



Squamish Trails Society February 19th, 2020 Agenda
Wednesday, February 19
Location: Squamish Savings Community Meeting Room

Call to order: 19:03

In attendance: Matt, Vic, Jack, Jim, Carl, John, Candy, Kimberly

Special Guest: Kimberly Amour; SRWS

Introductions:

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: December meeting minutes as January was cancelled due to “Snowmagedon”.

Moved by John, seconded by Jim – carried.



Presentation: Kimberly Armour - Central Estuary Restoration Project Update (information on spit realignment & bridge pond connection) Started in 2017 building on restoration since 1999. Culverts installed through training dike (built to facilitate coal port development in 1970's) over the years have not functioned as hoped. (intent to have juvenile salmon access to central channel). Annual fish monitoring has shown devastatingly low salmonid numbers actually accessing estuary. Berm flushing juveniles straight out into the ocean with very limited survival. Coastal restoration moneys came available through the Ocean Protection Plan targeting chinook stocks. Three phase project; replacement of existing culverts with large concrete box culverts; until such a time until sea dike installation only lower culverts can be upgraded – upper reaches must wait (top of Crescent Slough). This past season has been opportunity to test equipment and procedures, counting processes, PIT and acoustic tags. Ultimate solution is to remove as much of the training dike as possible. Phase 2 intent is to decommission lower training dike to at least the yellow gate (about 1km). Wave analysis showed very slight wave height at rail spur line (defacto flood control). Next is hydrodynamic modeling to see what impact would be in historic flood events. Need to know how it would impact water and sediment flows on west berth. Goal is to take out 1 – 2km and build a structure to protect ships and ship channel using Squamish Terminals. Windsport really wants a “hockey stick” to existing launch area at end of training dike, but noted that this is a fish project and not a recreation project so it is possible that access to this area could be by boat or some other access (to be determined). In a perfect world construction could start next winter. Discussion regarding future of trails within the Estuary. Phase three would be a flow intake structure through the rail spur line to Cattermole Creek



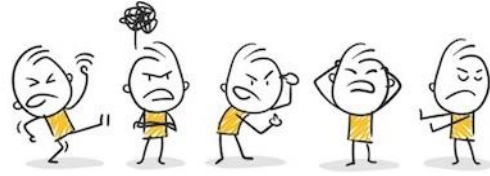
and Bridge Pond to re-introduce base flows (new connector channel to existing constructed channel that parallels North Dike).

Reports:

Brackentail – Wonderland Connector: Matt – been very busy, lots of amazing work, 800 m from south end (1.4km total), has started at north end Tuesday, bridge arrived Friday (bit of neighbour controversy – DoS involved (Jonas lead). DoS informed landowners that all permissions and permits are in place. Polygon and SORCA asked to kick in funds to address issues outside of contract and alleviate some of the neighbourhood challenges. Discussion of road/right of way challenges; hydro

poles, trail user use of private drive. Moved by John that we dedicated the Run Squamish funds to this project if required to complete north end completion, seconded by Jack – carried.

Question: what is SORCA putting in at this point?
Discussion of Westwind trail repair.



Trail base material for Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: Carl / Matt – spoke to Jody to address DoS road maintenance and drainage concerns. Still need to nail down DFO. Note that damage bridge on Swan Trail has been replaced by DoS staff.

Campground & SBP Projects: John – been challenged to get water supply – public hearing recently regarding Centennial Way development (Anthem) – hopefully this development will include waterline ending at fire hydrant opposite the campground. (possibly 2 years time?) Picnic table has been installed at Hospital Hill Play Park. Carpark Crag has three route developers working on a plan, including wheelchair, family friendly base area. Discussion of funding for upgrades – possible partnership with Trials? Moved by John, seconded by Jack that we set aside up to \$1000 for improvements to base of Carpark Crag – carried.

Financials: Jack – report tabled. (note report to first of month)

Senior Smoothers summary / ceremony Feb 3, 11 am: Jim – (note funder was not available so ceremony did not need to happen.) Map/brochure draft tabled for comment. Jim to send PDF.

No meeting date set yet with DOS staff: Is this still needed at this time? Matt at Polygon trail meeting and Aja (DoS) indicated they would like to get together with us. We should ask DoS for a date – early April would be good.

Correspondences:

Next CERP Working Group meeting Friday, February 28:

Squamish Non-Profit survey:

Benevity Profile update: Matt and Jack will get together to take care of it.

Trans Canada / Great Trail Cleanup Grant: Jim to put together application.

Letter of support to DoS for Active Transportation Grant: Matt completed already.



Business Arising

2020 Projects and cost estimates: Deferred to next meeting – Jim has a list.

Roundtable: Matt: Smoke Bluff Park – DoS has order native plants to replant controversial trail extension. Carl; Trail Signage on Corridor Trail up – only complaint not mean enough; Pemberton to Hunter Place Connector almost completed, Pemberton bike lane plans high on DoS priority list – maybe just the north side?, Nature Trail repairs required(bridge, culverts, drainage) Westbild minutes – send to Board. Jim; AGM coming up in April – please bring in new members, rail crossing at Mamquam bridge replaced. Still need to buy another wheelbarrow – Jim will buy one he likes.



