

Minutes
Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Aug 15, 2019

Present: Steve Tory, Charles Helm, Birgit Sharman, Charissa Tonnesen, Marsha Dufresne, Jane Butters, Sarah Gamble, Darryl Krakowka, Joanne Kirby, Ashley Pindera, Darren Halsted

Regrets:, Tara Gamble, April Moi

1. Call to Order: Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted.

Moved by Marsha, seconded by Charissa, carried

3. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of June and July meetings

b. Executive Director Report

c. WNMS Report

Moved by Birgit, seconded by Marsha, carried.

4. Financial Report – 2nd Quarter (1st fiscal quarter). Note that this is the budget. Tabled. Sarah will email out the actuals.

5. Executive Director – updates about visit to China, handed out goodies from China. Will be co-presenting a paper in Seville in September at the EGN conference.

6. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning – updates to be incorporated, will vote on these at next meeting

b. Geopark credit card – staff researching

c. FSJ Visit – scheduled for Sept 16th, Zena is taking the lead on this

d. Geo Interpretive Centre - \$540,000 has been raised. New budget is \$1.1 million. Gaming Grant application has been submitted, if successful will bring us to approx \$800,000.

e. Direct Operators /Partners – Sarah has reached out to 8 Geoparks in Europe for feedback on their relationships with Partners, will use feedback to create updated Partner agreements for TRUGG.

f. Pop-up Banners – priority item

g. AGM – set for September 19th. Jenna will send out email to all members, with Agenda and updated bylaws to follow.

h. TRGGS Constitution & Bylaws

i. Sufficient Urgency Per Article 5 Section 15 to bring to September AGM

Motion by Charissa that revision of bylaws is deemed sufficiently urgent, seconded by Birgit.

Friendly amendment from Steve to make the required changes. Carried. Discussion of various updates to the bylaws, including striking Section 10 Article 5.

Steve motioned for Article 27 (Closed Meetings) to leave as is. Seconded by Jane, carried.

i. Policies – Motion by Steve to adopt Policy 1 and Policy 2 with wording changed. Carried.

Strike Policy 4 and add it to employment contract.

Motion by Steve to adopt Policy 6, carried.

Add to list of new policies for Sarah to create – Work travel approval policy.

7. New Business

- a. Sign Vandalism – 3 signs have been knocked over (One green RS&T direction sign for Quality Falls, one of the same for Quality Canyon, and the Quality Canyon trailhead sign). RS&T will cover cost to have all re-installed. Steve will look into damaged signs being stored by DTR until ready to install again.
- b. Coal Forum in September – Sarah will be giving a talk about the Geopark.

8. Director & Guest Items:

Birgit – asked about decals on the picnic table donated by Shop Easy, to have info forwarded to Darryl.

Charles – would like Geopark to have more of a presence at the Emperor's Challenge, including geology info

Charissa – TRMF has hired a curator, he will start September 9th.

Jane – TRMBA has a contractor coming to do their Trail Master Plan, the Geopark will receive an invite to a stakeholder meeting

Steve – will reach out to lawyers about the possible TRGGS/TRMF amalgamation

Sarah – thanks the current board for their work this past year

9. Next Meeting

AGM - Sept 19th, 2019 with board meeting to follow

10. Adjournment at 8:53 pm