

Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society
Minutes for Annual General Meeting

The PGBRS Annual General Meeting was held at the OverHANG climbing gym on December 8, 2021. It began at 5:30pm and was presided over by Alexandre Bevington with Hardy Griesbauer as Secretary.

Voting members in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
1 Alexandre Bevington	President
2 Joel McLay	Vice-president
3 Dave King	Treasurer/Caledonia Ramblers
4 Hardy Griesbauer	Secretary
5 John Huybers	Caledonia Nordic Ski Club
6 Bonnie Hooge	Prince George Naturalists
7 Roy Howard	Fraser Headwaters Alliance
8 Duncan McColl	Northwest Brigade Paddling Club
9 Norm Clark	Hickory Wing Ski Touring Club
10 Les Szerencsi	Penny Community Historical Association

Voting members not in attendance:

Name	Affiliation
Val Hunsaker	Alpine Club of Canada – Prince George Section
Byron Conroy	PGCC
Riley Millar	UNBC
Jeff Corbett	Ozalenka Alpine Club

Guests in attendance:

Name
Dan Domes
Verna Houghtaling
Greg Watson
Kimberley Kenyon
Travis Stringer
Ian Norn
Deanna Danskin
Hunter Gleason

1. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Alex Bevington and seconded by Hardy Griesbauer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Reports

2.a. Member club reports

1. Caledonia Ramblers report was presented by Dave King.
2. Hickory Wing Touring Ski Club report was presented by Norm Clark.
3. Caledonia Nordic Ski Club report was presented by John Huybers.
4. Alpine Club of Canada report was presented by Hardy Griesbauer (in lieu of Val).
5. Northwest Brigade Paddling Club report was presented by Duncan McColl.
6. PG Naturalists Club report was presented by Bonnie Hooge.
7. Fraser Headwaters Alliance report was presented by Roy Howard.
8. Penny Community Historical Association report was presented by Les Szerencsi.

2.b. Officer's reports

1. The 2020/2021 Financial Report was presented by Dave King and Alexandre Bevington.
2. The Secretary Report was presented by Hardy Griesbauer.
3. The Vice-President Report was presented by Joel McLay.
4. The President Report was presented by Alexandre Bevington.

A motion to approve the Financial Report as presented was made by Duncan McColl and seconded by Alexandre Bevington. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Main motions

3.a. Motion: Bylaw changes

A motion to change the Society's bylaws was made by Alexandre Bevington and seconded by Hardy Griesbauer. The main proposed changes are:

- Club representatives will be voting members in the Society, not Directors.
- Director positions will be filled by individuals in more dedicated roles.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.b. Motion: Inclusion of Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders as PGBRS member

A motion to allow the ACT to join the PGBRS as a voting member was made by Alexandre Bevington and seconded by Hardy Griesbauer. Dan Domes presented the ACT:

- The ACT is focused on building a network of mountain bike on Tabor Mountain
- Approximately 45km of trails have been flagged and GPSd.

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- ACT is working with RSTBC to move the project forward and obtain letters of support from key stakeholders.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.c. Motion: Inclusion of Back Country Horsemen of BC – Omineca Chapter as PGBRS member

A motion to allow the BCHBC – Omineca Chapter to join the PGBRS as a voting member was made by Dave King and seconded by Alexandre Bevington. Verna Houghtaling presented the BCHBC:

- Omineca Chapter currently maintains a 9km horse riding loop near Red Rock.
- Key focus for this Chapter is to maintain trail integrity.
- Including backcountry horse users in PGBRS will facilitate discussions around sustainable trail use between user groups.

Motion passed unanimously.

3.d. Motion: election of Officers and Directors

A motion to accept the following individuals into Officer or Director positions in the PGBRS was made by Alexandre Bevington and seconded by Duncan McColl.

Name	Position
Alexandre Bevington	President
Joel McLay	Vice-president
Dave King	Treasurer
Hardy Griesbauer	Secretary
Duncan McColl	Past-president
Deanna Danskin	Director at Large
Les Szerencsi	Director at Large

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Announcements

- This will likely be Dave's last year as Treasurer
- There is a group in Crescent Spur interested in establishing hiking trails in the Morkill Valley, including up Forgetmenot Mountain. Dave King will pass on information.
- There is a group interested in extending the Great Divide Trail from Kakwa to Monkman Provincial Park. Dave King will pass on information.

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- PGBRS is considering conducting surveys to learn about backcountry user needs and other data. This might be helpful in quantifying the potential of backcountry recreation infrastructure in retaining professionals in this region.
- Several club reports expressed a shortage of volunteers and a need to recruit more people to their organizations.

5. Meeting adjourned