

Wells Gray Outdoors Club

General Meeting minutes for
Tuesday July 5, 2016
7:00 pm at the Candle Creek warming chalet

Present: President: Dave Poole
Secretary: Jen Belle
Directors: Daniel Boudreau
Aaron Cooperman
Jean Nelson
Hazel Wadlegger

1. Welcome:

Club president, Dave Poole, gave a warm welcome to those present and called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Agenda review:

The agenda was quickly reviewed by Dave and was deemed acceptable.

3. Finances:

Hazel updated those present on the Club's recent financial transactions, including the Wells Gray Community Forest and the solar system setup grant.

Aaron made mention of the mountain bike trails finances as well and has transactions being tracked on an expense sheet.

The Club is in good standing.

4. Old business:

a) Action items:

Action items were reviewed.

Dave will contact the Community Forest about the upcoming changes at the Candle Creek trail system prior to September first. The location of the trail and what is going to be logged as the right of way has already been referred, but George is looking for input regarding the area's future.

A discussion followed regarding the overall trail system and any positive changes the Club could undertake that would benefit mountain bikers and cross-country skiers alike.

Steve will help with the trail renovations by ensuring the grade is proper and that good drainage is considered in the overall picture.

Dave has provided a copy of the solar system grant application as requested.

Daniel has spoken with Gene about the electrical installation of the solar system. He hasn't received a reply as of yet.

Jen has not added Steve to the e-mail list as she is unsure of his address at this time.

The cabin needs more mouse-proofing still.

5. New business:

a) Safety review/concerns:

We are still looking for an anti-slip mat for the front door of the cabin.

b) Mountain bike trails:

The spring session of work on the mountain bike trails is now coming to an end. The machine work is complete; it's now just a matter of tidying up by hand.

Cal has now gained knowledge on how to build proper mountain bike trails. Training people on how to build the trails is a long term asset to the Club, and we will ensure quality in our workmanship.

Two trails going down towards Road 9 have been finished, a flow trail and a downhill trail which amounted to another 1.9 km, not including the Ridge trail. The spring trail building session produced 3.2 km giving us a total of 5 km of completed trail.

The mountain bike committee is always actively looking for additional funds to continue this forward momentum, and Aaron was able to report on what is currently being sought. So far the TNRD has promised some funding, and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program grant has been applied for once again. The Community Forest also has a new grant out called the "Major Projects" grant, which is for a five year duration. Aaron has submitted an application for said grant. A rural dividends grant, in a joint effort with the District of Clearwater, is being considered as well, for in the fall.

A total of 30 km of mountain bike trails is the goal for the Club in the next 5 years, always with the potential for more afterwards. Perhaps a nice signature ride including the Raft Canyon. Another round of trail building will be planned for in autumn when the weather is cooler, and there may be a bit more moisture. Hopefully there will be about four weeks of building, with the same crew from the spring session.

The Info Center has been helping to spread the word about the MBT system at Candle Creek. Also, members and mountain bikers should be aware that the Candle Creek mountain bike trail map is available at an amazing site, www.trailforks.com, and includes information and maps for multiple other biking trails too! It's a great site to investigate.

It's imperative that we keep promoting the MBT, and Sabine is looking into signage for along the highway, and en route to the Candle Creek trails. We are trying to develop economic development in the area, so our endeavours benefit many!

Many thanks to those that are making all of this possible! It takes organization, effort, dedication and a whole lot of time to keep things rolling. (Hmm. I think I'm owed some volunteer hours to keep track of by you lot!)

c) Solar system installation:

Daniel has beautifully overseen the initial phases to install our green initiative, a solar system setup! For a full report, contact the WGOE secretary, as it is on file. For those just wanting a basic breakdown, the phases were as follows. Phase 1-post in the ground, Phase 2-building framework to mount 3 collectors to post, and Phase 3-review hook up to cabin and shed. Many volunteer hours by Daniel and his permission to use various tools/machines have made all of this feasible. Cal and Aaron deserve credit for their assistance as well, plus labourers. We appreciate your generosity and kindness!

An invoice for related expenses will be submitted to the Club by Daniel shortly.

Daniel will search for an electrician to complete the solar system setup.

Dave has printed off all of the information which was provided by the solar system company, and is available for review. Some finer details of our new investment were openly discussed.

The general meeting for July 5th, 2016 was concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Please note that the next general meeting for the Wells Gray Outdoors Club will be held on **September 6th, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the Wells Gray Search and Rescue building.