

Minutes
April 5, 2022
Grasslands Naturalists Society Board Meeting
Via zoom

1. **Call to order 4:03 pm**
2. **Roll Call Members present Phil Horch, Ian Turner, Linda Fisher, Martha Maudsley, Hugh Armstrong, Martha Munz Gue Absent - Angela Turner Guest- Paul Thibault, Alicia Lew**
3. **Review and adoption of previous minutes - Motion to adopt by Ian all in favour, carried.**
4. **Business arising from the minutes**
 - A. **Letter to County of 40 Mile No 8 re: solar farm concerns - Linda to itemize points to put in letter, by Phil**
 - B. **Wording for Indigenous acknowledgment - Board to review email sent by Linda for proposed new wording, to be run by appropriate Indigenous individuals.**
 - C. **Community Spirit Award - rescheduled to May 19 at Esplanade at 6:30pm. Gerry Elhert, Martha MG and MHIP to receive awards. Board encouraged to attend. Phil will deliver Gerry's acceptance speech and accept Gerry's award on his behalf.**
 - E. **Irrigation Issue representative - Martha MG looking for leadership Martha MG to set up meeting time for at least 1 meeting with the Executive and issues committee. Suggested date April 20.**
 - F. **Bird Friendly City Status Report - hoping to be launched (City on board) May 14th, Migratory Bird Day, with a competition to name a MH city bird.**
5. **Current business**
 - A. **On-line Donation Platform-** Alicia Lew: description and discussion of SimplyK donation program. **Alicia will send further links including terms and conditions and answers to questions.**
 - B. **Motus Wildlife Tracking - Part of MHIP Report - Alicia suggests would have to go through the city because of wifi and data capabilities and low location of PPP. So may not be applicable to PPP.**
 - C. **GN/SEAWA Collaborative projects:**
 - C1. **TREX Art Show "Ponds, Coulees, and Creeks". Open April 19th.**
 - a. **GN table of information: what should go on it? We share a 6 foot table with SEAWA. All in favour.**
 - Wildflower Brochure supply is low. Motion to reprint. Which budget? Issues Committee. Need a price quote. Martha will send prices to the Board for approval.**
 - b. **Earth Day Reception/Open house on April 22nd. 3pm to 8pm Executive (and board?) Both GN and SEAWA executives can attend. Which city officials would you like to invite? Anyone else? Emily Purvis of Cows and Fish will be present. Participating artists and Pond Adopters are invited.**
 - C2. **Earth Day field day at Connaught Pond hosted by GN and SEAWA April 23. 9 to noon. Invasive species, EDDMapS app coaching, ID**

shrubs, flora and fauna list, demonstration of propagation of cottonwood/ living in harmony with beavers.

C3. Spring Trade Show April 22-24.

C4. Needed starting in May: GN/SEAWA Volunteer Team to help with riparian restoration experimental projects

D. **Website** - After discussion, decision made to deactivate search function on website.

E. **New GN Brochure** - Phil asks if it's under the communication budget? Yes. Is it David's copy? We need permission for photos, especially of children and by the people who took the photos. Price quotes are to print a single sheet as an initial handout with a brief description. Then if there's a deeper interest, give them brochures. Quotes for 1000 singles \$261 + GST, 500 \$147 +GST. Bigger 20 page brochure cost \$540 for 250 at Staples. Consensus to print the single page summary for now, the larger one needs budget approval. **Motion by Linda to print 1000 single sheets be printed off. All in favour, passed**

F. **Free Alberta Bird Atlases & more** - from Nature Alberta, pick up in Edmonton. Phil asked for a volunteer to pick up these free books from Nature Alberta. If none are available, he will do it himself.

G. **Youth Recruitment at MHC** - College will allow us to give presentations on GN in classrooms, hopefully to generate memberships. Invite students to attend meetings. **Martha to work with Education classes, Gerry with Sustainability. Anyone else, let Phil know for the fall.**

H. **Symposium Status Report** - On hold to see where college is at, waiting on a meeting with Clay Bos in the next couple weeks. **Phil, Hugh and Linda to meet ASAP**

6. **Committee Reports**

A. **Treasurer's Report** - **checking account \$7174.52 savings 16626.97**
Books to be reviewed next week in preparation for the AGM.. **Hugh moves to adopt. All in favour.**

B. **Membership** - **26 individual, 33 families, 6 lifetime**

C. **Correspondence** - no

D. **Governance** - Paul - compliance status on procedures. Before training committees, start with the Board, especially storage and privacy.

E. **Budget** - Paul - Treasurer reports to board need to include Interpretive Program monthly for oversight. Joint Governance/Budget committee meeting in May.

F. **Indoor Program** - Bob Townsend is the April speaker - History of Police Point Park. May- Raevon Gehring, (Indigenous representative for Catholic school board), speaking on Indigenous perspective. Kevin Redden- January 2023 speaker- Update on City of MH Environmental Master Plan/Framework. Carol Syrette with Miywasin to let Linda know

when they do traditional plant gathering this summer, so GN members can join in.

G. Field Trips - Milt, Phil, John - April birding at Sauder Reservoir Murray Lake. June will be Cypress Hills.

H. Communications Committee - no

I. Birding Trails - no

J. Nature Alberta - no

K. Operations- see 5.B above

L. Issues - Parks and Rec questionnaire, deadline was April 4. **Martha will check with who sent it out.**

M. Scenic Views - no

N. Fundraising- Hugh - Community Endowment Fund - so far only one set up by John Slater. We can have someone come talk at a monthly GM, as an agenda item. Or at the AGM.

7. Other business

A. Emerald Awards 4 tickets available, given to Phil and Annalora, Martha and David Gue. Event Held at Calgary Library. More tickets can be purchased online. Contact David Gue.

B. Hugh picked up the gift paintings, dates for send off? Wait for an outdoor meeting. As part of the AGM as a party.

8. Next Board Meeting - **Tuesday, May 3 at 3 pm via zoom**

9. Adjournment 6:48pm