

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes DRAFT**  
**Apr 30th, 2020**

Present: Steve Tory, April Moi, Larry White, Murray Smith, Marsha Dufresne, Kristen Holmlund, Sarah Gamble, Joanne Kirby

1. Call to Order at 19:04
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Adoption of Agenda, **Moved, Seconded, Carried.**
4. Executive Director Report
  - a. Positive response locally and globally to education kits;
  - b. Update on termination of employee.
5. Consent Agenda, **Motion to accept Consent Agenda: Moved, Seconded, Carried.**
  - a. Minutes of previous meeting
  - b. Executive Director Report
6. Old Business
  - a. Geo Interpretive Centre
    - i. Hiring update – Darren Halsted taking on PM role.
  - b. Operations Plan – to be updated when further information is available on the reopening of the BC Economy
  - c. Partners/Friends of the Geopark Protocol – Sarah and April to provide comments to Steve, Steve to work on another draft
  - d. Amalgamation – the TRMF Board have met and are moving forward with a special meeting for the society to update the constitution. Memberships will be discussed by the task force soon. The Charities Directorate is currently closed due to Covid 19 which will delay the amalgamation process.
  - e. Sign Vandalism – Steve continues work, but MOTI have not taken any action on replacing signs.
  - f. Dark Sky Reserve – no activity in the past month, but a meeting to take place in May.
  - g. Earth Sciences at TRSS – Ed Hetherington has hosted a virtual lab for students.
  - h. National Indigenous Peoples Day – Sarah to investigate virtual options.
  - i. PRRD Funding Application – no news; last year it was received in June.
  - j. Health in Geoparks – Steve has been working on the website with Charles. The Lions have declined the funding application for Health Centre Windows, but the WNMS and Frank and Grace Walsh have supported it. Sarah and Charles have approved a proposal for four education modules to deliver Health in Geoparks to school children.
7. New Business
  - a. COVID19 and the 2020 tourist season – Steve and April offered comments. Finding the right messaging for welcoming visitors while locals have fears of opening too soon will be critical, and this is acknowledged at the Provincial level. Marsha Walden from Destination BC offers a weekly webinar on their actions and plans moving forward, Thursdays at 10:30.
8. Director & Guest Items
  - a. Steve has launched a new Dino Tech website.
  - b. Joanne supports the nomination of the Geopark for an award for resilience, and echoes concerns on messaging for re-opening to visitors.

9. Financials – Sarah presented both the quarterly and Fiscal Year 2019-2020 financials. Savings due to delaying the rehire of the Earth Scientist. **Motion to accept the financial report as presented: Moved, Seconded, Carried.**
10. Next Meeting to be polled
11. Adjournment at 20:02.