

Wildsight Regional AGM

Friday, March 21, 2025
Golden Seniors Centre, 7pm

Members in attendance:

Aita Bezzola
Alli Banting
Bob Toothill
Brian Conrad
Casey Brennan
Eddie Petryshen
Eric Hsiung
Gerry Wilkie
Graeme
Lee-Rowlands
Hanna
Sander-Green
Jenna Schulof
Jill Jennings
Joan Dolinsky
John Bergenske
John Jenkins
Kathy Murphy
Kellie Sych
Kieran Simpson
Kristi Chorney
Lesley Giroday
Lorene Keitch
Margie Jamieson
Mirjam Barrueto
Nadja Oberholzer
Randal MacNair
Tim Chapman
Tracy Flynn
Woody Maguire

1. Call to Order. 7:07 pm

2. Welcoming remarks: Brian Conrad

Welcomed attendees, recognized the Indigenous land on which we are meeting, and expressed gratitude for meeting in Golden

3. Approval of agenda - as detailed below. Motion to adopt agenda: Margie Jamieson.
Second: Casey Brennan.

All in favour.

4. Approval of AGM 2024 Minutes as circulated.

Motion to adopt: Lesley Giroday; Second: Casey Brennan. All in favour. Approved.

5. Presentation and approval of audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Presented by Hanna Sander-Green

\$2.45 million in revenue last year. Diversity of funding sources, reflects resilience and funding support from a variety of sources. Grateful in particular for more than \$300,000 in individual donations.

Expenses: \$2.41 million. Primarily on programs and supporting functions in organization. 29% spent in conservation, 25% in YCC, 14% in education program area.

We ended the year with a reserve that gives us a buffer in case of unexpected expenses.

Questions:

Question on relationship with out-of-country foundations, are we at any risk right now?

Hanna: We do have foundations from the US that have supported our work for a long time.

Casey: There have been ups and downs with some of these funders, they are long term established endowed foundations. We're in a much better place in terms of diversification now of our income than we were in 2020

Motion to accept financial statement: Casey Brennan. Second: Eric Hsiung.

All in favour; approved.

6. Election of Regional Directors

Current slate for election:

- Woody Maguire
- Lindsay Donald
- Kathy Murphy
- Kieran Simpson

Call for any nominations from the floor.

- 1st call: No nominations; 2nd call: No nominations; 3rd call: No nominations.

Motion to accept: Tracy Flynn. Second: Aita Bezzola.

All in favour; motion approved.

Board members with 1 year of their 2-year term remaining (no election required):

Lesley Giroday
Brian Conrad
Tracy Flynn
Margie Jamieson
Kelvin Saldern
Aita Bezzola
Kristi Chorney
Nicki Blanchard

7. Program highlights from the past year

Graeme Lee Rowlands presented program highlights from Wildsight over the past year. We celebrated 37 years as an organization this past year. Urged folks to look at our annual report to learn more then shared an overview of our education, conservation and Youth Climate Corps programs.

Education: Highlighted our two new products shared in the Outdoor Learning store (track sheets and FutureMakers) to support in-basin education programs, as well as celebrating the more than 2,000 students that took part in an education program

Conservation: A few highlights: more than 1,000 Wildsight supporters asked for biodiversity and ecosystem health law. Commissioned a report that cleanup from coal mines would cost significantly more than previously estimated, led to more strict guidelines during sale to Glencore. Mobilized more than 1,000 supporters to oppose Seymour Valley logging. Launched a new series of wildlife dialogues ot raise awareness about recreation impacts on wildlife.

Youth Climate Corps: Last year 9 crew members did incredible projects: whitebark pine, pollinator highway project, Lois Creek restoration to enhance riparian area; West Kootenay team became ambassadors to the public on firesmart, water smart initiatives etc.

Operations team: Working behind the scenes to keep Wildsight running

8. Motion to adjourn the AGM business meeting

Motion: Hanna Sander-Green; Second: Tracy Flynn.

All in favour. AGM completed at 7:36 pm.

10. Feature presentation from Dr. Mirjam Barrueto on wolverine conservation