

WCSC 2020 AGM

Minutes

Dec 17th, 2020

Online over zoom

7:14 pm

Called to order

Quorum

- The voting body is present (over 3)

7:18 pm

Zoom orientation and voting system by Alison Harwood

7:33 pm

Adopt the minutes from 2019

- Who James Elliot
- 2nd Dion Vuk
- Vote: 100% Yes

7:37 pm

Directors Report

- James Elliot – President
 - Virtual events, got together and hold educational presentations even during Covid.
 - Reseeding Pemberton
 - Reseeding Beny, hiking trail up to Beny launch
 - More great volunteers
- Pedro Pedersen
 - New membership system with digital waivers and online membership renewal
 - Future plans: email notifications, more online features like shut repacking signup and payment

- Tenure applications
 - Bridal
 - Coordination with the Crown Corporation.
Background: no access to LZ due to rezoning to agricultural land. Agricultural commission approved our application after two sessions. Current status: consultation with first nations, delays due to Covid.
 - Tenure is for 10 years, includes upper launch, lower launch and LZ
 - Question about unused upper launch: we decided to keep it and not exclude it from the tenure. It's not accessible now but things might change with new gondola development.
 - (James) We will revision this site in the future and do maintenance
 - (Sam) Gondola company plans to make a world class paragliding spot
 - (Robin) It's hard to regain tenure if we give it up, it doesn't cost us much, but we have a seat at the table of Gondola conversation
 - Question why Gondola doesn't challenge our tenure to get it all for themselves (Margit)
 - They have tenure for the land around and they have interest to be nice to their neighbors
 - (Claudia) tenure is not exclusive, gondola need our permission only if they want to do something that prevent freeflight sport at upper launch
 - (Sam) Gondola plan to have a big LZ next to their parking (~5 times bigger than current one). There will be a hiking trail which is required from them for evacuation. They also will shout out motorized access, so no ATVs will drive up.
 - Woodside

- Submitted application for renewal. Now in process. Current status: consultation including first nations, delayed due to Covid, expecting results in three months.
- A fire pit and ramp are structures as considered by the Ministry. Making any alterations, like putting a fire pit or removing the HG ramp, without official approval could jeopardize our tenure, and we are right in the middle of the renewal process and expect inspections. If we want to build something it needs to go into tenure paperwork.
- Question about outhouse (Jim): Parking lot, carpet, outhouse are in our tenure papers.
- Tal Wolf – Membership (Grouse Mt.)
 - Opened in July, thanks to all the volunteers for communication with Grouse management and that we had good half the season
- Dave Achtemichuk – Membership (Pemberton)
 - Pemberton Mackenzie reseeding, high-altitude, hard glacial till, short growing season, Tenure agreement prevents importing soil, so have to reseed every year
 - Pemberton Mackenzie logging road was destroyed by spring runoff, asked ministry, they fixed it, but it's not graded, cross ditches require higher clearance now, if we have competition there again with lots of traffic going up we will have to put more into road maintenance
 - Squamish: application to CYA to land on the beach, there will be hand gliding symbol next to Chief area in VFR navigational charts, unfortunately without CYA max altitude is 2200 above ground if a pilot doesn't have HAGAR
 - There will be float planes in How Sound. Communicating with Harbour Air, their normal approach is not a problem, only high winds approach is on the collision with paragliders landing on the beach

- Heli-biking tenure application in Pemberton is nothing to worry, they are far from where we fly
- Miller Ridge
 - Looking for tenure, but for now more affordable without commercial operations
 - It's East facing, can fly in different winds, early flights, longer XC, HG friendly, close LZ
 - In process, now with first nation consultation
 - Need excavator work, probably 2022
- Beer LZ are happy with us
- Main LZ renewed yearly
- Replaced windsocks at Pemberton lower launch, better signs
- (Peter) NAV Canada in favor of having temp CYAs rather than fixed
- Treasurer's Report – James
 - Gross Profit: \$7,025
 - Source of revenue: membership, shut repacking, merchandise, donation
 - Expenses: \$9,639
 - Major expenses: tenures
 - Loss \$2,525 which is pretty immaterial and we are in very sound financial position
 - Reason for loss: lower membership fees and no events which provide additional revenue
 - We carry surplus and we are anticipating next year to be better in terms of events, so we can keep \$40 membership fee
 - Number of members is stable, over 200
 - Plans to make student membership free (now it's \$20) in order to make new pilots more involved and reduce number of people who give up on the sport
 - (Margit) The club is a great support for national pilots and we see increase in national members

