

~ 2021 Annual General Meeting~

Minutes

Present (M = member in good standing): Jake Paleczny (ED), Kirk Cameron (M), Shawna Washawski (M), Steve Smyth (M), Bev Buckway (M), Justine Benjamine (M), Lianne Maitland(M), Melissa Croskery (M), Sheila Downey (Accountant), Drew MacNeil (Non-voting), Eamonn Pinto (M)

Housekeeping: Jake reviewed Google Meet use.

1. Call to Order

12:12pm

8 members in good standing - quorum confirmed.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda - Kirk Cameron. Second - Bev Buckway. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from 2020-09-22 AGM - Bev Buckway. Second - Kirk Cameron. Carried.

Motion minutes from 2020-10-21 Extraordinary General Meeting - Bev Buckway. Second - Kirk Cameron. Carried.

4. President's Remarks

- *Shawna to present on behalf of President absence*
- *Recognizing excellent imagery from both Jake and Lindsay*
- *Celebrating 17 years*
- *While Covid presented challenges, the YWP team met them with flexibility and creativity.*
- *Full Annual report available <https://yukonwildlife.ca/governance/annual-report-for-2020-21/>*
- *A humble thank you to our supporters - members, visitors, board and of course donors.*
- *Founding member of the society Kirk Cameron remains on the board - also celebrating 17 years of supporting YWP.*

5. Financial Report

Position of treasurer for YWPOS is currently vacant. Executive Director, Jake Paleczny and Bookkeeper Sheila Downey present to review financials.

Sheila:

Revenues:

- Grants and funding increased due to Federal Government Covid relief through Canada Wage Subsidy.
- Self - generated revenue decreased significantly as a result of visitation decrease
- Donations

Expenses:

- Overall decrease except occupancy costs including insurance and electrical cost for all YWP buildings.

Jake:

The headline for the 2020-21 Financial reports is that the YWP weathered COVID extremely well. We responded quickly and aggressively to mitigate the impacts to the Preserve. Despite huge losses in earned revenue, strong community support through donations and membership, and our success in accessing a range of COVID relief funds, kept the YWP on solid financial footing.

The result is most clearly evident in an increase in unrestricted assets. For the first time, we have an operating reserve that meets the requirements of our CAZA accreditation. Given that the impacts of COVID are far from over, maintaining a reserve is an important step. As we come out of the pandemic, this reserve will provide us the ability to leverage the funding that will be required to begin implementing projects identified in the Master Plan.

Motion to approve Financial Report and Statements for 2020-21 - Kirk Cameron. Second - Justine Benjamin. Carried.

Note: As a Category A society the Preserve does not need to request any exemption (i.e. to "Waive an Audit") because the Preserve is exceeding the minimum requirements by providing financial statements that have been reviewed by an accountant on an annual basis.

6. **New Business**

Not applicable

7. **Elections**

Elections of positions and officers will be elected by the board at the first meeting after the AGM on July 21st 5pm. Treasurer positions are open to applicants - please send a statement of interest to Jake or Board president.

Note: the following directors have completed one year out of their two year terms:

Alexandra de Jong Westman (2 year term)

Shawna Warshawski (2 year term)

Justine Benjamin (2 year term)

Melissa Croskery (2 year term)

Nominations from the floor:

Kirk Cameron to nominate Bev Buckway to return to board. Bev Buckway declines. Jake notes a thank you to Bev Buckway for her support over the years.

Second call for nominations from the floor.

Steve Smyth expresses interest in a 1 year term. Kirk Cameron motions to nominate Steve Smyth. Bev Buckway seconds nomination. Steve Smyth accepts nomination.

Steve Smyth bio - retired public servant and long time Yukon'er with incredible support of Yukon, Yukon Wildlife Preserve.

Third call for nominations from the floor.

Motion to elect the following roster of directors to the YWPOS Board:

Chris Evans (1 year term)

Eamonn Pinto (1 year term)

Kirk Cameron (2 year term)

Steve Smyth (1 year term)

Moved by Justine Benjamin. Second - Melissa Croskery. Carried.

8. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn - Kirk Cameron

Adjourned at 12:50pm