Adjournment: 20:54

Next meeting: March 18



Squamish Trails Society April 2020 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Zoom Meeting



Start: 19:12

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Jack, John G., Jennifer, John, Jim

Heather sent her regrets. Jim at RCMP reporting break-in at shed.

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jack – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by John, seconded by Matt – carried.

Reports:

The Looking Glass (Wonderland Connector) trail: Matt – early last week trail made connection from end to end. Now buffing up and raking in. Used up \$2500 STS funds on fence so went to Polygon/SORCA for additional funding to complete. Overage will go through STS books to be reimbursed. Discussion of trail name – talked to Jim Harvey (didn't want Wonderland 2) – he's OK with the Alice in Wonderland theme connection. Will there be a grand opening? Likely a "soft opening" with all the Covid-19 concerns. Good opportunity to express thank-yous.

Trail base material for Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: Matt – six weeks ago did online application to DFO and have not heard a word – noted by Matt the good work on road side connector trail upgrades by John G!

Campground & SBP Projects: John – Smoke Bluffs projects moving along: gravelling and clean-up from BC Hydro transmission line near Neat and Cool done. Parking lot Crag will be popular when climbing opens up again. Sign being made up giving thanks to all who contributed.

Financials: Jack's report tabled – distributed by email. Discussion of domain name payment? Need to confirm it is paid as we had issues with this in the past – Jen just resent info to Jack. Noted – paid with Paypal in the past. Question: does Coast Ag continue with gravel donation? – yes. Reminder from Jim that liability insurance through Trails BC is due this month – pay through website.

Brochures: Matt has some set aside for Candy to disperse at trail heads.

2020 Projects List: A work in progress. Looking at low lying fruit to start this year. Carl spoke to Andy Dawson regarding what was on STS future lists so that they could offer as much support as possible.

Correspondences:

Approaches to boardwalks on Summer's Eve fixed? Apparently, it has been done. To be confirmed.

Squamish Non-Profit virtual workshop: Monday, April 20 - how to maintain your volunteer base.

Benevity Profile update: all good

Business Arising:

MOU: on circulation for comments – Jim – favourable comments from most – waiting for SFN.

Sea to Sky Trail signs: Jim started this week (one-person job due to Covid). Jim has also put up social distancing signage.

Annual DOS meeting: passed to Aja to organize – possible Zoom meeting – Matt to contact Aja to confirm details.

Pitch in week: 19-26 April – still opportunity for individuals or families to make a contribution.

"North Loop Connector": Found a well-used link from Eaglewind tennis to town dike: good project, should talk to DoS for load of gravel on east end – needs short bridge.

Trails crew: remove deadfall at east end old north dike – permission? Maybe better to get some gravel moved to fill wet area to north of windfalls? 2" minus would be good.

AGM: in May - exec. and director roles? Discussion of incumbents continuing in their existing roles.

All in agreement to continue in current roles for another year. Noted there is position open for volunteer recruitment and project manager. AGM will probably be by Zoom. Discussion of how that might work – post on website asking members to contact for link – not just put link out there for just anybody?



Roundtable: Jack – thanks to John Harvey on work across from Neat and Cool, thanks to Matt for the effort on the Great Wall off Depot; Jen – why the fence? One reason was because one neighbour allowed works through property which made him unpopular with the others who then said “what about me” - what about them - what about us – Matt compelled to smooth the way to the best of his limited carpentry ability! Bit of work to avoid future conflict; Jen – thanks to Carl for Corridor Trail signage, Jim’s Senior Smoothers signs great as well; Jim – permission to spend money on storage shed dead bolt assembly. Looking to All Keys and Locks for recommendations. Mamquam Golf Course Trail upgrade left some very rough sections – possibly involve golf course folks like Telus Day of Giving. Jim to contact Golf course for possible involvement – OK to spend some money for gravels; John – discussion of bridge across to Rose Park location, Bienally organizer looking to Squamish to support a full time “artist in residence” – also discussed bridge design to facilitate a “glorious” bridge with unique design – not a floating bridge! Could be a beautiful, iconic thing? What about the pedestrian bridge connection to Victoria?



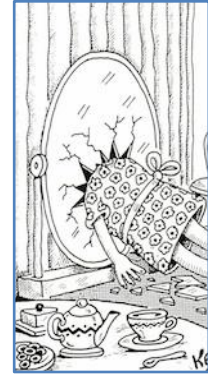
Adjournment: 20:13

Next meeting: AGM? May 20





Squamish Trails Society May 20, 2020
Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Attendance: Matt Parker, Carl Halvorson, Jen Adams, Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Jack Hughes, John Harvey, Heather Evans

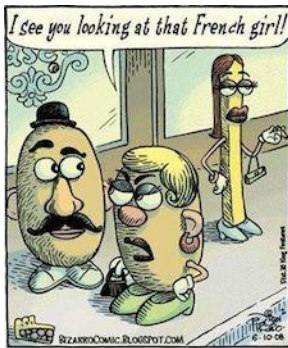
Call to order: 19:09

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by John – carried.

