

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society
Board of Director's Meeting
Tumbler Ridge, BC
March 21, 2019 – 7:01pm**

Present: Birgit Sharman Cameron Drever
 Marsha Dufresne Darryl Krakowka
 Charles Helm Tara Gamble
 Jane Butters

Regrets: Steve Tory
 Charissa Tonnesen
 Roxanne Gulick
 Sarah Waters

1. Call to Order: Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted as amended to move 6. a. Caribou and Y2Y to item 4.

Moved Jane Butters, Seconded Marsha Dufresne, Carried

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

That the Consent Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved Marsha Dufresne, Seconded Tara Gamble, Carried

4. Executive Director Report

Given by Cameron Drever on behalf of Sarah Waters

- Interpretive Trail Signs – Sarah and Cameron have been working with Jessie Olsen on content and photographs. Birgit asked if there will be any naming of the trail in the future.
- Mickle Wind was pleased with the outcome of their previous donation and are donating \$10,000 again for 2019.
- The Fishing Derby fundraiser is being planned and will be hosted at Moose, Stoney and Boot Lake with different prizes at different locations.

- The Gran Fondo event planning is ongoing for July 20th, and the hope is to get people into the region and the event works well with the Health in Geopark Project.
- Geointerpretive Centre – Cameron provided a project timeline, the project is on time and ahead of schedule. There is a delay on the survey due to consultant timelines and now are waiting for melt, this was a \$12,000 expense that was not previously budgeted for. Cameron contacted a Dean of Northern Health and Northern Lights College has agreed to build the building and the Geopark will pay costs only. There will no longer be a café in the Caboose due to accessibility and lack of water hook ups, it will be in the main building. The focus of the Caboose will be more of the industrial history of the artifact. The mobile exhibit will be more of a cube trailer style now and will be parked at the VIC. It will be toured around the region with a focus on regional ownership of the Geopark.
- There will be regional displays set up at the Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Fort St. John Visitor Centres and the MOUs for the displays have been sent out already. They will be out mid-June.
- Beards Brewing – the Geopark beer has been brewed and there will be a launch party in April.
- Field Guide – has fallen behind schedule but review of criteria is finished and the partner information is collected.

5. Caribou and Y2Y – Tim Burkhart

Mr. Burkhart called in via teleconference.

- Birgit asked Tim what Y2Y's stance on motorized recreation is. Tim responded that there is no policy however all recreation is important and he has never brought up the Caribou topic in a negative way.
- Tim commented that he regrets that negativity came onto to Geopark because of Y2Y and noted that the lack of information from the government has caused an upset.
- Birgit told Tim that because the Geopark is listed on the website as a partner, there was upset from Council and locals. Tim responded that he has asked for the Geopark to be removed as their listed partners are only groups they have worked on projects with within the past year, and he will follow up on that right away.
- Tim commented that he would like to explore other projects with the Geopark in the future. Charles responded that there is a potential project of removing garbage at some towers that was left by BC Rail. Tim replied that he would be open to discussing it, and he knows that there will be funding available for restoration of Caribou habitat in the future.
- Tim commented that he would like the opportunity for the Geopark to facilitate a meeting with the snowmobile club.

The Board discussed the possibility of an open meeting at Town Hall that the District facilitates instead of the Geopark hosting it.

6. Financial Report and Budget

The Board discussed the 2019-2020 budget. It was deferred to the next meeting.

The February Financial Report motion to accept:

Moved Jane Butters, Charles Helm, Carried.

7. Old Business

b. Strategic Planning Date -Birgit will reach out to remaining board members that haven't submitted their preferred date.

c. Criminal Record Checks - Remaining board members to have completed.

d. Pop-Up Banners - Jessie Olsen and Sarah will be working on them in April.

8. New Business

a. Letters of Support

Motion that the Executive Director can use discretion to write letters of support to organizations, and report back to the Board on what has been sent.

Moved Birgit Sharman, Jane Butters, Carried.

b. Revalidation Green Card, Press Release

Birgit outlined the revalidation recommendations.

c. Membership Renewals

Sarah to follow up.

d. TRMBA Partnership Agreement

Motion that partnership agreements will be at the discretion of the Executive Director, to be reported back on to the Board.

Moved Birgit Sharman, Marsha Dufresne, Carried.

e. Alternate to Personnel Committee

Motion that Jane Butters be an alternate on the Personnel Committee.

Moved Birgit Sharman, Marsha Dufresne, Carried.

f. Summer Student for Guided Hikes

Motion that the Geopark offers tours similar to WNMS guided hikes through the summer for a nominal fee in the interm to fill a needed gap.

Moved Birgit Sharman, Jane Butters, Carried.

9. Director, Staff & Guest Items

- a. Cameron Drever
 - i. Would like the Board to consider reaching out to the Museum Board regarding sharing the locations of the geosites so they can count towards revalidation. Noted that staff is willing to sign confidentiality clauses. Birgit will bring this topic to the Museum Board.
 - ii. Went to the community science celebration in Dawson Creek that had over 800 people attend, 200 people stopped at the Geopark booth and had a good contact for the Aboriginal Education Centre.

- b. Charles Helm
 - i. 3D planning is going well and there will be a Friday session held at the VIC
 - ii. The Participaction App will be a 2 week period to log physical activity and the Geopark may be able to participate in this challenge.
 - iii. Nesbitt's Knee naming request and the Health in Geoparks funding application have both been submitted.
 - iv. The updated birding list is being printed.
 - v. A letter of support for the Health Centre's grant for window decals that will highlight minorities.
 - vi. Is thinking about ways the Geopark can have a bigger presence at Emperor's Challenge.

- c. Marsha Dufresne
 - i. Inquired about how to book the VIC basement for courses or events. Cameron will follow up.

- d. Jane Butters
 - i. TRMBA has offered to help with the Gran Fondo, the Triathlon and the Health in Geopark project.
 - ii. Follow up on the action tracking list. Birgit will follow up with the Personnel Committee.

- e. Birgit Sharman
 - i. Attended the Vancouver Outdoor Adventure Show at the North East BC and Alaska Highway Consortium booth with over 17,000 people through the doors.
 - ii. Working through all the brochures and doing updates.
 - iii. Handed out the new Visitor Guide as well as the "Set in Stone" and community outreach Geopark booklets.

- f. Tara Gamble
 - i. Six engineer positions at Conuma were filled from the group that came to Tumbler Ridge for tours. They had positive comments about history and culture.
 - ii. Moving to Edmonton within the week and will continue on the board calling in.

10. Motion to move into closed meeting at 8:51 p.m. (personnel)

Moved Birgit Sharman, Tara Gamble, Carried

11. Next Meeting

April 18, 2019

12. Adjournment

Carried that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 pm

Chairperson

Vice Chair / Sec-Treasurer