than willing to hep out with trails and hear feedback about their impact, they just need to be part of the dialogue about it.
- Callaghan Valley is doing a trial for equestrian riding this summer, and there will be horse camping out in Squamish Valley around Mile 14-ish near Camp Summit.

### ***Carpenter Sons Bridge***

- SVEA / Backcountry Horsemen made an inquiry about possible re-design to move handrails to the outside, which would have equestrian users' legs from damage. Will bring this suggestion to Todd.

- There may be a family river equestrian ride happening in August. Will keep us posted.

### ***Discovery Trail***

- Bob and Carl met with Jesse Morewood, Todd, and Sam from DoS.
- The problems are still existing and there has been no progress on the issues brought forward.
- There is a development proposal at the north-west corner of Industrial Way and Hwy 99. Vic suggested that the top layer could be removed and the lower layers are compacted and could be OK.
- DoS has closed the Discovery Trail bridge over Wilson Slough – it has been vandalized / rotted. DoS has no money to fix it. Bob will make some inquiries about possible school project with Howe Sound Secondary School. There will be some wetland mitigation work in this area as well and it is possible that there may be some funds for bridge. Maybe Epic Truss would be interested in contributing, as this could be a truss bridge that is pre-fabbed and dropped in.

### ***Inside Edge Tech Group's Proposal / Offer***

- Offering their skill and expertise to work on a project for a sea to sky non profit group – it's a competition, due July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The application will be forwarded to members and any suggestions could be brought forward. Bob will also forward to Yasmine for SVEA information.
- Carl suggested an interactive trail management application. Heather suggested a collaborative process between DoS, trails groups etc. to find out how we move in a forward direction for the community, perhaps toward greater transparency and input into community projects.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

- Rebate returns have been completed by our book keeper.
- \$6354.00 is our balance.

### ***Community Connectors***

A few community connectors were discussed, which have been identified in the multimodal transportation study. The suggestion was made that STS may want to prioritize the level of effort and cost to help these come to fruition.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm