

Friends of Gatineau Park — Annual General Meeting

November 3, 2018

Minutes (Draft)

Attendance: 29 present in total (including 10 members of the Friends, 4 Board members or directors, 1 staff member, 1 Committee chair, 1 guest speaker representing the NCC and 12 non-members).

Quorum is confirmed at 1 p.m.

Election of the Meeting Chair and of the Secretary

Motion that Sarah Crowe chair the Meeting and that François Couture be secretary. All in favour, the motion is passed.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion that the agenda be adopted. All in favour, the motion is passed.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Motion that the Minutes of the 2017 AGM be adopted. All in favour, the motion is passed.

Tabling and Adoption of Changes to the Wording of the Bylaws

François Couture tables proposed changes to the General Bylaws. There is a request that gender usage be revised throughout the document, in both the French and the English versions. It is also suggested that consideration be granted to modifying article 42b) so that it reads as follows: “*with the exception of those resulting from **grave negligence on their part** or from any voluntary omission*”. The Board commits to looking into these matters over the course of the year 2018-19.

Motion that the revised Bylaws be adopted. All in favour, the motion is passed.

Awards

The Chair presents awards to Catherine Dumouchel, François Couture and Simon Landry to acknowledge the merit of their contributions to the Friends.

NCC Presentation on Bears

The NCC's Alain Pronovost provides general information on black bears and particularly on the bear population in the Park. Mr. Pronovost responds to numerous questions on the matter.

Annual Reports of the Committees

Simon Landry provides a summary of the 2017-18 Annual Report.

Election of Committee Members

Graeme Roderick tables the Nomination Committee Report:

- Sandra Moore seeks a new mandate.
- Nominations of Paul Heizman and of Gillian Shields as new Board members.

Motion to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee. All in favour; the motion is passed.

Member Feedback on Personal Experiences over the Past Year

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Tabling and Adoption of the Financial Report

Graeme Roderick tables a summary of the Financial Report.

Mr. Roderick proposes the adoption of the Report and Gershon Rother seconds the motion. All in favour, the report is adopted.

Nomination of an Auditor

Graeme Roderick proposes the nomination of Andrea Poole as auditor along with the adoption of a budget to pay her fees up to a maximum of \$3,600 annually.

Motion seconded by a member of the Friends. All in favour, the motion is passed.

Addition of a New Member to the Nominations Committee

Graeme Roderick proposes the addition of Ken Bouchard to the Nominations Committee. All in favour, the motion is passed.

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Nothing to report.

Research Day and Overview of Other Programmes

Gershon Rother introduces the Research Day programme to be held on November 17th. He then presents a summary of the overall activities and programme of the FOGP, such as Parks Day, the Bill Mason Event, Snowshoe under the Stars, various hikes, Outdoor Survival Skills and Citizen Science.

Closing Assembly

Gershon Rother proposes that the meeting be adjourned. All in Favour, the motion is passed.

The Chair adjourns the meeting at 4 p.m.

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François Couture
Sarah Crowe
Graeme Roderick
Gershon Rother
Simon Landry
Jacques Forget
Kimberlee Leroux
Judy Milks
Sandra Moore
Elizabeth Nisbeth
Lorraine Overduin
Julien Raby
Estelle Rother
Gillian Shields
Suzanne Lacasse
Lorraine Farkas
Ken Bouchard
Dave Kaurelies
Elizabeth Gammel
Elke Schaettgen
Mitch Sprague
Claire Mattar
Jean-Marc Purenne
Vincent Stoop
Paul Heintzman
Mario Simard
Allison Eagen
Lyne Monastesse

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