Adoption of Minutes of April Meeting: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Jim – carried.

Reports:

The Looking Glass trail: Matt – it is done, some homeowners are modifying fence for more privacy. Question; was it supposed to be a 1.5m trail? One spot is a metre trail. Original application was for a “blue” trail – probably between green and blue. There is a concern regarding the narrow bit. There was some concern about the slope being unstable, so the trail was built on top of the existing scree slope with rock walls built up from below. Neighbours noted that trail is getting lots of use. Will there be a later on, more formal opening? VP of Polygon did come out with his family for an informal look see and “declaration of opening.” Did you get a picture? Yes!



Trail base material Swan Link on Bailey Rd. new plan: In progress Matt – Matt to follow up with Pascal from DFO to give some impetus to respond. Hopefully we will get some permission to move forward.

Brushback Brigade: Vic – growing quite fast now. SORCA is looking for trail crew work, so we can put some suggestions forward. Discussion of reporting volunteer hours – could send times to Vic to tabulate. Noted

Campground & SBP Projects: John - nothing new to report...

Financials: Jack – report tabled, thank you very much! Need a grant writer to move forward.

Trails BC AGM: Jim & Matt attended Zoom meeting from all around the Province.

DOS meeting: Carl, Jim, Matt attended (with extremely long list :-)) Meeting notes available...

Question regarding Crumpit Cruiser signs excluding use. Problem with gathering areas being provided upgrades the danger tree assessment. Matt to ask if sign can come down. Discussion of danger tree criteria.

Correspondences:

Volunteer application received through volunteer connections: Jim handled it and added to call out list.

Had about 50 lists, 3 applications and 1 came through.

Business Arising:

STS Projects & Projects: to be assigned to Trails Crew. Does anybody have anything at this time? North Dike trail has a big heavy tree on east end. Discussion of SFN permission lands – seems to be all happening in North Vancouver. Can we just move forward and do it? Maybe partner with SFN youth to get some buy in? Would be good to put in a couple of cubic metres of gravel into the wet, muddy bit. Matt to look into some local permission – Joyce Williams. Discussion of muddy sections of North Swan – could possibly be fixed with some local materials. (Good for trail crew)



AGM & Executive Elections:

Adoption of the Minutes of 2019 AGM Minutes: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by John – carried.

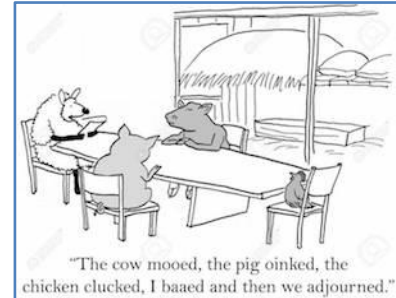
Elections: Heather not staying on as director but willing to continue assisting with membership.

Matt did contact most people to see if they would like to continue – has not heard back from Sean Gosnell – who has signed on as STS rep on Smoke Bluffs. Discussion of Jack as Director, being related to Matt – willing to serve though if OK. Noted that the Executive Committee includes the Treasurer – so Jack should be a Director... Candy keen to continue helping out with brochures.

Candidates agreeing to stand: Matt Parker – President; John Harvey – Vice president; Treasurer – Jack Hughes; Secretary – Carl Halvorson; Directors at Large – Vic Drought, Jim Gracie, Jennifer Adams. Question asked three times if there are any other candidates – there being none candidates elected.

Discussion of filing the Society directors with Province – Jack has the forms and Jim can help if required. Easy enough to submit on line...

Roundtable: Matt: Telephone conference tomorrow with lawyer concerning Westbild settlement. They have new offer closer to that which is generally acceptable to STS. Discussion of particulars settlement options – preferred option is buyout to wrap this up. Discussion of lawyer fees and strategies for incentives to settle – what would we let go of to ensure settlement and no future issues. Jen, Jack, Jim, Matt to take part in call.



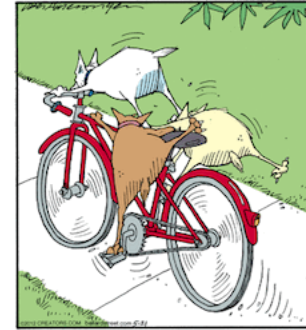
Jack: acknowledge work on Parking Lot Craggs. John; importance for STS to continue to get acknowledgement to raise profile. Logo going on new projects supported in SBP area. Jim working with InBiz to create presentation/recognition plaques. (Diabond) Motion to spend \$200 for plaques – carried. Jack: noted that social distancing on trails has been very good; Carl: repairs/modifications done to both Chelem bridges, discussion of Amblepath trail options and bridge deck replacement, reporting volunteer hours; Jim: who needs keys for storage shed? (4), trails advisory committee – any objections to moving forward to contact other interested community groups? Discussion of other committee roles ie. smoke bluffs – DoS a bit gun shy of another committee – maybe an advisory group (not a committee?). There would be advantages to an adhoc committee – we should reach out and see what interest there is? Jim will put forward the idea to groups to see what the interest is. May only be an acknowledgement that we all have common interests and think about other groups with shared interests before moving forward individually? John: thanks to everybody who assisted in getting the door into the “Ted Shed”. Noted that the windows are still a vulnerable point. Jim and John to work on making windows a bit more secure.

Adjournment: 20:09





Squamish Trails Society June 2020 Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 19:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



Among the three of them, they make it work.

In attendance: Jennifer, Matt, Jim, Carl, Vic, Jack, John

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jennifer, seconded by Jim - carried

Reports:

Swan Link on Bailey Rd: Matt – works have been given approval – looking to June 27th to complete as we need to give 10 days notice to DFO. Just need a culvert extension from DoS – talk to Jodi to get piece of pipe. Will be more of a single track trail from this point but we should be able to “gently refine over time”.

Brushback Brigade: Vic – purchased a new brushcutter. Wondering about how covid affects work – can social distance with persons on machine and followers cleaning up. Will be starting up soon. Looking to pare list of volliers contacted to streamline communications.

Financial: Jack – discussion of Westbild settlement, what will options be for future spending? Billing Polygon for ~ \$25k for last expenses on Looking Glass Trail. Discussion of insurance policies – Director’s policy paid but not received certificate of insurance (DoS requests copy). Other policy for general policy, ie. coverage for break-in at storage shed – general liability/property damage – has been a challenge thus far. Previous policies discounted because of membership with TrailsBC.

Gram’s Bench Refit: Jim – discussion of history of bench, backboard replaced, will soon be “rerouted”

Eagle Wind Bridge/Trail: Jim – bridge on the bottom of slippery slippery slope replaced with 90 metres of trail moved away from riparian and graveled. Shortfall of about \$400. Discussion of possibility to connect bridges through park – lawnmowers not keen to have gravel spread onto the grass... Moved by Jim that STS cover this additional cost, seconded by Jennifer – carried.

Correspondences:

DFO Permission & follow-up:

Cheema Lands Access Rd. proposal: Looking for support to build their subdivision. Discussion of Cheema development – maybe a better route than through Coho Park and Covenant trail. Would be valuable to let planning know STS preference to avoid route through Coho.

Central Estuary Restoration Project: Another concrete box replacement culvert going in this summer.

McNaughton Park trail closed signage: John talked to Andy. Many overhanging trees, so signage is to alleviate risk to DoS? Discussion of STS financial commitment to move things along? Discussion of DoS tree policy – why are some areas not considered a significant risk and others not? Slope stabilization might be a bigger part of the issue – suggested we come forward with a \$1000 offer of assistance. John to contact DoS to see what can be done.

The passing of Terrill Patterson: talk of memorial – maybe a silhouette on the side of the Muni building. When it happens STS can support appropriately.

Registry filing: Went through.

Sea dike/park meeting: Carl will be attending.

Business Arising:

Volunteer Connector: Jim wants to place an ask for a project work crew Trail Crew. Possibility of putting in call for volunteer trail crew on volunteer connector web resource.

MOU - Jim to brief Sq. Nation soon, then get MFLNR approval - an easy signature? Jim scheduled to speak to next meeting of Squamish First Nation council to discuss.



"I guess it's time to get a new bike when they steal your lock, but leave the bike."

Sea to Sky Trail- \$1k from TCT to place signs & cleanup 25 km section to Jack Webster Bridge: Jim has the signs and equipment – installation coming soon.

Discussion: ensure signage is at decision points.

Trailer for sale - 4'x8' for \$1400. RONA ends 17 June: We need something to get equipment around – would a trailer be usable, or would it be a liability for theft? Is this something we need immediately or a “nice to have” kind of thing?

Suggested we hold off until we really need one. Discussion of lock up security.

Grant applications - EAF (Enabling Accessibility Fund) & NHSP need to submit this month: Jim has been working on these files – EAF fund is first come first served – almost ready to go in (next few days) – Eaglewind boardwalk connector project (\$100K)

Wall maps 3'x4': Ready to mount next week. Jim needs a couple of helpers.

Replacing maps at Brennan Park, outside Valhalla Pure, third at Adventure Centre. Discussion of kiosk maps that are out of date: coming later...

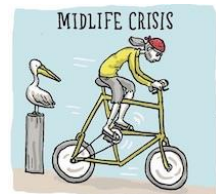
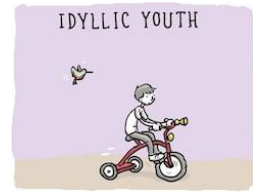
Amblepath: Approval awaits an acceptable drawing. Need ~\$3K for fill and trail base: Action item: Carl to create drawing.

Link Brackendale neighbourhood trails and parks: Discussion of ways to link the varied Brackendale parks – need to identify routes. Could talk to planners to see where they are in their plans. Future project to work on further.

Roundtable: Jennifer – website needs a refresh, has talked to Jude Godwin (\$2500 project). Jen looking at this a fall project, discussion of Westbild agreement- liked the format showing all the background; Jim – STS are now the stewards for the Squamish section of “TransCanada Trail”; John – concerned regarding Crumpet Cruiser.

Adjournment: 20:10

Next meeting: July 15



CYCLES OF LIFE



Squamish Trails Society September, 2020 Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet

Call to order: 19:07

In attendance: Matt, Carl, Vic, Jim, Jennifer

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Carl - carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Jim, seconded by Vic – carried.

Reports:

Brushback Brigade – Vic; Up to date 166 hours of volunteer time with 5.0 km of trails brushed back. Any more BB days this year? Are there some other trails that really need it? Willing to listen for any suggestions... One that could be looked at is the “Aspen Trail” off north end of Business Park. Another trail that could use some work is the “Maple Crescent” trail – though we should look at private property concerns. Could also consider set of stairs off the south end of Cottonwood. Fall/winter work on Estuary trails might be something to look at.

Financial & Insurance Coverage – Jack; financial report provided tabled.

Sea to Sky Trail signage - Jim; 30 signs up between end of Tantalus and Jack Webster – trail signs, “pack it in, pack it out”, and trail safety signage. Ten more to be installed Downtown from Oceanfront to Adventure Centre.

Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant application submitted and confirmation received; going through review at this time. Just received email from New Horizons as well.

Virtual Smoke Bluffs Park meeting Sept. 24 6:30; Need for speed control (chicane?) on Smoke Bluff Loop Trail by the Kid’s Park – gotta slow those bikers down! (Area by the outhouse)

Correspondences:

SRWS Training berm culvert construction:

Brackendale Fall Virtual Fair – STS photos submitted:

Squamish Non Profit meeting invitation: Sept 15 – briefed by new exec of Squamish Foundation regarding this years funding availability. Needs broader community involvement.

Riun Blackwell thx for accessibility work more to be done around Alice Lk: Letter placed in Chief to encourage other organizations to follow the lead of works done by STS. Had challenges at Alice Lake Park.

Media request to comment on BC Parks Booking system Chief Trail: Might be harder for folks to be spontaneous but important part of Covid-19 safety initiatives.

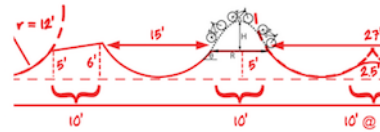
Letter of support for SORCA gaming grant:

STS Volunteer profile for Whistler/Blackcomb Foundation posting:

IMBA Trail Project Management Webinar: 1:17 long – step by stem management of trail project and planning – available for viewing. Matt can forward link to interested members.

Business Arising:

Trails requiring vegetation mgmt. – trimming or surface work. Amblepath flooding needs to be addressed. Bridge decks need checking as well. Mashiter Channel erosion areas near north west bridge where dogs are eroding trail accessing water to drink/play.



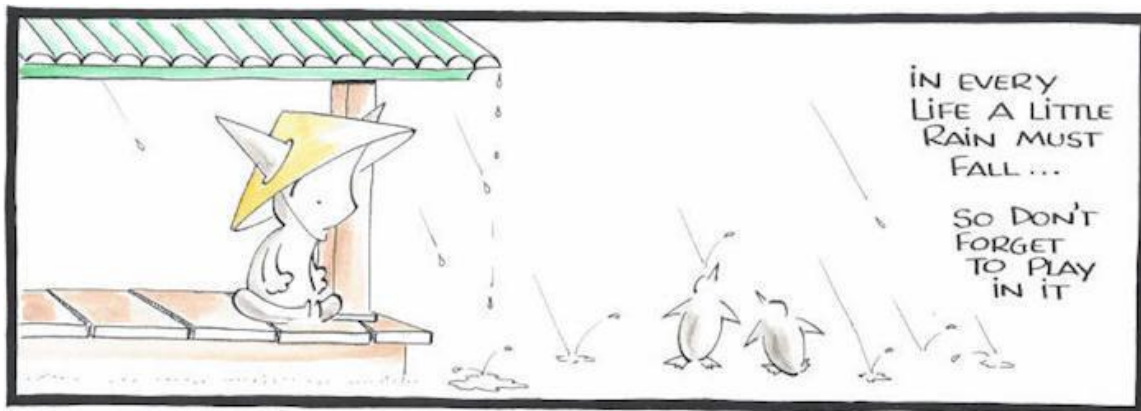
Future projects + quotes: Trail signage - a lot of them are gone or disappeared. Big project to draw them up – just needs organization to get it started – where they are needed, how big, what they should say? Discussion regarding possibly putting some funds towards installation cost of new access bridge on Cheshire Cat near highway (over Brohm Creek). Question regarding Polygon’s commitment to Corridor Trail completion along Tantalus Road? Not sure how that is staged during their development? District hope is to have separated bike lanes that do not use on street bike lanes.



