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**Nature Alberta
Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2023
7:00 pm**

1. Welcome and Member Check-in: 23 participants

Present

President: Kim MacKenzie
Past President: Liz Watts
Vice President: Lu Carbyn
Treasurer: Jim Donohue
Secretary: Erin McCloskey
Executive Director: Richard Schnieder
Northern Rep: Cheryl Bozarth
Central Rep: Claudia Lipski
Edmonton Rep: Shane Hammell
Nature Calgary: Katrine Konopnicki
Nature Alberta: Steph Weizenbach
Elisabeth Beaubien
Geoff Holroyd: BBO
Hubert Taube
Jan Wijmenga
Jessica Haines
Joanne McDonald
Kristy Mayner
Melissa Chisholm
Paul Thibault
Zoltan Domahidi
Linda Bartlett
Anne Wilson
Liz Deleeuw: Alberta Native Plant Society guest
Brett Huculak: guest

Quorum was established with 22 members and 2 guests present at the time the meeting was called to order.

The meeting was called to order at 19:08 pm by Kim MacKenzie

Land Acknowledgement

MOTION: to adopt the agenda

MOVED by Liz Watts, **SECONDED** by Shane Hammell, none opposed, **CARRIED**

2. Review Minutes from 2022 AGM

MOTION: to approve the minutes, as presented.

MOVED by Lu Carbyn, **SECONDED** by Cheryl Bozarth Soll, none opposed, **CARRIED**

3. President's Address (Kim MacKenzie)

Conservation issues of the past year, such as species at risk and McClelland Fen.

Appointment of Stephanie Weizenbach as the new Executive Director. Thank you to Rick Schneider for his years volunteering in this role and keeping our organisation running and growing.

4. Year in Review Report - Steph Weizenbach (See Powerpoint)

Nature Alberta Programs

Public Outreach: Nature Kids & Public Events

Outline Outreach: Magazine (ave. 2100 readers), enews grew 21%

Social Media increased to 10,000 Facebook, 4600 Twitter, and 2800 Instagram followers

Website: 16,000 views

Nature Network: up 20% with 46 member clubs (presentations, news, events); conservation awareness on priority issues and calls to action; citizen science; volunteer network

Office: administration (two full-time paid positions including paid ED), fundraising (endowment fund continues to grow).

5. Financial Report - Rick Schneider (See Powerpoint)

Presented a detailed overview and update of NA finances, including financial position, outreach and the endowment fund. Recognition for Jayne Carbyn for her work at the casino.

6. Appointment of the Auditor – Rick Schneider

MOTION: appoint Peterson Walker as our auditor for the April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 fiscal year. **MOVED** by Jim Donohue, **SECONDED** by Claudia Lipski, none opposed, **CARRIED**

7. Nominations for the Board of Directors – Kim MacKenzie

Remaining in the President role – Kim MacKenzie

Exiting the committee are Jim Donohue and Liz Watts. Thanks for their work. Stepping down from Vice President is Lu Carbyn, will now be the provincial rep. Can remain on the executive as a past President and VP, he will also work on the

endangered species committee and the ACA representative.
Cheryl Bozarth Soll putting name forward as VP

Rick Schneider putting name forward as Treasurer

Secretary – Erin McCloskey

Past President - vacant

South Rep – Paul Thibault

Calgary rep – Kaya Konopnicki

Central rep – Claudia Lipski

Edmonton rep – Shane Hammell

Northern rep – Cheryl Bozarth Soll

Provincial rep – Lu Carbyn

Directors at large: Tony Blake, Linda Howitt-Taylor, Anne Wilson. Invitation was offered for anybody else to volunteer to be a Director-at-Large, none raised their hands.

MOTION: to approve the Board of Directors, as presented to commence in their roles starting tomorrow, November 11, 2023 and remaining until the next AGM.

MOVED by Liz Watts , **SECONDED** by Elisabeth Beaubien, none opposed (Melissa Chisholm excluded herself from the vote), **CARRIED**

8. Final comments: Thank you to Kim MacKenzie for her dedication and hard work this past year.

9. Adjourned

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

MOVED by Anne Wilson, Unanimous Approval, **CARRIED**