



Yukon Conservation Society
Special General Meeting
March 24, 2022

Format: The meeting was held via Zoom. Minutes taken by Board Secretary Gerald Haase; votes counted by Debborah Donnelly.

2021 Board Members Present:

- Mary Amerongen
- Gerald Haase
- Ghislain De Laplante
- Caitlynn Beckett
- Yuuri Daiku
- Kim Melton
- Rebecca Rothgeb
- regrets: Lyndi Proudfoot

YCS members in attendance:

- Karen Baltgailis
- Jim Boyde
- Ross Burnet
- Meagan Christie
- Paul Davis
- Max Fraser
- Georgia Greetham
- Janet Horton
- Rowan Hubbard
- Karen McKenna
- Laurel Miller
- Larkin Miller-Wright
- Lenore Morris
- JP Pinard
- Alison Reid
- Walter Streit
- Katherine Villemaire
- Sally Wright
- Skeeter Wright



YCS staff in attendance: Coral Voss

Deborah Donnelly
Joan Norberg
Lewis Rifkind
Sebastian Jones
Scott Pressnail
Eric Labrecque
Kirsten Reid
Clément Richard

Chair: Kim Melton

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kim welcomed everyone and called the Special General Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Quorum Verification

It was confirmed by Deborah that we have quorum.

3. Review and Approval of the Agenda

Yuuri moves, Skeeter seconds approval of agenda

4. Review of New Yukon Conservation Society Bylaws

Kim thanked Mary and Yuuri for doing the bulk of the work on drafting these bylaws, which was necessitated by the Yukon Societies Act. Explanation of notations followed; there were no questions regarding Definitions.

Sections 1 – 9 were reviewed and notes made where members had questions or potential amendments to bring forward (eg. the elimination of lifetime membership in Section 2.2 was questioned).

Notes on Amendments:

2.1 Application for Membership: Last sentence amended to: “Anyone who is denied membership shall be given the reason for the denial in writing and shall have the right of appeal to the next general meeting.” Max moved the amendment, Georgia seconded, Alison supplied the friendly amendment ‘to the next general meeting.’ No objections to amendment; amendment added.

2.2 Membership Classes, part c amendment proposed to “New and renewed memberships shall be annual but either class may be extended to a lifetime term on approval of the Board of Directors.” Sally moved the amendment, Georgia seconded. No objections; amendment approved.

2.3 Membership Dues, last sentence amendment follows from 2.2 amendment: “Any membership dues shall be annual except in the case of lifetime memberships.” Sally moved, Georgia seconded. No objections; amended sentence approved.



4.1 Number of Directors minimum amended. Alison moved to amend to a minimum of three (3) directors, seconded by Skeeter. After brief discussion, a friendly amendment was proposed by Lenore to make that six (6) directors minimum. This amendment was passed, with one objection, to read: “The Society must have no fewer than six and no more than 12 Directors.

9. Borrowing: Skeeter suggested deleting 9(b) as YCS has \$90,000 in secured funds. Skeeter moves to delete this, Max seconds. Discussion ensued, with several objections to the deletion; Lenore pointed out that part b requires going back to members in the case of borrowing over a certain amount. Georgia proposed a friendly amendment: to delete: “per instance, \$50,000 in any given fiscal year, or borrow any amount such that the Society’s cumulative debt would exceed \$150,000.” This amendment passed, with one objection. At the same time, wording in 9(c) was clarified by replacing “appraised” to “assessed” to reflect the meaning of the clause, and reference to Section 3.2(c)(iv) was added (sale of, or borrowing against Parnell House).

10. Accountant, part (e) of draft bylaws read: “A full audit shall be performed every year.” Alison proposed an amendment: “A minimum of a review or compilation shall be performed annually, with the option of a full audit at the discretion of the board.” Max seconded the amendment. Karen B. suggested a friendly amendment to be added to the end of the original statement: “...if the revenue is over \$250,000.” This was not incorporated. Final wording voted on was: “Section 130 of the Act will be followed. For clarity, a minimum of a compilation engagement shall be performed every year, with the option of a review engagement or audit engagement at the discretion of the Board of Directors.” This amendment was approved by members, although eight members objected.

5. Ratification of new Yukon Conservation Society Bylaws: “That the membership approve the draft bylaws circulated on March 2nd, 2022, and amended as of March 24, as the new Yukon Conservation Society Bylaws, effective immediately.”

Approval was indicated by writing ‘Approved’ in the Chat box. There were 20 approvals and no objections (This was checked against membership and the chat box later). The new bylaws are passed.

6. Adjournment

Max moved adjournment at 7:55 p.m.