

SIERRA CLUB CANADA FOUNDATION
 AGM DRAFT MINUTES
 Saturday, June 22, 2019
 2-5pm Atlantic/ 1-4pm Eastern/ 11am-2pm Mtn

LOCATIONS:

Halifax, Nova Scotia Ecology Action Centre, Board Room 2705 Fern Lane	Ottawa, Ontario The Corporate Centre, Stratus Room 251 Laurier Avenue West Suite 900	Edmonton, Alberta Strathcona Branch, Edmonton Public Library 2nd-floor Meeting Room 8331 104 St NW
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#	Time Eastern	Agenda item	Speaker	Materials	Discussion/Action/Motion
	1:00	Greetings from the host Chapter – Atlantic			
1	1:05	Call to order of meeting	Chair	Quorum Check Sign-in Sheet Present: (see attached list)	
2	1:10	Appoint minute taker	Chair		Mover: Lauren Scott Second: David Snider Abstentions: none

					Carried
3	1:11	Review and Approval of Agenda	Chair		Motion: Approve the agenda Mover: Graham May Second: Lauren Scott Abstentions: none Carried
4	1:12	Approval of minutes from 2018	Chair	<u>4.0 AGM 2018 Draft Minutes (June 16, 2018)</u>	Motion to wave reading of prior minutes. Mover: Bo Wang-Frape Second: David Snider Abstentions: none Carried Motion to approve minutes from June 16, 2018 AGM. Mover: Bo Wang-Frape Second: David Snider Abstentions: none Carried
5	1:15	Remarks from the President	Nick Bakish		Nick is leaving Board due to term limits. Just in from Hong Kong & saw activism making a difference there. Optimistic about our financial position, new Board members and energy moving forward. Big thanks to everyone for their efforts and proud of what we have done/where we are going together.
6	1:25	Report from Sierra Club US	Liz Walsh, former board member at		Structural changes taking place in US Club. Organization of Chapters being evaluated by consultants. Goal to enhance

			SCUS & our liaison		<p>size & power of base with equity and investment in staff & volunteers. Streamlining decision making.</p> <p>Aligned values project – working with volunteers to establish these & apply across the organization.</p> <p>Strategic Plan will be 5 years old in 2020 and time for renewal process. Aligned values contributes to this.</p> <p>Bloomberg investment in clean fuels now prioritizing natural gas along with coal. We'll see them expand this messaging.</p> <p>Commitment to incorporate SCCF in consultations - Liz will connect Gretchen with restructuring contacts.</p>
7	1:35	Report from Sierra Club BC	Hannah Askew, ED of Sierra Club BC		<p>Hannah started as ED about a year ago. Deep dive into theory of change & niche evaluation and now moving to Strategic Planning with this information.</p> <p>Looking to broaden their relationships with others affected by climate change & diversify community engagement.</p> <p>Old growth forest campaign still active (Vancouver Island)</p> <p>Fracking & Trans-mountain battles working with indigenous nations allies.</p>

					<p>50th anniversary of SCBC – using it to look at investment in future generations.</p> <p>Enviro Education program still one of most popular.</p> <p>Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) work including hiring 2 Indigenous women that are working on art project that will be shared. Relationship building and increasing sharing of info for understanding.</p> <p>*congrats on tanker ban!</p> <p>Cooperative effort where SCBC provided expertise for SCCF to present at hearing when SCBC was denied slot to speak.</p>
8	1:45	Reports from Chapters and Youth (5 @ 7-10 minutes each)			
8.1		Atlantic	Tony Reddin, Atlantic Chpt ExCom		<p>Continued success of Wild Child expanding in PEI and holding strong in NS</p> <p>PEI annual Earth Day Expo</p> <p>Campaign against seismic testing in the Gulf – event with movie and symposium. Adding MPAs (Marine Protected Areas)</p> <p>Muskrat Falls work with Indigenous community.</p> <p>Still fighting gold mining and fracking</p> <p>Watch for Wildlife paused in Nova Scotia and ongoing in New Brunswick.</p>

