

MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY MAY 28, 2020 AT 5:00PM PST, ZOOM MEETING
PRESIDENT AND CHAIR: SAMANTHA LI



LEAD UP TO THIS YEARS AGM

Section 5(1) of the Societies Regulations required that the AGM be held by April 30, which is 4 months after our Fiscal Year End of December 31. Due to limitation within our bylaws and the COVID19 ban on gatherings of more than 10 people taking effect in mid-March, we were prevented from holding our AGM or amending our bylaws prior to the April deadline.

A Ministerial Order under the Civil Emergency Measures Act (CEMA) was issued on May 13, 2020 to provide flexibility for groups to hold annual general meetings online with electronic and teleconferencing technology. The Order was made retroactive to March 17th to support any society or business, which had already held their AGM online in good faith. In addition, there has been a timeline extension for the filing of annual reports and financial statements.

Notice to the members of this years AGM was posted on May 14 to the Facebook page and the website, as well sent as a members' email.

Because proper notice of the meeting had been given as provided for under Section 12.(1) of the bylaws, and a quorum was present, the meeting was officially called to order at 5:16 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Samantha Li introduced the members of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors who were in attendance and acknowledged those who were not, and as provided in Section 41 of the bylaws recognized Sara Bradley as the acting secretary for the meeting, responsible for keeping minutes.

In Attendance

- Sara Bradley, Vice President
- Taylor Eshpeter, Treasurer
- Kayla Yeulet, Director
- Max Parker, Director

Absent

- Alain Dallaire, Secretary
- Elaine Kennedy, Director

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alphabetical order - Sara Bradley, Kat Bunker, Olivier Clements, Emma Dobson, Taylor Eshpeter, Valerie Herdes, Thomas Jacquin, Charles Kalinsky, Samantha Li, Jonathan Lowey, Lee McDonald, Dan Poelman, Kelly Tobalt, Kayla Yeulet, Dan Yip, Vanessa Scharf, Max Parker, Mikaela St. Pierre, Valerie Herdes (19 members – quorum of 20% of 91 met)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

To adopt the agenda of the 2020 AGM, as distributed at the meeting.

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Max Parker.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF 2019 AGM MINUTES

MOTION

To adopt the minutes of the 2019 AGM, as distributed at the meeting.

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Max Parker.

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting and is available on the website Resources page. Selected and abbreviated information from the treasurer's report is also included in the 2019-2020 Annual Report. As provided in Section 7(1) of the Societies Act, Climb Yukon Association is classified as category C society and is exempt from the requirement for review of financial statements by a Professional Accountant.

The association Treasurer, Taylor Eshpeter, reviewed the report with the members which included the following highlights:

- Year end balance is much higher than the starting balance for 2019.
- Increased revenue was due to membership fees, an increased attendance at Porter Creek drop-in, and a successful Reel Rock fundraiser.

MOTION

To receive the financial statements as presented.

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Kayla Yeulet.

Motion Carried

ANNUAL REPORT

President, Samantha Li presented the annual report. The annual report showcased the main activities that occurred between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 and affirmed that the year had many successes and showed growth in both the association and the community.

The association held four board meetings during the year. The areas of focus for the 2019-2020 board were: building a stronger organizational structure to better serve Yukon climbers, the Youth Climbing Team and furthering the Climbing Facility Project. We launched our website and membership program and sold merchandise. We ended the year with a membership of 91 and over 550 facebook followers.

Samantha highlighted some of events of the past year; Garden Party, Reel Rock, December Sessions and Drop In, and thanked our volunteers, sponsors, and the membership that helped to make these happen.

The Youth Team grew to 17 this season. They trained twice a week at the Porter Creek Secondary School. They participated in an out-of-territory competition at the Rock Dump Climbing gym in Juneau Alaska on December 7, 2019. A second out of territory competition in Edmonton had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Samantha emphasized that plans and activities came to a grinding halt at the end of March with the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that the reopening of climbing in 2020 is still uncertain. That said, through the board and active members, Climb Yukon maintains relationships with many other climbing associations, gyms, and communities throughout western Canada, and we are staying current on the different ways COVID-19 restrictions are being safely handled to keep climbing communities active and involved.

MOTION

To receive the Annual Report as presented.

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Max Parker.

