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**Wildsight Invermere
Annual General Meeting
7 pm, April 22, 2017
Wilmer Community Hall
Wilmer/Invermere, BC**

AGM Minutes

Inspire. Connect. Conserve.

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

- a. Called to order 7:00pm. Attendance: 72
- b. Quorum was established
- c. Notice of this meeting was announced to our members through our April e-newsletter and an ad in the Pioneer.
- d. Minutes recorded by Jessie King.

2. Approval of minutes from last annual general meeting of April 19, 2016.

- a. Minutes from 2016 were projected on the screen. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Moved by Nory Esteban, 2nd Marianne Ober. Carried.
- b. Approval of minutes. Moved by Bob Campsall. 2nd Kim Urbaniak. Carried.

3. President's remarks

Baiba Morrow welcomed everyone for Earth Day and then introduced the current Board of Directors: Cam Gillies, Becky Blakley, Nory Esteban, Marianne Ober, Jillian Cochrane. She then highlighted the following while showing a powerpoint presentation with images.

- Our Vision and Mission statements continue to guide us well: We envision a community where people value and protect wild spaces and embrace our interconnection with nature. Our mission is to inspire action and lead the way in conserving wild spaces and improving our relationship with nature.
- We attracted 28 new Wildsight Invermere members, for a total of 277 Wildsight Invermere members... and 1326 members in all of Wildsight in 2016.
- Over 60 keen individuals have signed on as Volunteers. There are leaflets on each chair with a description of how you can get more involved.
- We guided 52 people through Wild Nature Tours to deepen their connections with nature, and we participated in Wings Over the Rockies Festival to showcase our restoration work at Lake Enid.
- We partnered with the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council to remove some 1200 square meters of field scabious and spotted knapweed.

- We attended 8 community events with our public outreach booth where we engaged over 375 kids and adults.
- Our annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival at the end of November continues to be our main community event, and annual fund raiser. It was a sold-out crowd again.
- Through much volunteer effort and generous contributions from businesses and community members we raise enough to support our organizational administration needs. And each year keeps getting better. Acknowledgement of Funders and supporters was made with a slide listing them all:

Main Festival sponsor: RKHelsinki

Film Sponsors: Kootenay Mountain Culture Magazine -- Evolve Fine Used Furnishings -- Talus Lodge -- Kicking Horse Coffee -- Invermere Optometry Clinic -- Kirk Mauthner/ Basecamp Innovations -- Lambert Kipp Pharmacy -- Bavin Glassworks -- David Schindler & Suzanne Bayley -- Wings Over the Rockies Festival.. -- an anonymous donor

Raffle Prizes: Tinhorn Creek Vineyards, Kootenay River Runners, Winderberry, Cleanline Automotive, Crazy Soles,

Silent Auction: Mountain Wonder Photography, Do Nothing Flotation Centre Invermere Chiropractic, Flat Bags

Door Prizes: Edibles Farm + Cafe + Catering. North Star Hardware Rona - Kicking Horse Coffee — Arrowhead Brewing— Leo Burrito — CV Arts

Also big thanks to: Bill Cropper/Sound System-- Local View for some of the printing— Peppi's Pizza for the good deal they give -- Columbia Valley Pioneer for a free ad

- A big thank you to all our many volunteers. Volunteer info leaflets, created by Director Marianne Ober, were put on each chair.
- A call for volunteers was made for our committees: Programming , Communications, Volunteer Recruitment and Management, Finance and Fundraising, Governance.

4. Report by Kim Urbaniak, Branch Manager

- a. Baiba introduced Kim stating that she will be leaving her position as our branch manager at the end of April after 1 ½ years with Wildsight. Mandi McRobbie was then introduced as Kim's replacement.
- b. Kim brought everyone up to date on our Connecting with Nature program. Components include more speakers and films, Wild Ideas discussion series, Wild Nature Tours, public engagement through weed pulls and outreach booths, and a Bear Awareness Day.

5. Financial Report for fiscal year ending January 31, 2017

Cam presented our financial report on behalf of our treasurer, Becky Blakley

6. Nominations and Elections of Board of Directors for 2017/2018

- a. Call for Nominations from the floor was made three times. Jessie King put her name forward. Nominations were closed.
- b. The following people were elected as **Board of Directors:**
Becky Blakley, Jillian Cochrane, Nory Esteban, Cam Gillies, Jessie King, Baiba Morrow, Marianne Ober

Moved by Bob Campsall. 2nd by Pat Morrow. Motion carried.

7. Questions and Announcements

- a. No questions or comments were made from the audience

8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- a. Baiba thanked everyone for coming and participating.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

9. The AGM was followed by a film screening, *To the Ends of the Earth*