Roundtable: Jim – WB Epic Grant gave \$2000 in kind for STS fund raising efforts, Aqua rail crossing form available to put in Canadian Transportation Agency application to have a crossing put in – Matt to begin work on it, memorandum of understanding from SFN regarding estuary trail maintenance being considered by SFN Band and Council, 5 bike hubs put up around town need a neighbourhood map at each site (\$1000 cost for 5 – 2’x2’) each map would be specific to location. Moved by Jim that we approve \$1000 for neighbourhood trail signage at 5 trail hubs, seconded by Jennifer – carried; Jennifer – comment on how much work STS accomplishes throughout the year. Discussion of Westbild investment possibilities.

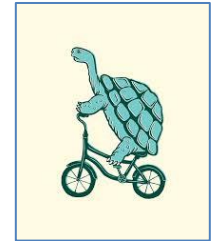
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Next meeting: October 21





Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 pm
Online Google Meeting



Call to order: 19:04

In Attendance: Matt, Vic, Heather S., Lauren, Jennifer, John, Patrick

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Adoption of the September 2020 Minutes: Moved by Heather, seconded by John - carried

Reports:

Brushback Brigade: Vic – 182 hours 6.7 km of trails completed

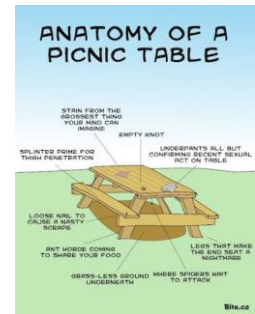
Campground & SBP Projects: John – new world of yurts, Alpine Club offered donation of climbing wall, SORCA asked to



help with bike storage, covid protocols moving along. Have asked BC Hydro regarding permission to place a couple of picnic benches – will move forward in the spring – looking into quotes to install concrete pads. Discussion of connector trail behind JR Trucking to alleviate parking issues at Blind Channel entrance. Looking forward to an opening ceremony (splash) regarding new lands (Drenka property). Discussion of vegetation management and rock cleaning in the park – who is responsible to monitor?

Financial: Jack – tabled, sent by email. Only thing coming forward was how we managed investment of funds. Discussion of options ensuring flexibility.

Smoke Bluffs Park: Meeting from Sept. 24 - Matt & Shawn – Chair discussed “original” plan to have bridge to “sandbar spit” with Eric Andersen. STS had supported alignment facilitating Hospital Hill Safe Route to School and disconnecting spit to create an island. Discussion of private property/Blind Channel loop trail rumours and access issues regarding gate on their property. Looking forward to the future when a waterfront boardwalk plan is put into place and how that might work through this property. Other issues discussed were traffic issues around the play park – signage as a start to see if another barrier solution is required (improved sight lines?) New book exchange kiosk has not improved the problem.



Correspondences:

Dora Gunn – DOS Commuter Bike Map consultation input opportunity coming up.

Volunteer Connector: couple of applications received through online app

DOS Trail closure Mamquam R. trail near golf course erosion: DoS starting works to repair. Additional notification regarding bears feeding on acorns in Rose Park and Estuary.

Bridge over Brohm Creek – Bottom of Cheshire Cat Trail: Has been delivered and in the process of setting it up...

Membership at Squamish Arts Council has ended.

Business Arising:

Memorial Bench for Chris McCrum on Smoke Bluffs Loop Trail \$500 request: Moved by Matt, seconded by Jennifer that we provide \$500 for this bench. Discussion of bench maintenance and DoS policy regarding memorial benches.



Updating STS Website with Jude Goodwin \$2500: Moving to new platform with fresh new



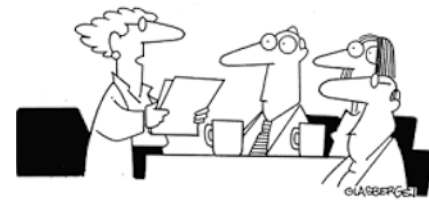
look. Tracking, galleries, blog, links to social media accts. Jennifer working to transfer info. Moved by Matt, seconded by Heather that we put \$2500 towards this project – carried.

Roundtable: John – interested in what Chris’s bench looks like before he orders something for Mamquam. Looking for info on indestructible options; Heather – wondering about Chief “Apron Trail” has had some really bad erosion on the serpentine portion. BC Parks responsible? Needs some re-engineering? (Been fixed twice); Vic – BBB finished for the season. Carl – would be nice to get the wet east end of the “headbanger”/north loop trail fixed.

Adjournment: 19:48



Squamish Trails Society Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:00 pm
Online Google Meet



"Here are the minutes of our last meeting. Some events have been fictionalized for dramatic purposes."

