



MINUTES
Annual General Meeting
May 14, 2022, 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Queen Charlotte Community Centre, Eric Ross Room

In Attendance:	Representing:	Area Director	Area Alternate
	Graham Island Central	Maureen Bailey	Elizabeth Condrotte
	Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	
	Area 'E'	Laurie Chisholm	Warren Foster
	Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Terry Carty (via Zoom)
	Skidegate Band Council	Billy Yovanovich	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault
	CHN Old Massett	Absent (Freda Davis proxy)	Trevor Russ (via Zoom)
	Old Massett Village Council	Freda Davis	Jade Collison (via Zoom)
	CHN Skidegate	Absent (Billy Yovanovich proxy)	

Chair & Staff:		
Chair		James Cowpar
Chief Operations Officer		Carla Lutner
Communications Officer		Joey Rudichuk
Project Officer		Meghan Cross

Regrets: CHN Skidegate Acting Director Jason Alsop (Billy Yovanovich proxy), CHN Old Massett Director Alfie Setso, Sr., (Freda Davis proxy)

Guests: Derek Lamb, Chan Nowosad Boates

Note: The following is an accurate reporting of the meetings as they occurred, however these minutes are not to be construed as a verbatim report of all conversations that transpired, but rather a reflection of the outcome of those discussions, where necessary members have been quoted as closely as possible.

- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting of the Gwaii Trust Board of Directors was called to order at 2:47pm.
- 2. Excusals / proxies**
As noted above.
- 3. Introductions**
The Board, staff and guests were introduced by the Chair.
- 4. Message from the Chair**
The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
- 5. Call for amendments to the agenda**
There were no amendments to the agenda.



6. Call for adoption of the agenda

The Members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Billy Yovanovich
Seconded by: Laurie Chisholm **CARRIED**

7. Call for Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Members of the Gwaii Trust Society reviewed the June 24, 2021, Annual General Meeting minutes. After discussion, the Board of Directors made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough
Seconded by: Freda Davis **CARRIED**

8. Chief Operations Officer Report

The COO provided a report on the 2021 operational and financial activities of Gwaii Trust.

9. Approval of the 2021 Annual Report

The 2021 Gwaii Trust Annual Report was presented by the COO. There was a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report as presented.

Moved by: Bret Johnston
Seconded by: Billy Yovanovich **CARRIED**

10. Auditors Presentation of 2021 Audited Financial Statements

Derek Lamb from Chan Nowosad Boates provided an overview of the 2021 audited Gwaii Trust Society financial statements.

11. Approval of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements

After review and discussion, the Members of the Gwaii Trust Society made a motion to approve the 2021 audited statements as presented.

Moved by: Maureen Bailey
Seconded by: Laurie Chisholm **CARRIED** **MR # 2022 - 01**

12. Auditor Appointment for 2022

The Members of the Gwaii Trust Society appoint Chan Nowosad Boates as the auditor for the 2022 fiscal year.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED** **MR # 2022 – 02**

13. Member Appointments

Community	Director	Alternate	Term Expiry
Old Massett Village Council	Freda Davis	Jade Collison	2024
CHN Old Massett	Lisa Hageman	Vince Collison	2023
CHN Skidegate	Gidin Jaad <i>Erica Jean Reid</i>		2023
Skidegate Band Council	William Yovanovich	Michelle (Ooka) Pineault	2024
Graham Island South	Clyde Greenough	Geoff Martynuik	2024
Graham Island North	Bret Johnston	Terry Carty	2024

Moved by: Laurie Chisholm
Seconded by: Maureen Bailey **CARRIED** **MR # 2022 – 03**



14. Recognition of outgoing Board members

The Chair recognized the following outgoing Gwaii Trust Directors:

Alfie Setso Sr., Director, CHN Old Massett
Kim Goetzinger, Director, CHN Skidegate
Trevor Russ, Alternate, CHN Old Massett
Shelley Sansome, Alternate, Graham Island South

Kim Goetzinger, the former Director for CHN Skidegate, attended the meeting in-person and was presented with a gift of a paddle. It was noted that the other outgoing members who were not in attendance would receive their gifts at a later date.

15. Chair appointment

Huux *Percy Crosby* was appointed the Chair for the Gwaii Trust Society Board of Directors.

Moved by: Clyde Greenough

Seconded by: Maureen Bailey

CARRIED

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16. Recognition of outgoing Chair

The Executive Committee (Freda Davis and Clyde Greenough) and the Vice-Chair (Maureen Bailey) shared a brief history of James Cowpar's 12.5 years of service with Gwaii Trust and shared some kind words about his presence on the Board over the years. He was then presented with a gift of a steering paddle.

