

~ 2024 Annual General Meeting~

Minutes

1. Housekeeping

2. Determine Quorum

Note: Per [YWPOS Bylaws](#) 3.5, a quorum for the transaction of business at a General Meeting is the lesser of 5 voting members or 10% of the total number of voting members.

9 present in good standing, Steve Smyth, Kirk Camera, Ceara Crawford, Justine Benjamin, Bonnie Love, Chantel Niven, Shawna Warshawski, Michael Bennett

3. Call to Order: 12:12

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda. Motion Shawna, 2nd Kirk. Passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve [Minutes for 2024-07-17 AGM.pdf](#)

Moved by Kirk, 2nd Bonnie. Passed.

6. President's Remarks

Michael took the opportunity to thank Steve Smyth for his contribution on the board. Recapped written president's report. We have a lot to do on the strat plan and everything that's coming off of that. That planning process has opened up pathways. We're also working on responding to change in veterinary care. Dealing with capacity issues. We're reviewing our staffing model and looking at returning to a staff vet. Vet shortage in Yukon makes it unlikely to find a contract situation that will work. Excited about the new motion. Thanks to Jake and his team. Their involvement has been critical because they live it and we're asking them to deliver on it. Great to have their input and buy in. While we enjoy continued support from YG in the operating budget, a lot relies on earned revenue, donations and grants. Referred to ATCO donation. Looking to explore corporate sponsorships and other sources of giving. Plan to pursue our relationship with YG for additional funding. It's been a good year, but also a challenging year. We'll be working on building out the strat plan, community engagement for giving. And a core part of the strategy is what we're doing around Yukon First Nations. Not only acknowledging the history of the YWP and the lands start before the Danny Nowlan story, but we're making a significant commitment to integrating First Nations perspectives into what we're doing. Chantel is our most recent board member and is a member of the Selkirk FN. We're thrilled to have her and her experience here.

Look forward to building out our First Nations engagement. The balance of the year is going to be exciting.

7. Financial Report

[YWPOS 2024-25 Financial Statements](#)

Motion to approve YWPOS 2024-25 Financial Statements. Motion Kirk, 2nd Shawna. Passed.

Ceara asked what “Other Funding” is. Jake will follow up with an answer.

*** 2025-07-07 4pm: From our Accountant: “The Other Funding line only includes account “4620 Grants & Funding – Other” this account included the Tourism HR Canada and Marilyn Nevis Foundation funding. The \$16K of Marilyn Nevis funding used for the post pounder was setup as a deferred capital contribution rather than revenue in the current year.” ***

Kirk asked about GIC success. Jake pulled up and reviewed what we made this year.

Michael noted that we will likely run a deficit this year and potentially for the next couple of years, breaking the profit streak we’ve been on for the last years. This will be primarily focussed on the team and vet care. We’ll also be speaking with YG, but likely not until later in the fall. But we’re in a good financial position. So we’ll need to tap into our reserve. That will be done diligently and with significant foresight and care.

Note: As a Category A society the YWPOS 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.

8. Appointment of Accountant

Motion to appoint Trygg Jensen as the accountant for the YWPOS until a successor is appointed. Motion, Shawna. 2nd Kirk. Passed

Note: Our accountant since 2021, Erik Hoenisch (Crowe Mackay LLP) retired in 2024. Peter Woodruff (CPA, CA, Incorporate Partner of Crowe MacKay LLP) took over our financial review this spring. Per [YWPOS Bylaws](#) 9.2, an accountant must be appointed at our AGM by ordinary resolution.

9. Elections

The following directors have completed one year of their two year term at this AGM:

- Bonnie Love
- Shawna Warshawski
- Justine Benjamin

The following directors are completing their terms at this AGM:

- Kirk Cameron (2 year term)
- Michael Bennett (2 year term)

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- Chantel Niven (*appointed to fill vacancy to AGM per [YWPOS Bylaws](#) 4.7*)

Nominations from the floor: Kirk nominated Ceara and Steve. Steve declined the nomination. Ceara accepted.

Ceara is with venture angels group, work in business, MBA, worked with Edmonton.

Motion to elect, by acclamation, Kirk Cameron, Michael Bennett, Chantel Niven and Ceara Crawford to the YWPOS board for a 2 year term. Motion Kirk, Second, Bonnie. Passed.

Note: Per [YWPOS Bylaws](#) 6.1, Officers (i.e. president, VP, treasurer, secretary) will be elected by the board at the first meeting after the AGM.

10. New Business

Kirk: First, in working with First Nations, if we're having conversations with TKC, KDFN and possibly CAFN, consider Frog Mountain. It is a valley away, but it's a strategic and important location. I wonder if there's something in that dialogue to provide us an opportunity to support FN in sharing their land values in the area.

Kirk, second, PM spoke about fast tracking economy. Spoke about development of modular housing. As mayor, good, but lets build the industry in Whitehorse - so they're not imported. For the YWP, development of infrastructure, would we want to consider modular options. In theory it'll be less expensive, and if it does get developed here, we have a local source. Could be a good way to access CANNOR.

Michael: we are working on getting a meeting with MP Hanley and will add that to the agenda. Want to leverage investment in tourism. We can have a great convention centre, but need things to do. We can safely say we're the number 1 add-on for the Northern Lights viewing companies, among others. **Kirk:** when Canada Winter Games came, we offered free tours. Could see something where with Arctic Winter Games, YWP could be one of the signature attractions. Should get into that conversation right away. Is there a place for how entertainment is organized. **Michael:** DCI, Castle Rock and Northern have come in as #2 sponsor, so we have contacts. Also matching vacation for volunteering.

Kirk: third, territorial elections are coming up. We need to be out there, quasi educational and quasi advocacy. YG owns the place and we need your support - you need us healthy. Don't see any issues "politically" if we go to all three parties. **Michael:** after a tribute in the leg to the YWP, we followed up with all three parties. No response from liberals, but got enthusiastic responses from Kate White and Currie Dixon. YG inserted a new clause in TPA that prevents YWP from saying anything negative about funding we're receiving. So some care is needed, but we can promote ourselves and needs in a positive way.

Kirk: thanks to Jake for reminding me and keeping me on track - very helpful.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Motion Justine. 2nd Bonnie. Passed.