

British Columbia Geocaching Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes - July 20th, 2016 - 8pm - by Skype call

In attendance: Ian Hewitt, Kathleen Brophy, Mad Friesen, Terri Hadwin, Brian Lang, Michelle Hewitt

1. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 8:01. The agenda was proposed by Brian and agreed on unanimously.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Mad and agreed on unanimously.
3. Reports
 - a. President
Ian said that all his news was covered in other items and he passed on his thanks for the campout and AGM to everyone who was involved.
 - b. Treasurer
Mad gave an overview of the current financial situation:

Starting Balance	8958.32
Income	1408.34
Expenditure	2052.28
Closing Balance	8314.88

We were pleased to receive a donation of \$200 from the teachers of the Okanagan Adventist Academy for their use of the GPSrs, which led to a discussion on the minimum donation for GPSr usage.

Mad said that she will provide the board with a financial report on the AGM/Campout weekend to aid future discussions.

4. Business Arising
 - a. Fintry AGM/Campout feedback
There was agreement that the campout had been a successful event and discussion moved on to the location of 2017 campout. It was decided that Cultus Lake in the Lower Mainland would be explored for 2017, with Michelle to look into Cultus Lake Provincial Park.
 - b. Lillooet
Terri gave an update on the upcoming event in Lillooet. Camping is 50% sold, with some people staying for a week, and therefore contributing to the local economy. There are 60 pre-registrations for the swag bags. Early bird pricing ends in July.

Terri also secured extra NDIIT funds for something new for the event, and it was decided to have an additional treasure hunt/pathtag feature. Everything looks good!

c. Actions from Fintry meeting

- Regional Reps and International Day of Geocaching

Kathleen and Michelle updated everyone on the Regional Reps Facebook group and plans for regional reps to put on an event on the International Day of Geocaching on August 20th. Events are planned in the Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Kootenays, Okanagan and Vancouver Island. Ian is making up a standard caching page for consistency. Each page will be adapted with the local event details.

- BC Parks grant

An application was made to the BC Parks community program for their recent grant announcement. The application included GPSrs and travel expenses to put on 5 Geocaching 101 events in a variety of provincial parks throughout the province. She did not receive a confirmation email and we do not know when we will hear from them.

5. New Business

- a. A donation request was received from Kathy Costello for door prizes for Mission Possible - a Metro Vancouver Geocaching event on August 6th.

Following the procedure agreed in the September 2015 minutes, it was agreed that this was a major event. It was agreed to donate 4, 2013 coins for the winning team and a 'volunteer to volunteer' prize (a 2014 coin) to be drawn from a hat for a volunteer at the event. Terri also offered a registration for Lillooet as a prize.

Returning to the August 20th, International Day of Geocaching events, it was agreed to donate 2 coins to each event.

- b. Proposed BCGA event for the CITO week in September.

Metro Vancouver Parks have approached the BCGA to host an event to plant a pollinator meadow. This event is planned for September 17th, and would also have a geocaching.com souvenir attached to it. It was agreed to go ahead with this event, and Brian would be the contact.

6. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm and a Doodle Poll will be sent out for the next meeting.