

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tumbler Ridge, BC
July 18, 2019**

Present: Steve Tory, Charles Helm, Birgit Sharman, Charissa Tonnesen, Marsha Dufresne, Darryl Krakowka, Ashley Pindera

Regrets: Jane Butters, Tara Gamble

1. Call to Order: Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted with the additions to Old Business as suggested by Birgit.
Moved by Charissa, seconded by Charles, carried

3. Board Resignation

Consensus to accept the resignation of Roxanne Gulick from the TRGGS board.
Motion by Charles to nominate Steve Tory as TRGGS President. Seconded by Charissa. Carried.
Birgit will remain Vice President and also be Secretary

4. Adoption of Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of previous meeting – adoption postponed to August meeting.
- b. Executive Director Report – Motion by Marsha to accept, seconded by Steve, carried.
- c. WNMS report – will request one for August meeting

5. Financial Report – 2nd Quarter ending June 30th. No financial report was received. Will revisit in August.

6. Executive Director – updates

Sarah absent, no updates to report.

7. Old Business

- a. Pop-up Banners : no progress in the past month
- b. Policies – revisions from staff: will vote on these in August. Suggestion that each one reads “policy” rather than “guideline”.
- c. Health in Geoparks: Charles has received a request to appear as a delegation before DTR Council August 12th to request \$5000 - \$10000 funding to print the completed brochures. So far it has been difficult to secure funding as the project has such a large scope.
Charles has been approached by the BC Alliance for Healthy Living and the Healthy Built Environment BC Committees if there is interest for the TRGGS to become members.
- d. Direct Operators/Partners: Staff is researching models on this for the coming year.
There has been no reply from Wild River Adventure Tours to our letter of response.
Training for Direct Operators should be done for new operators, as well as ongoing for other operators.
- e. Geo Interpretive Centre: Productive discussions have happened with the former Garden Club members and current Community Garden.
One more public engagement session is scheduled for July 25th. Overall response so far has been positive.
Long term costs require investigation.
- f. Signing authority & Presidential resignation: Sarah has the paperwork ready for LVCU.
- g. Strategic Planning: comments by Birgit to be incorporated. Document and comments will be sent out to board members.
- h. Geopark Credit Card: staff is investigating

- i. FSJ Visit: Scheduled for July 29th. Zena is taking the lead. Will need to know how many are coming and what the schedule is, to plan the day.

8. New Business

- a. TRGGS Constitution & Bylaws: Governance Committee will review before next meeting. Most sections of the Bylaws have been reviewed and comments made. Charles has made comments to be reviewed.
- b. TRUGGIAC ToR : Motion by Steve to adopt, seconded by Charissa, carried. A few comments will be sent to Sarah.
- c. AGA Sponsorship Correspondence: Motion to receive for information made by Steve, seconded by Marsha, carried.
- d. AGM: Date is set for September 19th.
- e. Board Recruitment for AGM: Members are encouraged to recruit new members to the board, and invite them to the August 15th board meeting.

9. Directors Items

Charles: Roger Wheate, a physical geography professor at UNBC is interested in giving a talk for the Geopark.

Charissa: TRMF has hired a General Manager, things are going well.

Birgit: Was one of 4 guides on Wild Women of the Geopark backpacking trip to Bootski Lake with 9 guests, all had a great trip

Request permission to have some of the Geopark signs at the start of the Windfall Lake trail moved to further up the trail. Agreed.

The Windfall Lake trail is seeing very heavy use by both day hikers and back packers.

The Social Media report only has Facebook, wondering about Instagram and Twitter posts.

Darryl: Spoke with Sarah about FreshMart becoming a Direct Operator / Partner, feels that \$200/year is very cheap.

Shop Easy donated a picnic table with decal logos of many local clubs on it to DTR, who donated it to the VC. The decals have all disappeared, and would like to know how.

Marsha: TRUGGIAC meeting postponed to August.

Steve: Is now one of 3 Base Managers for Search and Rescue in TR

As the President of TRGGS, will donate any business services to TRGGS to avoid perception of conflict of interest.

10. Next Meeting

Aug 15th, 2019

11. Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 pm