In attendance: Matt, Jim, John, Carl, Jennifer, Heather, Lauren, Vic,

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Add DoS cycle route map, correspondence from Quest volunteer. Moved by Jennifer – carried.

Adoption of the Minutes: Moved by Matt, seconded by Jennifer - carried

Reports:

New website: Jen - has been working with Jude on the new website, should be ready to launch in a month. Working on transfer of info. On SquareSpace platform. Added donation button, better gallery (thanks to Heather for pictures) Will include link to TrailForks – putting in a lot of links. Will be reviewing in a month or so... Discussion of donor support of website. New system should make it easier to keep updated and galleries fresh. SquareSpace hosting fee about \$150 per year. Discussion of linking to Facebook and Twitter. Were other trail app platforms looked at? Ie. Trailmapps. Action item: Jim to write up trail description for "Looking Glass".



Campground & SBP Projects: John – Blind Channel Connector Trail from parking lot to Blind Channel trail. DoS (through Andy) has supplied materials used for boardwalks, stairs to be done in January – by March hoping to start coordinating grand opening of expanded Smoke Bluffs Park. Discussion of other connector trails. Discussion of benefit to private developer and who should be paying for this improvement. Note that this bridge is designed to get folks from the climber’s lot to new climbs in park extension. Discussion of funding, volunteer hours etc: Moved by Jennifer that we approve up to a maximum of \$6000 to support construction of stair/railings required for this loop trail, seconded by Matt – carried. Discussion of cost of picnic benches proposed for the Mamquam. Discussion of value of benches and intention of this proposal. Costs – concrete pad \$5-600. Concrete picnic benches ? Noted that most of the benches that are anywhere are memorial benches – maybe we could put forward to the community that this could be sponsored. Maybe DoS has a table in their back yard that would be suitable? Tabled to look at other options.



Financial: Jack - sent be email - tabled

Squamish nonprofit meeting: Carl – highlighting volunteerism through community signage.

SBP Bench Chis McCrum installation next weekend: probably Saturday... on summit of Loop Trail at "Octopuses Garden."

Correspondences:

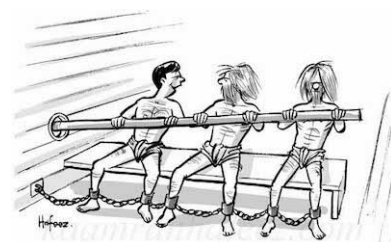
DoS Safe Cycling Map: were able to put input into the new Government Multi-Use Path above Depot.

Action item: send concerns and ideas to Carl to collate and put in to DoS.

Bridge over Brohm Creek for Cheshire Cat Trail in now: believed funded by FLNRO/SORCA.

From Alchemy Philanthropy – Local couple interested in donating to STS: had Zoom meeting with coordinators and couple from Squamish. Considering \$20,000 donation to STS to fund expansion of capacity. Wanted long term bang for their buck. For this \$20,000 we should think about what makes our work with STS challenging and how could these funds make our works easier/more successful. Think of one thing that was a challenge and how this might help.

Quest University Volunteer who works with Waldorf looking for opportunities: eastern end by tennis court mud bog could be mitigated. Maybe we could get DoS to drop something off? Matt will contact. Noted that brambles by tennis court need more pruning.



"I'm a volunteer. These are my resume-building years."

Business Arising :

Short term deposit at Squamish savings sug. 1 yr term flex. 90 day lockout .25%
Discussion of investment opportunities. Maybe we should sit down with a financial advisor, but in the meantime we should move the funds in the short term. Getting nothing should change quickly. Action item: folks to get together and bring forward (Jim and Lauren interested).



Upcoming projects Spring / Summer 2021: would be great to move on the Westwind project. Noted that we still don't have memorandum of understanding at SFN. Really need to get SFN and FLNRO permissions nailed down.

Roundtable: John – Howe Sound leadership group is volunteering next week to help with cleanup; Jim – Whistler/Blackcomb Epic Promise given \$2000 in cards/gift certificates to be used up my May 2021 – suggestions on how we could fund raise or use these to our best advantage; maybe as grand opening of website we could hold a silent auction or ? Maybe volunteers do work to put their name in a monthly draw or support other causes.

Adjournment: 20:15





Squamish Trails Society December 2020 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 7:00 pm
Location: Online Google Meet



In attendance: Carl, Matt, Jennifer, Lauren, John, Vic, Heather S, Jim, Patrick, Jack, Heather E

Call to order: 19:02

Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Jennifer - carried

Adoption of the November 18, 2020 Minutes: Moved by John, seconded by Jennifer – carried.

Reports:

New website: Jen – new website has launched – pictures, news items. Supposed to be easier, looking for feedback. Keep sending those pictures. Has been posting newspaper articles etc.

Swan Link: Jim & John G. – John and Steve have finished graveling single track from end to end. Couple more barrow loads and will be complete! Entry at concrete barriers to be filled...

