

2022 FVWC AGM Minutes - DRAFT

AGM Date: September 29, 2022

Location & Time: Virtual | 6:00pm – 8:48pm

Attendees: Matt Foy, David Urban, Detmar Schwichtenberg, Debora Soutar, Geoff Hughes-Games, David Urban, Christina Toth, Barb Strachan, Jim and Terry, Taylor, Travis Clyne, Janne Perrin, Bruce Clark, Kim Sutherland, Jim Taylor, Maureen Sinclair

Staff: Rachel Drennan, Natasha Cox

6:00 PM – 6:15 PM Welcomes, Call to Order, Introductions

Matt Foy, FVWC Chair, welcomes everyone to the virtual 2022 AGM, express hope for future in-person gatherings, introduces the 2022 AGM Theme: *Creating Natural Resilience for fish & People*, and gives a Traditional First Nation Lands acknowledgement.

Matt shared, “We acknowledge that we live and work within the unceded traditional territories of the Stó:lô Coast Salish First Nations.”

“It has become clear that there is a direct connection between societal wellbeing and the stability of our natural and built assets. When we reflect on the challenges over the last year, whether it was from the catastrophic November floods, or the heat domes and wildfires of the summer, or the landslides, it really marks the importance of caring for and enhancing these natural assets so that wildlife like our salmon, and people have the safeguards to be healthy and well. In this light, the theme of the AGM is about “Creating Natural resilience for fish and people.”

Matt Introduces the 2022 Agenda- then made a motion to membership to approve.

1st Detmar Schwichtenberg

2nd Debora Soutar

All approve- motion carried.

6:15 PM – 6:30 PM Coalition round table welcomes Approval of previous AGM minutes

Matt & Natasha, ask membership and guests to introduce themselves in the online chat function. **Members shared their name**, affiliations and briefly, why they are a member of the FVWC.

Matt Reviewed the 2021 AGM Minutes – then made a motion to membership to approve.

1st Geoff Hughes-Game

2nd Detmar Schwichtenberg

All approve – motion carried.

6:30 PM – 6:45 PM Financial Statements

Natashia, Briefly introduce the basics of the financial statements, why we shifted to review engagement.

David, Discussed highlights of 2022 Financial Statements review. No errors, mistakes, reflects well on staff management. Net asset line, currently just shy of \$500K. Budget funds trending up in recent years. Donations are up, due to new accounting practise, these are donations for projects via Wally Hall; and as increased awareness after atmospheric river event last November; interest rates are slightly up also.

Questions from the Membership:

Bruce: unspent funds? Natashia responds: “We track revenues that have been spent this fiscal year for projects; funds yet to be spent as of June for a project are classified as deferred to next fiscal year. This reflects the multi-year projects where revenues and expenses span across two or more FVWC fiscal years. Finances are a reflection of actual project funds received to date. Economic stimulus for COVID helped cover increased labour costs.

Geoff: Mention GIC investment and seeking best investment vehicle for unencumbered funds. David responds: “We don’t want to lose any principal and we want to keep up with inflation costs, so safe risk options are being explored.”

Janne P: We almost have enough funds to buy a house. The work done by FVWC staff is astounding –good on them.

David Reviewed the **2022 Financial Statements** then made a motion to membership to approve.

1st Geoff

2nd Bruce

All approve- motion carried.

6:45 PM – 7:00 PM Nomination for Board of Directors

Natashia, introduced the role of the board of directors, general information about the roles, current open positions, time commitments and accountabilities. Then introduced the procedure to elect the 2023 Board of Directors from the membership. Currently, the following directors remain on the board, serving their second year of term: Matt Foy, Detmar Schwichtenberg, Christina and Geoff Hughes-Games. Directors standing for re-election: Debora Soutar, Bruce Clark, John Vissers, David Urban.

Then nominations – election – acclamation process begins. Natashia then calls for *nominations from the floor?* X 3. No nominees; so acclamation of those up for re-election.

Natashia Motions to the membership to accept the standing for re-election directors by acclamation.

1st Detmar Schwichtenberg

2nd Janne Perrin

All approve- motion carried.

Natashia then announces the 2023 Board of Directors and length of Term.

- Terms Expiring in 2024 - Matt Foy, Detmar Schwichtenberg, Christina and Geoff Hughes-Games
- Terms Expiring in 2025 - Debora Soutar, Bruce Clark, John Vissers, David Urban

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM Organization, Program and Project Updates

Natashia & Rachel & Directors

- Year in Review Presentation and Looking to the Future – presented by Natashia and Rachel
- Upcoming FVWC Volunteer Events – presented by Rachel
- Awards and Recognitions:
 - Golden Shovel – presented by David Urban to Matt Foy (Present and accepts award)
 - Slippery Salmon – presented by Natashia to Winter Moon (who is not present)
 - Haloed Hemlock – introduced by Debora Soutar to Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun (sends regrets). Fred's Custom Tackle will provide a custom package and Debora will deliver to Mayor Braun.
- Door Prizes – presented by Natashia
 - Kim Sutherland – book
 - Barbara Strachan – book
 - Janne Perrin – FVWC Hat
 - Maureen Sinclair – FVWC Hat
- Matt thanked Natashia and Rachel for their informative and full presentation.

7:45 PM Sharing from the floor and Adjournment

Rachel, Ask from the members if there is anything they would like to share with the group.

- **Jim Taylor** noted the passing Philip Little, who helped build boxes for purple martin, volunteered with Stave River Salmonid group for 35 years.
- **Natashia** also noted long-time FVWC Tom Cadieux passed away earlier this year.

Matt made a motion to Adjourn the 2022 AGM Meeting:

1st Jim Taylor

2nd Kim Sutherland

All approve – motion carried.

-- Meeting Adjourned -- Time 8:48 p.m.