8.2		Quebec	Isabelle-Anne Bisson, Co-Chair Quebec Chapter	<p>Earth Day event in April themed “System Change Not Climate Change” great talks. Conyinned work with First Nations – outings program now partially funded to roll out in 2019.</p> <p>Collaboration with Alternatives to empower women and youth. Working with Kanesatake to expand participation in youth climate strike actions.</p>
8.3		Ontario	Francine Pauvif, Secretary Ontario Chapter	<p>Jerry Dong Chapter Coordinator last year for 6 months, but no staff now.</p> <p>Peel Group active -</p> <p>Norval Quarry defeated after almost a decade of effort</p> <p>Premier Doug Ford affects all our projects:</p> <p>Greenbelt –defeated Ford effort to gut Greenbelt Act but other planning rollbacks may do more damaging.</p> <p>Green Energy – work done via coalitions</p> <p>Great Lakes – Re-org of Sierra’s Binational Great Lakes committee now “Great Lakes Region Forum”.</p> <p>The Problem with Plastics -</p> <p>Car Free Day long time Toronto area neighborhood events.</p> <p>Biodiversity & Sustainable Development Goals – national</p>

					in scope started in SCO. Intern employed to work here.
8.4		Prairie	Lindsay Boucher & Richard Stein (hydrogeologist)		<p>Major theme within chapter is conservation of urban and peri-urban areas with strong emphasis on geology and hydrology.</p> <p>Sharing image slides of natural areas of 5 main ongoing conservation projects: Charlesworth Tree Stand, Tufa Springs, Big Island-Woodbend Park, Bedrock Park, and Whitemud Boat Dock.</p> <p>Group also worked on groundwater contamination on two shooting farms (Hoadley and Thorsby).</p> <p>Advocacy by participating in stakeholder meetings for Ribbon of Green Plan (City of Edmonton) and Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan (City of Edmonton).</p> <p>Richard Stein spoke to his position on a Technical Advisory Committee with the provincial tar sands water committee as a rep for non-profits.</p>
8.5		Youth	Megan Sutton,		Megan working today, so Gretchen read her report:

			Chair Sierra Youth		<p>Megan published timely blog on cetacean captivity.</p> <p>Number of ExCom stepping down. Interviewing new members but send more their way if we can!</p> <p>Youth Career Connect event in Ottawa Fall 2018 was very successful. Attendees from across country. Planning a second one for Toronto Nov 2019. Looking for help from the Ontario Chapter.</p> <p>Anyone under 30 yeas can get involved. Contact Megan</p>
9	2:45	Report from National Programs Director	Gretchen Fitzgerald, National Programs Director		<p>2 big reports came out this past year – IPCC and species report</p> <p>Grassroots is an advantage to reach people away from some of the politics and relate to communities.</p> <p>Framework coming together – committees are growing and dynamic. Prairie & Atlantic Chapters getting revived.</p> <p>Need more muscle – this is the volunteers. Hope to have a Volunteer Coordinator in next budget to help make this happen</p> <p>Trade agreement having negative repercussions as corporations choose to sue against environmental restrictions</p> <p>This week Impact Assessment Act passed that has increased</p>

					<p>power for offshore drilling boards.</p> <p>Plastics meeting with SCO.</p> <p>Wild Child expanded to Edmonton this year.</p> <p>Watch for Wildlife expanded to New Brunswick last year.</p> <p>We support MPAs but they don't prevent damage from seismic or oil spills. Other policy strategies needed.</p>
10	2:55	Strategic Plan Progress Report	Kristina Jackson, National Operations Director	10.0 <u>Strategic Plan 2019-2021 slides</u>	<p>Report on activities related to Strategic Plan priorities.</p> <p>Strategic Plan presentation slides were shown while going through bullet point activities.</p> <p>Evaluation of progress will be made roughly every 6-months at AGM and budget development.</p> <p>This is the first 6-month evaluation. Out of 26 activities most fall under 1= Some Progress, several are 2= Significant Progress or 0= No Progress. None are identified as 3= Completed or 4 = In Need of Revision.</p> <p>Strategic Plan slides and table of progress are loaded to SCCF Sharepoint and available by contacting Kristinaj@sierraclub.ca</p>
11		Acceptance of 2018 audit	Treasurer Bo Wang-Frape	12.0 <u>Audited financial</u>	<p>Motion to accept 2018 Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>Mover: David Snider</p>