8:47 pm

Motion to accept financial report

- James
- 2nd Jim
- Vote: 100% Yes

8:50 pm

New Business

- Update on recent and proposed bylaw changes – Nikita Gazarov
- Special Resolution 1 (needs $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass)
 - Nikita
 - 2nd Robin
 - Vote: 32 (90%) Yes, ? (10%) No
- Special Resolution 2 (needs $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass)
 - Tonye
 - 2nd Jim
 - Vote: 37 (97%) Yes, 1 (3%) No
- Special Resolution 3 (needs $\frac{2}{3}$ to pass)
 - Nikita
 - 2nd Dion
 - Vote: (94%) Yes, (6%) No
- Membership levels and fees (regular business, needs 50% to pass)
 - (Sam) Opinion that \$40 and \$80 is not a big difference a year and what attracts more members is knowledge that your money go to cool and necessary projects. We can spend more money on site development, or buy equipment like a chainsaw for maintenance
 - (Margit) We have 5 out of Canada members
 - Motion to raise regular membership fee to \$60
 - Renata
 - No 2nd
 - Dion motion to vote as it is
 - 2nd Peter
 - Vote: 23 (93%) Yes, 2 (7%) No

10:00 pm

New business (continued)

- Port Alberni Site, before pilots flying there were trespassing because it's located on private land. Great site. WCSC coordinated with BCHA, Port Alberni airport, Transport Canada to secure the site, there is active logging activity (Mosaic logging company), so current agreement only for weekends. \$500 fee
 - (Jim) Why WCSC involved in Vancouver island sites: we have pilots from WCSC on the island and we have a reciprocal agreement with island soaring club
 - Concerns from members that island is overextending WCSC grounds
 - (Tom as BCHA director) Local volunteers contacted Mosaic themselves and tried to get support from
 - (Dion) We should support people who has passion and want to spend their time and resources so they don't burn and continue to be passionate.
 - (Robin) Sites are the biggest pilot's asset and we should make sure to not loose them and new sites opportunities
 - (Claudia) We should have local support in the island not to stretch ourselves because WCSC is primarily on the mainland

10:32 pm

Motion to pay for Port Alberni Site \$500 this year, permitting future im, with \$250 for the second year and be further decided by the membership on the next AGM

- Dion
- 2nd Robin
- Vote: 96% Yes, 4% No

10:37 pm

New business (continued)

- 2021 work parties

10:39 pm

Nominations and accepted board positions:

- President: James Elliott (Acclamation)
- Secretary: Tony Evans (Acclamation)
- Treasurer: James Rogers (Acclamation)
- Director 1: Pedro (63%)
- Director 2: Alison (75%)
- Director 3: Dave Achtemichuk (17 votes, 63%)

Jim proposed to help with the next year's elections.

11:26 pm

Motion to acknowledge and thank volunteers formally, providing free membership for example (Tom)

- (James – President) Agreed that volunteers should be rewarded and the board will figured out what can
- (Pedro) there is this functionality in the new membership
- (Nikita) we voted for membership fees which doesn't include free memberships, but volunteers can be compensated monetary the amount equivalent to membership fee

11:33 pm

Meeting Adjourned

Number of pages: 7

Director Approval

- President: James Elliott
 - Signed _____ Date _____
- Secretary: Tony Evans
 - Signed _____ Date _____

- Treasurer: James Rogers
 - Signed _____ Date _____

- Director 1: Pedro Pederson
 - Signed _____ Date _____

- Director 2: Alison Harwood
 - Signed _____ Date _____

- Director 3: Dave Achtemichuk
 - Signed _____ Date _____