Financials/Investment Strategy: Jack – report tabled. Discussion of particulars and transfer of Paypal “holdings”. Discussion by Jack if the Board would be amenable to transfer of Treasurer’s role to Lauren in the future. Lauren willing but also looking at extended absence next summer, so would need backup to cover in that case. Jack and Jim could do that. Jack also met with Jim and Lauren to look into investments and how we would maintain available funds for year’s project. Suggested half of current working capital be invested in long term (mutual funds) investments. Discussion of mutual funds... expected return of about 4% with relatively low risk. Half of capital would go into risk free “bank certificates”. Jim and Lauren spoke to quite a few advisors and suggested we go for investment program where we would invest 20% working capital, 40% short term and 40% long term. Discussion of details... Moved by Jack, seconded by Jennifer that we move forward with investment program as presented – carried. Suggested that written plan be forwarded to the Board. Lauren to forward.



Everybody laughed at me and called me a fool, but I’ve spent the last 30 years watching my helium stocks go up!

Little Stawamus Creek Trail Project with Waldorf Students: Jim – met with 15 students led by admin – graveled by tennis court and Stawamus Creek - and got rid of all those STS t-shirts we had laying around for years!

Smoke Bluffs Park: John – Blind Channel Connector, on the last ramp with stairs coming in January. Looking forward to a grand opening. Discussion of Park past, present and future with dedication of land to Park. Smoke Bluff Bridge will create circuit in the future.

Correspondences:

Trees down on Sea to Sky Trail: Referred to Trail Crew. Recommended it go to private contractor. Who is responsible to have these works done? Do we want to take this on? Traditionally “mountain trails” are taken care of by SORCA and since we have not seen a nickel of their time this year, it would be appropriate for SORCA to take care of this particular issue. Discussion... tree obstacle not hard to lift a bike over... Future meeting in January to look at actual removal.

Alchemy Philanthropy: Follow-up scheduled for Thursday December 17, 2020. Hoping to move forward with more personal approach – ie. going for a walk or something.

Business Arising

STS Mail: Noted that mailbox had expired. Need some form of physical address for STS to restore mailbox. Regrets from Jack for oversight. Need to post message on website course of action if mail your mail to STS was returned.

Membership Drive Edge Card Draw: Jen / Heather – received 36 entries – winner pulled through web based random number generator. Winner is Pavla Breska! Thanks to all those folks who “entered”. January drawing entry using same criteria – donation or \$20 membership. (Was posted on Squamish hiking Facebook groups.) Good Christmas gift – “bought you a ticket for January draw!” Four more prizes – seconded edge card, merchandise and Peak to Peak tickets. Suggested merchandise around Valentine and maybe one for consolation draw...



“Runners to your mark. Get set. Go! ... OK, come get your T-shirts.”

STS Mandate Discussion: Discussion of “big projects” being contracted out, following a priority list that we can discuss, over appropriate time frame, to ensure approvals - we know the District of Squamish will not look at significant moneys in the Estuary with it being the Province’s jurisdiction. Discussion of moving forward with



2020 “wish list”. Jennifer needs update of list to update web page. Jim has a quick list that he can put forward to membership. Biggest project proposed is Westfield Trail remediation (up to \$60K) Also, finally have approval for Amblepath south access up to dike upgrade. Need to deal with 2020 list before we go into 2021. Discussion of 2020 list... Discussion of memorial bench program – 14 in Squamish now – planning for 80 to 100 with DoS in charge of program, including initial cost and long term maintenance. Lots of beautiful spots for benches to be placed to sit and enjoy nature. Discussion of focusing most of our energy on “trails” as a prime directive and that memorial benches should be something that we can solicit private donation moneys for? STS could be an appropriate intermediary for this idea and in good position to raise funds for such items. Could be a good fundraiser for STS? Discussion of picnic benches in Mamquam area and how to fund? Could suggest that there are excellent sites available if people would like to donate – memorial picnic benches. Suggested that we could post on website with a proposal picture... Discussion of “Report a Trail” function of new website. Reports will go to Jennifer who will send out to appropriate folks for action.

Roundtable: Carl – Westwind Trail rebuilding: Why is this not a co-pay project with the people who built the darn thing (inadequately) in the first place - SRWS and DFO! Need much more than moral support! Jim – a bit anxious that STS did not get any share of the DoS trail maintenance moneys. We should “get our finger in the till”. We need to better capitalize on the Trail crew. Need to meet with SORCA and nail down STS share. Planning process to get this resource needs to be more robust. Material for bridgeworks – Coho Park and Amblepath both need work – could be good winter work for crew? It was a lot easier with STS got a direct grant in aide. Only real solution is to sit down with SORCA and settle it. Jim needs a copy of the Director’s handbook. Lauren able to scan and convert to Word. Noted that it needs to be updated. Matt will scan a copy at work to forward. Mouse in the shed...



Adjournment: 21:03
Next meeting: January 20, 2021

