

Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society
 Annual General Meeting – November 26, 2022
 Minutes

Name	Affiliation	In attendance?
Alexandre Bevington	1 Director: President	Yes
Joel McLay	2 Director: Vice-president	Yes (Zoom)
Dave King	3 Director: Treasurer 1 Member: Caledonia Ramblers	Yes
Hardy Griesbauer	4 Director: Secretary	Yes
Duncan McColl	5 Director: Past-President 2 Member: Northwest Brigade Paddling Club	Yes (Zoom)
Les Szerencsi	6 Director: Director 3 Member: Penny Community Historical Association	Yes
Deanna Danskin	7 Director: Director at Large	Yes (Zoom)
Norm Clark	4 Member: Hickory Wing Ski Club	
John Huybers	5 Member: Caledonia Nordic	Yes
Val Hunsaker	6 Member: Alpine Club of Canada – PG Section	
Bonnie Hooge	7 Member: Prince George Naturalists	Yes
Roy Howard	8 Member: Fraser Headwater Alliance	
Midori Button	9 Member: UNBC Outdoors Club	
Jeff Corbett	10 Member: Ozalenka Alpine Club	Late (Zoom)
Byron Conroy	11 Member: Prince George Cycling Club	
Dan Domes	12 Member: Association of Caledonia Trailbuilders	Yes
Verna Houghtaling	13 Member: Back Country Horsemen of BC – Omineca	Yes
Meghan Keir	14 Member: PG Adventure Club	

Members of the public in attendance:

Greg Watson
Chandra Matlock (Zoom)
Carly Madge
Tyson Solmonson + 1
Heather MacRae + 1
Kimberly Kenyon
Jeremy Morris

Location: Otway / Zoom

Start time: 4:03PM

Chair: Alex Bevington

Note taker: Kim Kenyon

1) Housekeeping:

- a) Thanks to CNSC for the meeting space!
- b) Land acknowledgement.

2) Approve minutes from last meeting:

- a) **MOTION** to approve minutes by John Huybers, seconded by Dave King, **PASSED** unanimously.

3) New agenda items, approve agenda:

- a) **MOTION** to approve agenda by Dave King, seconded by Les Szerencsi, **PASSED** unanimously.

4) Member club updates:

- a) **Caledonia Ramblers** (Dave King):

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- i) Busy season! Trips nearly every weekend! Lots of trail work, for example: Viking meadows, Hedrick Lake, Alexander Mackenzie... Also the new trail guide is coming out soon with lots of important updates.
 - b) **NWBPC** (Duncan McColl / Kimberly Kenyon):
 - i) Might change names? New table and fire pit at Willow. Had weekly SUP lessons. Very successful! Trail approved at Willow River.
 - c) **PCHA** (Les Szerencsi):
 - i) The old Red Mountain trail bridge has been removed. New bridge installed last year still stands!
 - d) **Hickory Wing Ski Touring Club** (**presented by Dave King in Norm's absence):
 - i) Non-motorized trails on table need attention. The HWSTC may not exist much longer. Unsure of who will pick up the maintenance. Some BC Hydro work on the mountain is interfering with trails.
 - e) **CNSC** (John Huybers):
 - i) Huge year for CNSC, lots of funding gone into snow making infrastructure. A few large events coming to PG: World Juniors, Biathlon Nationals, etc. Also have built a cabin for overnight use, not sure where to put it!
 - f) **ACC** (**presented by Hardy in Val's absence):
 - i) Gearing up after covid, a few trips planned. Newsletter is active.
 - g) **PG Naturalists** (Bonnie Hooge):
 - i) Looking for a new monthly seminar meeting location. A few events this year: Hudson Bay cleanup, upcoming bird count.
 - h) **FHA** (**presented by Alex in Roy's absence)
 - i) Very busy year with the cable car, work trips on the Goat River trail, some authorization work to re-route sections as well.
 - i) **UNBCOC** (**presented by Alex and Dave in Midori's absence)
 - i) A few events this year – trips to Fang, Raven, etc. Also the club is looking to find a new steward of the Treeline cabin.
 - j) **OAC** (**presented by Alex and Dave in Jeff's absence)
 - i) Big year! OZ cabin complete. Some work now to catch up on other trails and trail maintenance.
 - k) **PGCC** (**presented by Alex and John in Byron's absence)
 - i) Busy year of trail and woodwork at Pidherny! Some wildfire risk reduction work occurring this winter.
 - l) **ACT** (Dan Domes)
 - i) Raised about 125k and build 6.5 km of trails. Amazing year! Great trails! 2000 volunteer hours. Working to employ LTFN members and do some programming. Contractors and volunteers did amazing work. Looking to July for grand opening!
 - m) **Back Country Horsemen** (Verna Houghtaling)
 - i) 75 members in PG. BC Trails Day was an "Intro to Coburn Trail" open invite to the public (hikers too) with maps, history, burgers etc. June event was BCHBC's (Provincial body) annual "Rendezvous" (riding, clinics, safety demos etc.) held in PG this year with 130 attendees.
 - n) **PG Adventure Club**
 - i) no updates
- 5) **Directors updates**
- a) **Past President**
 - i) Great work, great year, looking forward to future!
 - b) **Secretary**
 - i) Exciting times! Thanks all!
 - c) **Director at Large**
 - i) Deanna: Worked on the cabin survey. Awesome work PGBRS!
 - ii) Les: Excited about the projects and future!
 - d) **Finance**
 - i) See attached finance report.

