

**Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**May 27th, 2020**

Present: Steve Tory, Al Kangas, Larry White, Kristen Holmlund, Murray Smith, Joanne Kirby, Sarah Gamble

1. Call to Order at 19:03
2. Acknowledgement
3. Adoption of Agenda **Moved, Seconded, Carried**
4. Executive Director Report
  - a. Sarah to send policies regarding signing authorities and contracts to the board. Sarah to send any contracts over \$1000 value to the board for review while the policy is being revisited.
  - b. Questions for clarity on the reopening plan.
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Minutes of previous meeting
  - b. Executive Director Report

**Motion to accept the consent agenda: Moved, Seconded, Carried**
6. Old Business
  - a. Geo Interpretive Centre
    - i. Update on construction situation, interpretation plan and overall project timelines.
  - b. Operations Plan – Discussion of process and potential shifts in timelines
    - i. **Motion to accept the Operations Plan as presented: Moved, Seconded, Carried**
  - c. Partners/Friends of the Geopark Protocol
    - i. Steve will be working on the document and present a new version to the board
  - d. Amalgamation
    - i. Membership engagement is the next step for both organizations
    - ii. Hatlie proposal: discussion of having Hatlie attend one each of the TRMF and TRGGS board meetings in lieu of a Joint Task Force meeting. Next museum board meeting regarding amalgamation is in June.
  - e. Sign Vandalism
    - i. BC Rec Sites and Trails is continuing to push MOTI on reinstallation.
  - f. Dark Sky Reserve
    - i. A meeting was held on May 18, now 8 members of the Dark Sky Group
    - ii. Locations have been identified as key sites for events
    - iii. Ideas for events developed
    - iv. In town lights were evaluated for upward vs. downward
  - g. Earth Sciences at TRSS
    - i. Ed has continued to support Carol Sawatzky and the students in the course
  - h. National Indigenous Peoples Day
    - i. Sarah has reached out to BC Parks to learn if the Kema Experience will still be offered at Gwillim Lake. Otherwise a virtual event will be offered and Sarah is meeting with the other two Canadian Geoparks next week to discuss a potential national event.
  - i. PRRD Funding Application
    - i. Funds received
  - j. Health in Geoparks
    - i. Article in TR News
    - ii. Vinyl Clings to be installed shortly

- iii. First meeting with Syncollab Strategies on lesson plans this Friday, May 29
  - k. COVID19 and the 2020 tourist season
    - i. We're attending numerous meetings working at regional and provincial levels to support local and regional tourism recovery this year
    - ii. Generally a positive response from the region is expected for visitation to Tumbler Ridge
    - iii. The Geopark is working with the Chamber and the ED office on questionnaires and data collection which will be used to assess and promote the Value of Tourism, and to gauge the public's attitude towards reopening to people from outside the community.
- 7. New Business
  - a. VIC Operation Contract
    - i. Steve will approach Aleen on the
  - b. Flatbed East – Murray Smith – no sign on the highway, no trailhead sign, trail has not been main
    - i. Sarah to reach out to Denise Booy, WNMS, Al and Murray for a meeting to discuss the campground and trail future plans
- 8. Director & Guest Items
  - a. Steve: Grizzly Valley Days Society – letter of request for support for NDIT Grant application for fair grounds development
    - i. Steve will draft a letter of support and submit to Grizzly Valley Days Society
  - b. Steve: TRMBA Updates
    - i. Master Plan has been made public
    - ii. Work on pump track to commence this summer
  - c. Steve: Sportsmans Club
    - i. Work bee this weekend to make improvements to the gun range
- 9. Next Meeting to be polled
- 10. Adjournment at 20:55