



**Annual General Meeting**  
Sat. May 2, 2015

**Present:** 33 Members,

**Call to Order:** Motion by Heidi Read; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dara Campbell.

**Approval of Minutes of Last AGM** (May 3rd, 2014): Motion by Stephen Sallaway; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stefanie Block

**Director's Report**

- Successful 2014 season: 160 students, some regrowth but still more to go; funded 55 students (mostly local) with the help of grants, particularly from the BC Government. Lost \$\$ on school groups due to the strikes.
- Highlights of 2014 season:
  - Bought new van
  - Hired Paulette into new Sales & Relationship Manager position
  - New Discovery Course
  - Experimented with new program with Hockey group (Cougars' players and coaches) learned what else we could (and would not) include in our programs (eg. Competition)
  - Alternative School in fall (during Teacher's Strike)
- 3 projects that unexpectedly surfaced in the winter:
  - Crown Tenure Application in Final Review now: application s/b approved in next few months (Stu put app. in about 6 yrs ago).
  - CRD re-zoning application from 2004: Closure requested by CRD on outdated application. Ranchland zoning s/b changed, which would demand a hugely expensive water testing to be done. Working to clarify specifics of new zoning and its implications (taxes, fees, etc).
  - Desk Audit from BC Gaming: Audit completed, waiting for report. Also, received extensive feedback from BC Gaming in March notification letter. Working with new director, auditor and Northern Interior Communities Association (which supports grant-writers in completing their BC Gaming Application) to implement feedback and change application/reporting for better.
- 5 Questions from Membership:
  1. Why start the Discovery Program?  
Graduation of Leadership Training: personal leadership in Discovery Course, group leadership in Leadership Course.





2. Why delaying Leadership students from volunteering immediately after course?  
Hard on staff and students to switch from staff & student relationship to colleague/peers relationship only a few days/weeks after Leadership Course ends. Encouraging Leadership students to return the year after their course means they can build on skills during the school year and we can give opportunity to prior years' Leadership students. Also want to give best orientation possible to incoming young staff – hard to do mid-summer/close to the end of the summer.
3. Is there a transitional program for students coming from Leadership to Volunteer/Staff? Could there be?  
No, there isn't currently. Yes, there could be (spring weekend course ideas).
4. Another vehicle coming this year?  
Steph reported that she has been delayed in more van fundraising and our older vehicles may be able to be rekindled.
5. Any problem with vandalism this year?  
Fortunately No. Lack of vandalism due to several factors: Removed locks, left cabins open, windows boarded, smoke alarm low batteries produced "beeps" which may have also deterred possible vandals, also more of a personal presence in 100 Mile this year.

Steph voiced appreciation for all the interest and questions.

**Board Co-Chair Report** (by Heidi Read)

- Policy Review Committee working hard: finished research of standards and gaps phase, starting writing phase now.
- Board Development Comm. – getting Board more involved in board policies & strong governance
- Endowment Fund Comm. – stewarding \$\$ esp. gifted from J.K. [Stephanie elaborated later about a new Endowment Fund set up through Vancouver Foundation which will support student enrollment and possible site upkeep as the fund builds. Stay tuned for story sharing, formal announcement of fund.
- Note/comment on Paulette's presence/role: huge benefit – timely, advance bookings.
- Building more student involvement locally – Stephanie's presence in town is a big plus.





### **Presentation of Financial Statements (as of Oct 31, 2014)**

- Stephanie reviewed ‘pie charts’ of revenue and expenses, highlighting proportions of expenses and revenues.
- Mention of changes with bookkeeping company last spring
- Also, this spring we are implementing a new registration program (Camp Brain).
- Welcomes direction of refining accounts, clarifying our financial procedures.
- Motion to approve by Chelsea Goddard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harry Tudor

### **Appointment of Accountant for Review Engagement for Financial Year ending Oct. 31, 2015**

We would like to continue working with PMT Accountants (very familiar and great with helping us through transition of bookkeepers this past year)

Motion to approve by Daniel Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nevin Boyd.

### **New Business**

#### **Special Resolution: Edit of Constitution – Article 2(e)**

- Grammatical/Vocabulary error on constitution implies we will only offer programs to society members (only 44 members) in the future.
- Move to approve one word change from “members” to “participants” in Article 2e of Constitution
- Approved unanimously by voting members.

### **Election of Directors**

- Stephanie briefly summarized the 5 past directors that are not present and are standing for re-election.
- 2 past directors that are present, briefly introduced themselves (Heidi and Gernot)
- 3 new nominees (present):
  - Chris Nowotony - W. Lake BC Parks, brings connections with Parks & licensing (standing for 2 year term).
  - Dani Kidston – 100 Mile, previous staff, Outdoor Rec degree, keen on living in 100 Mile area, new business “TreeAmigos,” does lots of policy (standing for 2 year term).
  - Brodie Drake (spontaneous nomination from the floor) – in Courtney presently, prev. staff (’04-’10), finds this program pivotal with working with young people, expertise and interest in helping on Site Development Strategic Plan (1 yr term).





Summary of Candidates and term lengths:

<b>1-Year Term</b>	<b>2-Year Term</b>
Brodie Drake	Justin Bedard
Terri Jonuk	Dani Kidston
Dave MacLeod	Chris Nowotony
Gernot Zemanek	Heidi Read
	Tristan Read
	Ann Skelcher

- First time ballots needed: 10 people running for 9 positions!
  - Reluctance to vote someone OUT voiced (GZ)
  - Desire to have LOCAL directors expressed
  - Suggestion from floor to accept ALL nominees and have directors sort out who may wish to step down, still be involved on committee possibly. Strong possibility that there are 1 or 2 board members who stood for re-election because not enough nominees had come forward but would also be happy to step down.
  - Need to find our way to include ALL interested people but also can't overwhelm board meetings & decisions with too many voices. Also need to conform to bylaws. Steph and board will endeavor to find the best way to include everyone.
  - **Motion (by Harry Tudor): Membership awards all ten nominees a chance to be included on the board and empowers all ten nominees to make the decision of which nominee will step down as director (and support in other capacities), leaving 9 board members (as per bylaws). Seconded unanimously.**
  - Caution raised by Daniel about a precedence setting allowing the directors to decide who remains – could get 'political'. Preventative action: ballots prepared for the following year, board and nominee bios, term lengths, etc to membership early in newsletter (not just posted on website).

**Call to Close:** Cameron Brisebois moved to close, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan Stewart (9:10pm).