				<u>statements 2018</u>	<p>Second: Lauren Scott</p> <p>Abstentions: none</p> <p>Carried</p>
12	3:05	Appointment of Auditors for 2019 audit	Treasurer Bo Wang-Frape		<p>Motion to approve Parker Prins Lebano as auditors for 2019 financial statements</p> <p>Mover: Bo Wang-Frape</p> <p>Second: Emily Boucher</p> <p>Abstentions: none</p> <p>Carried</p>
13	3:10	Election of Directors	Nominating Committee Chair David Snider	13.0 <u>Candidate information</u>	<p>Call for candidates from the floor:</p> <p>None</p> <p>Election for the following representatives to the board (1 per class):</p> <p>Atlantic (2-year term) - Julie Reimer</p> <p>Mover: Emma Seamone</p> <p>Second: Peggy Cameron</p> <p>Abstentions : none</p> <p>Carried with 8 votes</p> <p>BC (1-year term) - Graham May</p> <p>Mover: Jennifer Baker for Jennifer Klens</p> <p>Second: Lindsay Boucher for Isabelle Bliss</p> <p>Abstentions: none</p> <p>Carried with 10 votes</p> <p>Prairie (1-year term) - Robert Lane</p>

				<p>Mover: Charlie Richmond Seconder: Lindsay Boucher for Neil Sabine- Pasley Abstentions: none Carried with 10 votes</p> <p>Quebec (2-year term) - Isabelle-Anne Bisson Mover: Nick Bakish Seconder: Lauren Scott Abstentions: None Carried with 6 votes</p> <p>Youth (2-yr term) - Sarah Giacomantonio Mover: Francine Pauvif Seconder: Jenn Baker for Graham May Abstentions: none Carried with 4 votes</p>
				<p>Elections for at-large board members:</p> <p>Motion to elect Jake Cole, Ole Hendrickson, Bitá Razeghi-Cattelan to a two-year term: Mover: Leslie Adams Seconder: Emma Seamone Abstentions: none Carried with 33 votes</p> <p>Motion to elect Bo Wang-Frape to a one-year term: Mover: Leslie Adams Seconder: Francine Pauvif Abstentions: none Carried with 33 votes</p>

14	3:25	Guest Speaker	Amelia MacDougall Flemming, Climate Strike organizer Mount Allison University	<p>Intro by Emma Seamone-Greta Thunberg in Sweden inspired first strikes “how can we go to school when we have a limited future?”</p> <p>Map shows Climate Strikes all over Canada. Amelia is in Sackville – first strike in March 2019. Gathered at Mount Allison and used recycled materials to make signs. 10% of the town showed up = 500 people. March from campus to downtown. Follow up included speaking to City council the following week.</p> <p>Second was May 3rd - 150 people even though school was out. Held education session – things they are not learning in school. Made postcards for Minister McKenna.</p> <p>Third was Friday May 24th - mostly elementary & middle school kids walked the 3 km in the rain. Made video with kids speaking about why they are striking.</p> <p>Made list of demands: GND type climate policy (Insert from her slides) Inequality & climate change key to message, Paris Climate Accord promises List of successes & disappointments -</p>

					<p>Skill building – conflict resolution, expression, movement building, civil disobedience</p> <p>Planning a climate art event (no school to strike from during summer). Encouraging youth under 20 years to take charge in the effort. Even 8 years old should have a voice in this movement.</p>
15	3:55	Other Business			
					<p>Recognition of outgoing volunteer leaders &/or staff: Nick Bakish – presented card and gift.</p> <p>Others not present will be mailed recognition cards/gifts: Board members resigning: Leah Fusco & Bianca Salive Staff who have moved on this year: Heidi Verheul & Wanda Baxter</p>
16		Motion to Adjourn			<p>Motion to adjourn. Mover: Lauren Scott Meeting closed at 3:45pm</p>