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION RESULTING FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT

Max Parker, Director of the Youth Team, provided additional comments based on his involvement with the youth team, drop-ins, and teaching.

- Youth team number at 17 is really pushing the maximum that the Porter Creek wall can handle. The fact that rarely was everyone able to attend, was key to everyone being able to get enough practice time.
- The kids drop in was very well attended. We need volunteers to help run this.
- Based on the feedback from the classes that were operated through the CGC, there are many more teaching opportunities available if we were able to accommodate them (requires coaches, time, insurance, facility).

BOARD ELECTIONS

All officers and directors that were in attendance indicated that they would like to stay on in the same or a similar capacity to their current roles. President, Samantha Li advised that it is likely that a motion will be presented early in this year to extend the term for directors to 2 years. Two vacant director positions were outlined: Director of Fundraising, and Director of Outreach and Membership. All directors were accepted by acclamation.

- Samantha Li, President by acclamation (motioned by Sara Bradley, seconded by Kayla Yeulet)
- Sara Bradley, Vice President by acclamation (motioned by Samantha Li, seconded by Max Parker)
- Taylor Eshpeter, Treasurer by acclamation (motioned by Max Parker, seconded by Sara Bradley)
- Sara Bradley, Secretary by acclamation (motioned by Samantha Li, seconded by Max Parker)
- Kayla Yeulet, Director by acclamation (motioned by Sara Bradley, seconded by Samantha Li)
- Max Parker, Director by acclamation (motioned by Taylor Eshpeter, seconded by Kayla Yeulet)

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- Charles Kalinsky, Director by acclamation (motioned by Sara Bradley, seconded by Samantha Li)

MOTION

To approve the list of directors for 2020-2021 year of business

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Kayla Yeulet

Motion Carried

President, Samantha Li welcomed the returning Directors and the new Director, to the Association.

MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Last year was the launch of our membership program. Memberships were by donation and available on the website through Donorbox. The minimum suggested donation was \$20 dollars. Most memberships were purchased for the suggested amount with a small percentage of members offering more. Memberships require renewal annually and 2019-2020 memberships are set to expire August 31, 2020. Memberships included reduced fees for drop-in bouldering and free shoe rentals. In general, the membership program was a success and brought in over \$1,800 this fiscal year.

MOTION

That the annual membership fees remain at a minimum donation of 20\$ for 2020-2021.

Moved by Sara Bradley, seconded by Kayla Yeulet.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

President, Samantha Li declared the annual general meeting concluded at 5:53 pm

SPECIAL NOTE – CLIMBING FACILITY UPDATE

No update was provided to the members with regards to the status of the Climbing Facility Project. This item was removed omitted from the Agenda in anticipation that it be included and commented on during the presentation of the Annual Report. As such the following text has been included here for record purposes but was not presented or discussed during the Annual General Meeting.

During 2019, Cornerstone Planning Group from Vancouver BC, was contracted by Yukon Government to perform a feasibility study for Polarettes gymnastics and Climb Yukon to accommodate the projected space and programming needs of the groups. This report is available on the website.

The study assessed the organizations' current and future state in terms of their facility requirements, programming, operations, and economics. The study had multiple information inputs, including previous planning documentation, interviews with stakeholders, and industry expertise. The study relied heavily on the previously developed report "Feasibility Study for a Climbing Facility in Whitehorse," written by Patricia Duchesneau.

The 2019 Cornerstone study presented two preferred options to Yukon Government that both included a

combined new facility with or without shared common areas. Both options have a capital cost input from the Yukon Government of approximately \$17 million.

The financial analysis in the report estimated that a climbing facility could operate at a loss for up to 10 years and would rely on approximately 12% -15% of revenue from grants and fundraising.

Since the issuance of the study in October 2019 Yukon Government is undergoing an infrastructure needs assessment to determine where their budget dollars can be allocated.

A significant amount of capital and administrative money is necessary for Climb Yukon Association to successfully oversee the general operations of a climbing facility. As such, Climb Yukon is currently working towards meeting the requirements to become the governing body for climbing in the Yukon. This designation will gain access to significant funds through Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) and Yukon Sport for Life (YS4L) initiatives.

The designation as The Governing Body will initiate a restructuring of Climb Yukon to better encourage and support the development of climbing more effectively throughout the Territory.

PREPARED BY SARA BRADLEY, VICE PRESIDENT