Gidin Jaad *Erica Reid* sang the paddle song while James Cowpar and Kim Goetzinger danced life into their new regalia.

17. Questions from the Public

One attendee expressed concerns that RBC is one of the financial custodians for Gwaii Trust funds due to their investments in fossil fuels. An Alternate confirmed that when RBC was chosen to be the custodians for Gwaii Trust funds, that pre-dated the current events related to RBC. The custodial agreement can be reviewed and changed but it would be a significant undertaking.

An attendee acknowledged that Gwaii Trust doesn't undertake ongoing projects but challenges Gwaii Trust to consider supporting a crisis line that is fully operational 24 hours a day, with alternatives if a second caller came in. The Chair acknowledged that this was the second year this had been brought to the Board's attention. A Director responded that Gwaii Trust has a role to play but work needed to be done with Northern Health and the Health Directors to better understand what the gaps are. Director response – Gwaii Trust has a role but need to work with Northern Health - Health Directors to understand what the gaps are.

Action: Consideration for supporting a crisis line to be discussed during strategic planning.

Anna Maria Husband on behalf of the Gwaii Animal Helpline asked whether the Board would increase the in-kind labour value from \$15/hour to \$25/hour to better reflect the value of the donated effort? The COO confirmed that the in-kind labour value was increased to \$20/hour in 2022.



Action: Consider increasing in-kind labour value from \$15/hour to \$25/hour to be discussed during strategic planning.

Rosemary Hart on behalf of Rediscovery T'aalan Stl'aang thanked Gwaii Trust for all the support over the years. She also asked whether the Board would assist with more financing, considering the rise of inflation and increasing costs. The COO responded that there may be an opportunity for the Board to increase their spending in 2023. The federal government has mandated that charities increase their annual spend. Currently, charities must spend 3% of their funds as per the charity's directorate. Gwaii Trust is currently spending 3.5% - 4%. Increasing the spend would allow for more funding opportunities.

An attendee asked about how the Gwaii Trust can assist with the missing Indigenous women's crisis going on across the country. They wondered how Gwaii Trust could assist families in crisis as they search for their loved one. A Director noted that crisis management and prevention were both on the continuum of wellness and highlighted the Greenshield funding that was currently available for mental and oral health initiatives.

Action: Consideration to assist with the missing indigenous women to be discussed at the May 26th, 2023, Board meeting.

Dorothy Garrett on behalf of Gwaii Animal Helpline shared how grateful she was for Gwaii Trust, and the work done by the Board. She mentioned that as a member on a local non-profit organization run by volunteers, that there is a need for multi-year-based support. She asked what the Gwaii Trust Board is doing towards removing some of the barriers to multi-year support for local organizations that contribute year after year to the well-being of communities on island. A Board member confirmed that there is a lot of need and that the concerns expressed would be discussed further by the Board. It was also noted that the Haida Gwaii Community Foundation was created to address the core funding issue, so there may be future opportunity there.

Action: Consider providing multi-year core funding for local non-profit organizations operated by volunteers to be discussed during strategic planning.

Anna Maria Husband on behalf of the Gwaii Animal Helpline (GAH) asked whether the Board would create a specific fund to support animal wellbeing on Haida Gwaii. GAH has been unable to get consensus from the community governments on ongoing support and Gwaii Trust's existing grants do not fit the unique needs of improving animal wellbeing on Haida Gwaii. Human residents are deeply affected when they see animal abuse and neglect. There is a clear link between animal wellbeing and human wellbeing. Gwaii Animal Helpline Society Board members are consumed with managing animal care, and do not have time to work on the broader issues that are needed to improve animal wellbeing on Haida Gwaii. We need the support of the communities and Gwaii Trust for administration of animal intake, care, and rehoming so that the Board has time to work on fundamental changes to improve animal - and human - wellbeing on Haida Gwaii. A Board member acknowledged the concerns and confirmed that this item would be discussed further amongst the Board.

Action: Consider creating a specific fund to support animal well-being on Haida Gwaii to be discussed during strategic planning.



18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

Moved by: Billy Yovanovich

CARRIED

ACTION:

- Consider providing multi-year core funding for local non-profit organizations operated by volunteers to be discussed during strategic planning.
- Consider creating a specific fund to support animal well-being on Haida Gwaii to be discussed during strategic planning.
- Consideration to assist with the missing indigenous women to be discussed at the May 26th, 2023, Board meeting.
- Consider increasing in-kind labour value from \$15/hour to \$25/hour to be discussed during strategic planning.
- Consideration for supporting a crisis line to be discussed during strategic planning.

James Cowpar
Chair

Carla Lutner
COO

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