

## Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada: AGM minutes

November 20, 2021

**Board Present:** Randy Moody (President), Jodie Krakowski (Vice President), Joanne Vinnedge (Treasurer), Michael Murray (Membership), Natalie Stafl (Secretary), Alana Clason (Member at Large), Mindy Skinner (Member at Large), Norm Bilodeau (Member at Large), Robin Gutsell (Member at Large), Kathryn Young (Member at Large), Sherri Elwell (Member at Large)

**Members:** Barb Gass, Cyndi Smith, David Walker, Peter Achuff

Zoom Meeting Commenced at 9:00 am PT.

*Meeting Chair-* Alana Clason nominated Jodie Krakowski as Chair, Joanne Vinnedge seconded. All were in favour.

*Agenda accepted* – Cindy Smith moved to accept agenda, Randy Moody seconded. All were in favour.

*Minutes from 2020 AGM accepted* Alana Clason moved, Mindy Skinner 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 on Google Drive.

### President's Report (Randy Moody)

#### *New and On-going Projects*

- 2 Billion Trees Initiative
  - Run through Natural Resources Canada
  - Collaboration with Bulkley Valley Centre, Moody Tree, and Jodie Krakowski
- CBT-Environment Enhancement Project
  - Collected 18 kg of seed
  - Planting in Valemount (10,080 seedlings) and Spillimacheen (3,600 seedlings)
  - Project co-funded by 2BT in 2021
  - Future locations identified along Kinbasket Reservoir
  - Year-One of a Five-Year Project
- American Forests
  - Supported Planting of 28,000 Seedlings
  - Planting in Smithers, Darkwoods, Lillooet, and Kimberley
- Seed Orchards
  - Kiah Allen hired as seed orchard coordinator
  - Seed orchards partially created at PGTIS and Elkhart
  - Orchard or potential clone bank planned for Skimikin
  - Multiple funding partners
    - Parks Canada (Coordinator position and fire equipment)
    - Prince George Tree Improvement Station
    - Province of BC (CESI Funds)
    - Teck
- Whitebark Pine Friendly Ski Area Certification

- Panorama
  - Planted 5,000 seedlings in 2021 (FCI)
  - Hosted training workshop
  - Created outreach signage
  - Certification is pending
- Forest Carbon Initiative
  - Committed to planting 25,000 trees among 5 ski areas
  - Panorama
  - Kicking Horse Mountain Resort
  - Whitewater
  - Red Mountain
  - Revelstoke Mountain Resort/Selkirk Tangiers Heliskiing

#### Alberta Update (Jodie Krakowski)

- Multiple grants received for 5NP work in Alberta:
  - 2 Billion Trees (1 yr)
  - AAF: MPB grant (3 yr)
  - ECCC: Special Places Sage to Summit (2 yr)
  - fRI MPB Ecology Research (3 yr)
  - USDA: ILLPS limber pine trial (1 yr)
- Lots of partnerships
  - Federal: NRCan, ECCC, Parks Canada
  - GOA: AAF, AEP, AB Parks
  - BC Gov: FLNRORD
  - ECCC: Special Places Sage to Summit
  - First Nations: Piikani Nation
  - NGO: fRI, NCC
  - USDA
  - Private landowners
- Activities in Alberta
  - MPB protection
  - Monitor plus trees (171)
  - Collect cones (2923)
  - Collect scion (46 parents)
  - Basal area surveys (45 stands)
  - Plant seedlings (7150, 12.7 ha)
  - Resistance screening (17)
  - Outreach & training
  - Seed orchards (Waterton Lake National Park Limber Pine Orchard)
  - Provenance trials
- Plans and Partnerships
  - Crown Managers Partnership (new restoration plan)
  - USA range-wide restoration plan
  - New AB recovery plan
  - Project reviews (development referrals)
  - AB fuel type updates
  - Reports & publications

- Alberta has been an active participant in the Crown Managers Partnership and 5 Needle Pine Recovery Group
- Next Year
  - Continue outreach & 5NP training
  - Expand partnerships
  - Implement CMP & recovery plans
  - planting
  - monitoring
  - seed orchards
  - fRI Willmore seed collection
  - Funding opportunities

#### Executive Director's Report: (Barb Gass)

##### 2021 Accomplishments

- Funding applications & grants up
- Income growth (& fiscal accountability)
- Broader partner reach
- Wider habitat restoration
- More seedlings produced & planted
- Coordinated establishment of orchards
- Extended outreach programs

#### Membership Report (Michael Murray)

- 46 current Canadian members (highest in history of WPEFC)
  - Canadians 20% of international membership
- 231 WPEF USA/Canadian members combined
- High Five Virtual Conference
- 1/3 of all members have subscribed to auto-pay
- Membership year runs January 1<sup>st</sup>- December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Treasurer's Report: Financial Update (Joanne Vinnedge)

##### *Fiscal update from January- October 31 2021*

- Fiscal year end- December 31<sup>st</sup>
- WPEFC has received \$349,779.52 in sales, donations, grant funding and training registration to date (Jan-Oct 2021)
- \$296,518.94 in contractor expenses and other service costs and \$6,932 in other expenses paid to date (Jan-Oct 2021)
- Incoming contractor invoices and other expenses expected before year end
- Summary of Assets presented (tree seeds, merchandise, books)
- Working with Bookkeeper out of Kimberley, final Financial Report will be prepared after fiscal year end December 31st
- Barb Gass moved to accept Financial Update as presented, Cindy Smith seconded. All were in favour.
- If anyone would like a full copy of the Financial Statement please e-mail [directors@whitebarkpine.ca](mailto:directors@whitebarkpine.ca)

#### Nominations for Directors

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

- Adrian Leslie and Don Pigott have decided not to renew their terms on the board. We thank them for their amazing service and expertise over the years!
- Michael Murray and Jodie Krakowski BoD terms were renewed for another 3 years.
- A warm welcome to Norm Bilodeau, Kathryn Young, Sherri Elwell who have been nominated/acclaimed to the Board. All 11 positions filled.

#### New Business

- Discussion with David Walker regarding seed planting, investigation of infected but surviving trees, major gene resistance (not yet found in whitebark to date)
- Cindy Smith recommended looking into Canada Helps rather than Paypal to reduce donation service fees, commends Board on excellent progress since last AGM

Jodie Krakowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am PT. Natalie Stafli seconded. All were in favour.