

Minutes, Annual General Meeting 2024

Trails for Creston Valley Society

7:00 p.m., June 12, 2024

St. Stephen's Church Hall, 306 Northwest Blvd, Creston

Present: Leslie Kelner, Adam Mjolsness, Mechelle Ipsen (joined remotely), Carmen Marquis, Jim Schaefer, Doris Corbeil, Jerry Bauer, Petra Flaa, Gwen Telling, Brian Churchill, Allen McLaren, Rosemarie Niemoeller, Maureen Raboud, Caroline Collier, Justin Oakson, Carolyn Hawton, plus two unidentified others.

1. Chair: Doris.
2. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
3. **Motion** to Approve Agenda: Leslie, Jim (MSC)
4. **Motion** to Approve Minutes of AGM 2023: Carmen, Petra (MSC)

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chair's Report: Doris read out report summarizing recent TCVS activities, with thanks to all directors and volunteers for another successful year.
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report: Leslie presented report (copy filed). General funds as of financial year-end: \$6,571.36. In the financial year ending May 31, 2024, TCVS had income of \$63,250.92 and expenses of \$43,437.07, for a net income of \$19,813.85. Net worth of TCVS is \$256,571.36, including estimated property value of 1031 Highway 21 (Riverside Wilderness Park).
- 5.3 Committee Reports:
 - a) *Riverside Wilderness Park*: Rosemarie sent report. Seasonal maintenance of the park is ongoing, with lawn mowing, garbage pick-up, and a portable toilet on site. A chain has been installed across the driveway after the main parking area, to prevent further damage to the grassy field. Doris added that Riverside Park has been inappropriately listed on iOverlander (a website listing free camping places). No overnight camping is allowed at the park.
 - b) *Ka Papa Cedars Trail*: Petra read report. Interpretive signage was protected over the winter with heavy plastic bags to prevent damage, and the bags were removed this spring by Doris. Jim has been working with engineers on the bridge roof plan (hopefully the roof will be installed by late summer). Petra has checked on the trail counters; outhouse roof needs replacing. Bridge roof fundraising is complete.
 - c) *Midgeley Cabin*: Jerry reported that he and Petra met with Lisa Cox (Recreation Officer, East Kootenays) on April 23, to bring her up to date with TCVS projects. Lisa requested that Midgeley Cabin, as a trapper's cabin, is not eligible for inclusion in the rec site and was added in error to TCVS's Partnership Agreement in 2018. The cabin has since been removed from the PA and its use cannot be advertised by TCVS and rental fees cannot be collected by TCVS. However, TCVS is still allowed to maintain the cabin so it remains in good condition. The trail to the cabin is still under TCVS stewardship, and an application will be made to extend the trail to the peak of Mt. Midgeley. The Midgeley Cabin Committee will now be merged into the Trail Management Committee.

- d) *Trail Management Committee*: Jerry sent report. The Trail Management Committee was formed in March 2024 and replaced the Scouting/Wayfinding Committee. The mandate of the new committee is: trail reconnaissance (wayfinding), trail maintenance, building new trails, and increasing TCVS capacity to build and maintain trails. Jerry, Jim, Petra, Mechelle and others have achieved impressive results already, as detailed in Jerry's emailed report.
- e) *Old Ferry Landing*: Doris reported that TCVS has not done any work at the Old Ferry Landing site since the Ktunaxa/RDCK released its Traditional Use Study which did not support development of this site into a park. The site is still heavily used by the public but is receiving no official maintenance. Grass is 3 feet tall.
- f) *Membership*: Akemi reported an increase in TCVS membership to 463 members.
- g) *Communications*: Mechelle read out report listing recent accomplishments, including: review of administrative items/membership list, website improvements, increased social media activity, and member engagement survey. Mechelle reminded everyone to send in photos of TCVS activities, for social media posts.

MOTION: to approve Committee and Officers' Reports: Jim, Petra (MSC)

6. Elections:

MOTION: That all incumbent directors remain on the Board, except Leslie Kelner who is stepping down as Treasurer. Brian Churchill, Petra (MSC)

2024 Directors: Doris Corbeil, Adam Mjolsness, Mechelle Ipsen, Jim Schaefer, Carmen Marquis, Jerry Bauer, Petra Flaa

7. Other Business:

- a) **Motion:** "Membership fees to remain the same, until a special meeting is held to discuss the topic." Leslie, Jim (MSC)
- b) **Motion:** "Auditor not required at this time." Leslie, Petra (MSC)

8. Motion to Adjourn: 8:15 pm, moved by Leslie.

9. Next AGM: June 17, 2025