**AGM January 25th-2022 MINUTES**

ZOOM meeting 19h00

Attending : Gerry Bietz, Vivian P., David Reid, Michael Foster, Ken Stevenson, Lyse C., Dana Boothby,, Davida Monk, Howard Hawkwood, Wendel Koning, Tako Koning, Leslie Zimmel, 81646270899, Heinz Hunger, Kristina Boehler, David Bartle, Mazaki Hayashi, Scott from…

**1.Call to order at 19h01**

**2. Notice of meeting**

It was published in the Eagles, Rocky View Weekly, on our Facebook page and on our website.

**3. Approval of minutes**

There was an error: Paul Perrault was not elected director. He was only suggested.

The minutes were approved by Mike Foster and seconded by Ken Stevenson.

**4. Business arising from the minutes.** None.

**5. Financial statements.**

Lyse presented a draft only because they hadn’t been audited yet; but the finances balanced. She detailed where the donations were spent.

David Reid approved the financial statements and Mike Foster seconded.

**7. Gerry presented the maps of Bighill Springs aquifer and gravel operators.**

**8. Reserve land:**

Mike presented the state of the reserve and the road. The traffic is steady but slower thanks to the road signs: limit 30km/h. There is an increase of pedestrians and dogs on the road. There is a need to improve the trail on the east side, to make alternate routes. We need help with trail management.

The fort is decaying and will have to be dismantled. We will need help with this and set a demolition day. Some of the logs are still in good conditions and could be used for trail maintenance.

We are in continuing discussions with Paul Perrault from Bike Cochrane regarding the trails.

People should be weary about wildlife such as cougars especially at dawn and at dusk.

**9. Gravel pit mining approval.**

We have filed a statement of concern. We have 10 copies of our presentation; which is now a book. It has been couriered to Edmonton. The society’s statement of concern has been posted on our website. WE NEED as many statements of concern as possible sent to AEP. Taco Koning has come up with his own. It will also be posted on our website. Taco stressed the importance of stating: “I am directly affected”; “I am a taxpayer for the Provincial Park”. We need to say: “Don’t approve the mine.” He said how important it was to file our own statement of concern, that our input was gold. Be succinct. We can cut and paste, or reference our studies in your SOC.

Wendell Koning also reinforced the need to file a SOC. He stressed the fact that our society as provided very good science and AEP needed to heed to these documents, so it becomes public record. We need to do our job to inform the government. We need to state that “we are directly affected.”

Vivian added her thoughts on the size of Bighill Springs Provincial Park as it needs to be enlarged and probably include the historic buffalo jump. The section that is presently owned by Burnco would be a beautiful natural extension of the Park, she said.

**10. BRBC coming science forum on May 4th 2022.**

Ken Stevenson and Elliot Lindsey have submitted a science poster for it.

11. There was no **election of board of directors this year**.

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| President: Gerry Bietz | Vice-president: Vivian Pharis |
| Secretary-treasurer: Lyse Carignan | Director: Ken Stevenson |
| Director: David Reid | Director: Michael Foster |

**12. Adjournement at 20h01**

Motion to adjourn by Vivian; seconded by Ken.