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- ii) **MOTION** to accept the financial report as presented by Duncan, second by Les, motion **PASSED** unanimously
- iii) Outstanding discussion points: Lots of interest in cancellation policy (number of days, penalty, and booking fees). **TABLE** this discussion to our next meeting in the interest of time.
- e) **VP**
 - i) Great work!
- f) **President**
 - i) See attached president report.
 - ii) **MOTION** to accept the financial report as presented by Alex, second by Les, motion **PASSED** unanimously.
- 6) **Red Cabin Commercial Use Policy**
 - a) Hardy presented a revised commercial use policy. See attached.
 - b) **MOTION** to accept the commercial use policy presented by Alex, second by Duncan, motion **PASSED** unanimously.
 - c) **ACTION ITEM**: Alex will post on our website.
- 7) **Red Cabin Plaque discussion**
 - a) **TABLE** this discussion to our next meeting in the interest of time.
- 8) **Cabin Survey Results**
 - a) Alex briefly presented results from the recent PGBRS cabins survey. The survey remains open into the future. Really interesting results!
 - b) **ACTION ITEM**: Alex and someone will work to make a public facing version of the survey.
 - c) **ACTION ITEM**: Alex and someone will work to convey results with BC Parks and RSTBC.
- 9) **PGBRS Trust**
 - a) **TABLE** this discussion to our next meeting in the interest of time.
- 10) **Elections**
 - a) New board:
President – Alex Bevington
Vice President – Les Szerencsi
Treasurer – Dave King
Secretary – Heather MacRae
Communications – Chandra Matlock
Events – Carly Madge
Authorization – Tyson Solmonson
Fundraising – Jeremy Morris
Past President – Duncan McColl
Director at large – Deanna Danskin
Director at large – Joel McLay
Director at large – Hardy Griesbauer
Director at large – Kimberly Kenyon
 - b) **MOTION** to elect the new board of directors as listed above presented by Alex, second by Les, motion **PASSED** unanimously.
 - c) **ACTION ITEM**: Alex update the website and circulate contact list to board.
- 11) **Annual Reporting**
 - a) **ACTION ITEM**: Alex and Dave king will submit annual reports to BC Parks and RSTBC and renew our BC societies registration.
- 12) **Motion to end meeting**
 - a) **MOTION** to end meeting presented by Alex, second by Les, motion **PASSED** unanimously.