

Squamish Trails Society Minutes Meeting March 17, 2011 ... Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Attendees:

Bob, Vic, Heather, Carl, Don, Patrick, Jennifer, Jasmine, Doug, Penny, Patsy, Edith

Chair: Bob.

Minutes: Heather

Edith Tobe, Squamish Watershed Society

- Squamish Trails helped watershed society to apply to Squamish Credit Union / Van City for \$10,000 via charitable status
- April 13 announcement at 7pm at Squamish Credit Union – all welcome!
- Primarily grades 3,4,5 students have a field trip to the rivers component of their education. Targets about 600 students and is a fantastic program. Thanks Squamish River Watershed Society!

Cottonwood Park

- Stephane has been in contact with DoS Scott Lamont about the proposed trail upgrade. DoS is going to be upgrading the park anyway so it could be great timing.
- Many years ago, Jas Michalski (DoS / DFO) had dialogue with reduced mowing to take care of the riparian area (?). Also there is Japanese knotweed. Edith will send a note regarding this.

Hwy 99 Discrepancy Discussion

- Bob and Carl met with Jesse Moorwood (MoT staff) to review the discrepancies report.
- Some items: safety of intersections, particularly Industrial and Commercial Way are a problem. Jesse said that STS must meet with DoS because these are DoS responsibilities. Members suggested that many alternatives should be explored, e.g. a crosswalk along Commercial Way between the roundabout and Hwy 99. This area (Commercial Way, Queens Way) will continue to get busier with new development.
- Jesse will get back to us on signs positioning. STS noted and J. Moorwood will look at gravel erosion on the side of Cleveland, south end of the Mamquam Bridge, dangerous situations for pedestrians all along and particularly between Downtown and Valleycliffe.
- Corridor Trail should be completed this year (2011) and this will hopefully alleviate some concerns about pedestrian safety and pedestrian travel options.

Commercial Way to Brennan Park Potential Connector Trail Project

- Bob will send the report to Todd that has been prepared and Todd will put it on Committee of the Whole. Then DoS can deal with the priority, cost etc. The report provided by Cascade indicated that the bigleaf maples would not need to be disturbed.
- Edith has talked with a sample of people who live in the area and thought that there are sufficient connections already. Also the fragmentation of the habitat in this area is also an issue. However there are also supporters of this trail connection, particularly adults and kids who are involved in sports at Brennan Park.
- Penny also noted lack of support to proceed with his new trail. Note: subsequent Apr 11) email from member Mary Mitchell also noting lack of support for this trail.

Upper Mamquam Blind Channel (UMBC) Study and Development Proposal

Bob will send our previous correspondence about the UMBC to the planner on the project, Jim Charlebois.

Treasurer's Report

\$8658.50 is our current balance.

Proposed Run of River Project

The executive thought that we should just support SORCA's position. Bob prepared some correspondence back to the proponent to say that we support SORCA's position and summarize what the position is. Membership agrees and the letter will be sent.

Squamish Outdoor Recreation Expo at Adventure Centre

Heather and Penny will take on the booth. Jennifer may be able to come too.
Bob will RSVP to Ian and fill out the form.
Bob will get some draw prizes.

Test of Metal Food – Saturday June 18th, 2011

Penny can look after the ticket booth and volunteers for the ticket booth.
Sue Aucoin can help in 2011 as well with volunteer recruitment.
Bob will call a meeting in late April re the Test of Metal organization.
Need to look at pricing? Also need to ask ToM about volunteers' expectations / hopes to be fed?

Annual General Meeting is next month! April 21, 2011

- Jennifer will not be here for the AGM. She can arrange the ad before she goes away.
- STS will be holding elections (e.g. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). Members and the community residents are encouraged to come to the AGM and to put their name in the ring. Volunteers are always needed for the positions, and for various responsibilities as well – event coordinators, membership, etc. Please come out everyone!
- Heather will draft a press release for the AGM.

Memberships

Jennifer has done quite a bit of research on online membership.
Jennifer will send Jasmine the desired functionality (ie membership maintenance) for online payment, and she can make some inquiries about what we need.
Doug will send out a promotional email to the members and followers, to renew their memberships at next month's AGM and plug the STS website too.