

Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada: AGM minutes

November 27, 2020

Board Present: Randy Moody (President), Jodie Krakowski (Vice President), Joanne Vinnedge (Treasurer), Michael Murray (Membership), Natalie StafI (Secretary), Alana Clason (Member at Large), Adrian Leslie (Member at Large), Barb Gass (Member at Large), Don Pigott (Member at Large)

Members: Cyndi Smith, Robin Gutsell, Michael Rudy, Hailey Mizera, David Walker, Mindy Skinner

Telephone Meeting Commenced at 13:30 PT.

Agenda accepted – Don Pigott moved, Adrian Leslie Seconded. All were in favour.

Minutes from 2019 AGM accepted – Joanne Vinnedge moved, Cyndi Smith seconded. All were in favour.

Unfinished business from last AGM:

Donate button on the website. Complete! All donations from the web go directly to the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada.

Document and track assets. Complete! Seed lots and cone cages have been assigned a monetary value and are being tracked.

Director's Report: Financial Statement (Joanne Vinnedge)

Reporting on fiscal year October 1 2019- September 30 2020

\$5,495 in the bank/ WPEFC General fund

- Donations received from Keith Robine of Kootenay Avalanche Courses and Bonnie Hooge of Dezaiko Lodge (thank you!)
- Cyndi Smith moved to accept Financial Report, Randy Moody seconded. All were in favour.
- If anyone would like a full copy of the Financial Statement please e-mail directors@whitebarkpine.ca

President's Report (Randy Moody)

- First year implementing Strategic Plan developed in November 2019 with facilitation made possible by the Columbia Basin Trust
- Notable progress on the WPEF Strategic Plan includes:
 - Development of internal protocols and Policy and Procedures documents
 - Increased due diligence on tracking financials, assets and in-kind support
 - Completion of an internal budget
 - Hiring a bookkeeper to help expand our capacity to receive and track incoming funds
 - Compiled list of strategic partners
 - New website! whitebarkpine.ca More congruent with USA WPEF website; many thanks to Barb Gass for her work on the project.
 - Website now lists seed available for purchase and upcoming events/ news items
- WPEFC secured funding through an Environment and Climate Change Canada program in conjunction with the Alberta Government (see AB update for more details)
- Following a seed orchard workshop last fall and regular follow-up through monthly working group meetings, there is consensus for WPEFC to become the coordinating body for whitebark and limber pine seed orchards in Canada

- WPEFC will work closely with the Forest Improvement and Research Management Branch (FIRM), the government of AB, Parks Canada and various other agencies and partners to plan and establish whitebark and limber pine seed orchards in Canada
- Through this arrangement WPEFC will be tasked with securing funds, hiring contractors, drawing on expertise, and working within the framework of existing orchards where required

Membership Report (Michael Murray)

- 37 current Canadian members
- 186 WPEF USA/Canadian members combined
- 48 have subscribed to auto-pay
- MoU with WPEF USA
- Membership year runs January 1st - December 31st

Alberta Update (Jodie Krakowski)

- WPEFC will be registered in both BC and AB as one entity moving forward. 70% of members voted, all in favour of new registration.
- Fiscal year will be adjusted to match the calendar year/ membership year: January 1-December 31st.
- Alberta has a new, consolidated and up-to-date Whitebark and Limber Pine Joint Recovery Plan
- Alberta has been an active participant in the Crown Managers Partnership and 5 Needle Pine Recovery Group
- WPEFC got a grant through Environment and Climate Change Canada: Special Places Fund
 - Targets Southern Alberta Region
 - Cone collection/ Plus Tree monitoring / Scion collection/ Limber Pine Orchard
 - Invited to apply for 2 more years of funding due to successful season

Nominations for Directors

WPEFC has room for 11 Directors on the Board according to bylaws.

There are currently 9 members on the WPEFC Board.

- Natalie Stafl nominated Mindy Skinner (accepted nomination)
- Jodie Krakowski nominated Robin Gutsell (accepted nomination)

Don Pigott moved to acclaim Mindy and Robin. Randy Moody seconded. All in favour.

Run-off election for WPEF Treasurer completed via e-mail vote (*Completed November 29 2020*):

- Joanne Vinnedge (Incumbent Treasurer- term renewal)
- David Walker (New nomination)

Joanne Vinnedge was elected for another term by the majority of members.

New Business

- WPEFC is looking to hire an Executive Director and Seed Orchard Coordinator on a contract basis. Deadline for application December 6th.
- <https://whitebarkpine.ca/you-could-be-the-heart-of-our-society/>
- MOU between WPEF-C and WPEF expired in March 2020; will need to be reviewed and updated by the BoD

Natalie Stafl moved to adjourn the meeting at 14:30 PT. Randy Moody seconded. All were in favour.