

**Nature Vancouver Annual General Meeting (AGM)
May 28, 2020 ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Meeting Minutes – Third Draft**

2019-2020 Board Members

- **Present:** Nigel Peck (President), Bev Ramey (Vice President), Adele Liu (Treasurer), Angela Bond (Recording Secretary), Joan Lopez, Jude Grass, Colin Clasen, Janet Snell, Laura Cottle, Donna Underhill, and Fred Hornby
- **Regrets:**

Approximately 50 members signed in to the Zoom meeting. Please note for this Zoom meeting, most members voted on motions using the Zoom multiple choice polling function. Some unable to use this function voiced by voice or chat, for example if two people were sharing a Zoom connection. Denis Laplante coordinated this Zoom meeting.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. We'd like to give a big welcome to all our members joining us for the 102nd Nature Vancouver Annual General Meeting. This is our first virtual meeting being held online via Zoom. Nigel read through agenda.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. No additions or revisions to the agenda were put forth.
MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
 - This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting held April 25, 2019 (completed by Angela Bond)

- a. Correct spelling of Bill Merilee to Bill Merilees – Section 4(c)
- b. **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 Annual General Meeting with this correction.
 - This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

4. President's Report (presented by Nigel Peck)

- a. Although it was a challenging year as we faced the Covid-19 global pandemic, Nature Vancouver volunteers and organizers were able to band together and step it up, keeping the organization going and in touch during a time when we couldn't meet in person.
- b. Our regular Thursday evening presentations have been moved online and are presented via Zoom, with high attendance numbers, and allowing for participation of members who have not been able to attend recently in person. We hope to resume in-person meetings this fall; and that field trips will be able to resume soon.

- c. Our website continues to be improved and look more professional and inviting, with many thanks to Kelly Sekhon.
- d. Daphne Nagorsen assumed the Membership Secretary role. We are working on some membership category changes, which will be presented next year.
- e. Please see 2019 President's Report for full details.

5. Treasurer's Report (presented by Adele Liu)

- a. There was a surplus in our core operations. Revenues were higher than in 2018, mostly due to increased donations, investment income, and membership dues. Core operating expenses decreased, mostly due to decreased cost of periodicals (Vancouver Naturalist was also discontinued), office expenses, and professional fees.
- b. Unrestricted Funds (Members' Equity) showed an increase over 2018.
- c. An investment account is maintained with Royal Bank's PH&N Investment Services, which includes our Endowment Fund. This is allocated as 44% bonds and 56% equities.
- d. There was an increase in our Special Projects Fund over 2018; which saw significant spending associated with the Museum of Vancouver "Wild Things" exhibit and the printing of the Nature Vancouver 100 Year History books.
- e. The Camp Reserve Fund remains the same, just under the target \$25,000 which is used to absorb losses from camps when they occur; and to allow for future replacements of tents.
- f. Please see 2019 Financial Report for full details.

6. Receive and approve the financial statements for the year end December 31, 2019 and the Review Engagement Report

- a. **MOTION:** To approve the 2019 year-end financial statements and the Review Engagement Report as presented.
 - o This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

7. Review Engagement Authorization

- a. **MOTION:** To authorize Reid, Hurst, and Nagy to conduct the Nature Vancouver financial Review Engagement for year-end 2020.
 - o This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

8. Election of the Nature Vancouver Board of Directors for 2020-2021

- a. The board can have up to a maximum of twelve Directors. Nominations from the floor are not allowed under the Bylaws of Nature Vancouver. Eleven current Board members are standing for re-election.
 - o Angela Bond
 - o Colin Clasen
 - o Laura Cottle
 - o Jude Grass
 - o Fred Hornby
 - o Adele Liu

- Joan Lopez
- Nigel Peck
- Bev Ramey
- Janet Snell
- Donna Underhill

MOTION: To accept the eleven re-election candidates as the 2020 Nature Vancouver Board of Directors.
 ○ This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

9. Other Business

- a. None at this time.

10. Adjournment

- a. **MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting.
 ○ This motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Motion carried.

Following the AGM, the annual scholarships and Nature Vancouver Awards were virtually presented. Given this challenging time of Covid for students, bursaries were also awarded to the other 16 scholarship applicants. Please join us in congratulating the following winners:

\$1000 Scholarship

- Sky Jarvis (undergraduate recipient)
- Christopher Stinson (graduate recipient)

Nature Vancouver Awards

- Garibaldi Awards for Club Service
 - Maureen Collier
 - Harvey Dueck
 - Diane Fast
 - Sally McDermott
 - Janet Snell
- Kay Beamish Award for Nature Education
 - Abby Schwarz
- Charles & Kay Ney Award for Lifetime Exemplary Service
 - Stephen Partington