

Centre for Human-Wildlife Conflict Solutions

Annual General Meeting

***REVISED* Draft Minutes**

June 18, 2020 12:04-12:54

Via video conference due to COVID 19 restrictions

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2020**

Board members & staff attending: Heather Ashthorn, Lindsay Caskenette, Emilie Dory, Babette Mueller, Scott Gilbert

Members of the public attending: Bruce Wilson (KDFN Lands office), Kim Lisgo, Annette Belke, Jasper Javison, Lucile Fressigne, plus 4 unidentified participants via video

Regrets: Pamela Brown, Rohit Kasbekar (out of touch since 2019)

Chair: Lindsay Caskenette

Minutes: Scott Gilbert

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:04 using the *Jitsi Meet* video conferencing software. A motion to adopt the meeting agenda and then pass the minutes from the 2019 AGM was introduced by Lindsay Caskenette and seconded by Emile Dory.
2. **Year in Review** Heather Ashthorn, the WWY Executive Director, began by welcoming the 13 participants and pointed out that this online turn out was better than some AGMs held in person. Heather drew members' attention to the AGM package that was available on the WWY website, had been included in numerous emails and was available as a link in the meeting's agenda. The 12-page *Progress Report* for WildWise Yukon that was included in the AGM package detailed the numerous activities and accomplishments from the very busy past year. Heather expressed gratitude for the support and collaboration we have received from Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council as well as other Yukon First Nations and Renewable Resource Councils. These working relationships with shared goals are making the world a better place for wildlife by reducing conflicts.
3. **Financial Report** Babette Marold presented the financial statements for the 2019-20 financial year. WWY achieved a new milestone this year with revenue just over \$100K. About one fifth of the money was raised from sources outside Yukon Government. The balance sheet for the year shows Total Equity of \$6,799.78. WWY operates with low overhead costs as we have no office and we hire our ED and project staff on contracts. Several Board members provided clarification that the category of "Advertising and Promotion" may seem high (\$11,816) but this was due to project specific initiatives such as the rolling ads on the airport video screens that provided bear safety information for public awareness. Heather explained that as a Category B Society we can elect to waive the right to review financial statements by a professional accountant. No action is required at this meeting as a

Special Resolution to waive the review of financial statements was done at a previous Board meeting this year.

Motion: To accept the Financial Statements as presented: Lindsay Caskenette

Seconded: Babette Marold

Motion carried

4. Board Elections:

Board of Directors

Lindsay indicated she had reached out several times via email to contact Rohit Kasbekar and had not received a reply and on that basis understood he would not be standing for re-election.

Nomination of Existing Members: Five members indicated a willingness to remain on the Board and were nominated as follows:

Lindsay Caskenette nominated Scott Gilbert, Emily Dory seconded. All in favour.

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Lindsay Caskenette nominated Pam Brown; Scott Gilbert seconded. All in favour.

Scott Gilbert nominated Babette Marold; Lindsay Caskenette seconded. All in favour.

Nomination of New Members: call to the floor for nominations of new members.

Lindsay Caskenette nominated Jasher Javison; Emile Dore seconded. All in favour.

Scott Gilbert nominated Élise Brown-Dussault; Lindsay Caskenette seconded. All in favour.

Two additional calls to the floor for nominations were made with no response.

The first meeting of the new Board will be on July 20th at 5:30 PM.

5. Lindsay Caskenette offered a vote of thanks and recognition to our ED, Heather Ashthorn, for the incredible accomplishments over the past year. Heather has a passion for our goal of reducing conflicts with wildlife and her steadfast leadership keeps WWY moving in the right direction.
6. Meeting adjourned at 12:54. Moved by Lindsay, seconded by Scott and all in favour.