



Hornby Island Mountain Bike Association 2021 Annual General Meeting - Monday December 6, 2021

The meeting commenced at 7:34 with Jill Candlish, Tig Cross, Tom Rutherford, Peggy Kabush, Jayne & Mike Hays, Jeremy Payne, Brett Martens, Cam Duke, Amanda & Rob Zielinski, Steve Gillespie and Jennifer Armstrong in attendance

Approval of 2020 minutes

Jill asked for the approval of the minutes of the 2020 AGM. The minutes were approved as read.

New agenda items

Steve Gillespie introduced a new agenda item, an MTB movie night at the hall.

Jennifer introduced an idea for creating a committee to run a stand at the farmers market to promote HIMBA

Approval of the agenda for the 2021 meeting

Jill asked for the approval of the agenda for the 2021 meeting with the additions. Jeremy motioned for approval, 2nded by Tig. The Agenda was approved.

President's Report

Jill asked that all comments and discussions be held till the end of the reporting session.

Jill gave her Presidents Report. She acknowledged the work of the board and thanked them individually. She highlighted their hard work. Jill was especially happy to talk about the completion of Joe Ride Bike Park, the HIMBA-Q, and the volunteer trail days led by Tom

We created three new Ad-Hoc committees, e-bike usage, Race Committee, and the Civil Claim Committee.

HIMBA was included in a civil claim. HIMBA believes that we do not belong in the Civil Claim and are likely to be removed once the Examination for Discovery process has taken place. Tom will update us during his report.

Committee Report Summaries

(please see written reports below)

Membership Outreach Committee

Tig gave a summary of the Membership Outreach Committee

Finance Committee

Peggy gave a summary of the Finance Committee Report. Peggy especially wanted to highlight the time put in by Steve G and Ryan B to Joe Ride and the DS.

HIMBA Trails Committee

Tom summarized the HIMBA trails Committee Report. He highlighted the creation of the Project tacking spreadsheet and the Trail Character spreadsheet. He wished to draw extra attention to the idea of carrying a bit of flagging tape with you on your rides so that fallen tress and other unexpected obstacles may be marked.

HIRRA Parks and Trails

Tom summarized the HIRRA Parks and Trails Report. He pointed out that HIRRA and the CVRD is responsible for the trail system and that any work HIMBA undertakes must conform to recognized trail standards. For other details please see the report.

Brett Asked a question about how the P&T HIRRA committee will interface with HIMBA, would it be through the HIMBA Trails committee. Tom said that the Trails Committee would be the first point of contact between the HIRA P&T committee and HIMBA. And that the HIMBA board would hear details from the Trail Committee

Jill wondered who prioritizes the work undertake as Capital Projects by the P&T committee and how much input HIMBA has in the process. Tom responded that HIMBA would have influence if they chose to exercise it via emails and letters.

Joe Ride Skills Park

Jen Summarized the Joe Ride Skills Park Report and gave a big thanks to Steve, Jer and Ryan for there work.

E-bike Ad Hoc Committee

Cam summarized the e-bike report. He highlighted the possibility of promoting our e-bike policy at the markets along with our other promo endeavors.

Amanda suggested that we should share our position on e-bikes with the local bike shops and other Cycling social groups so that those coming to Hornby know our position.

Civil Claim Ad Hoc Committee

Tom summarized the Civil Claim Committee's report. We have sent an information package to a lawyer who has been recommended and who's fees are being covered by Mike Hayes. Tom suggested that those interested in the process should read the excellent article, "**Can Mountain Bikers Successfully Sue Land Owners, Land Managers or Trail Builders Due to Injury?**"

<https://www.singletracks.com/uncategorized/liability-for-non-commercial-trailwork-in-british-columbia-and-some-parts-of-canada/>

Tom gave a summary of the Land Occupiers and how it pertains to this case.

Rob Z asked if HIMBA has asked the CVRD for help with the legal situation. Tom said that we have spoken to the CVRD insurance Adjuster, but no offer of legal assistance was forthcoming. Tom is concerned that the CVRD is not reaching out to HIMBA for information that we may have.

Mike Hays let us know that the lawyer feels that we should keep things close and just make a simple denial of claims with reasons. It is likely that HIMBA will be excluded but that the Civil Action is likely to go on of some time.

New Business

Budget for trail tools

Motion by Tom :

The Trails Committee requests a \$500 budget for new Hand tools for trail use.

2nded by Tig. The motion passed unanimously.

Movie night

Steve G suggested a movie night where we show the Stevie Smith Documentary.

There was good support and he is going to move forward with it. Brett suggests a drive-in. Jer suggests Joe King. Steve will contact the MOC.

HIMBA table at the farmers market

Jennifer reported an idea from Sarah Mulhall about an idea to have a HIMBA table at the farmers market where we could sell merchandise and let the public know about the work that HIMAB does. Jen will contact the MOC about the idea.

This led to a discussion about T shirts, Tom has a request for a simple T shirt. With just the HIMBA Logo

Board Membership Process

Jill introduced the Board Membership Process. The board will be made up of 9 people who (hopefully) reflect gender and demographic diversity. The board will then meet and pick the executive.

Janye Hays was nominated by Tig to fill the 9th board position. She accepted and was acclaimed as there were no other nominees.

Brett thanked Jill for her service.

Jennifer thanked Jill for her service and the volumes of time that she has put into the organization in a clear, generous and kind way.

The HIMBA Annual General Meeting adjourned at 9:20

HIMBA Board Meeting

The HIMBA Board meeting commenced at 9:25. In attendance were Jennifer Armstrong, Jeremy Payne, Tig Cross, Peggy Kabush, Cam Duke, & Jayne Hays.

Election of officers

Tig nominated Jenifer Armstrong for the roll of President. Seconded by Jer. Jenifer accepted the role and was confirmed by unanimous vote

Tig nominated Jeremy Payne for the roll of Vice President. Seconded by Jenifer. Jeremy accepted the role and was confirmed by unanimous vote

Jenifer nominated Tig Cross for the roll of Secretary. Seconded by Jeremy. Tig accepted the role and was confirmed by unanimous vote

Jeremy nominated Peggy Kabush for the roll of Treasurer. Seconded by Jenifer. Peggy accepted the role and was confirmed by unanimous vote

Board membership process

The board decided to go with a system where each board member is elected to a three year term, and that three board positions are up for election at each AGM, thus creating a three-year cycle for each position. This will allow us to keep some continuity of board members while creating a system that encourages some turnover.

Committee chairs

Jer suggested that we re-affirm committee chairs via e-mail. This was agreed. Jer suggested that we ask the general membership to take part on more committees. This was supported.

New group to promote HIMBA at the Farmer's Market

Jennifer suggested that we start a new group to work a table at the Farmer's Market to promote HIMBA and let the public know what we are all about. Jen will contact Sarah Mulhal about joining our committee.

Gift for the outgoing president

Jer suggests a gift for Jill. Tig motioned that we spend \$125 on a massage and some flowers. Jer 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

The HIMBA Board meeting adjourned at 9:45

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Committee reports - HIMBA continues to increase efficiency through engaged committees that meet on a regular basis and report at board meetings. Below, committees are described and members listed with a report by each Chair on current business and updates. Non-board and new members are welcome on Committees. These reports will be presented at the AGM.

Finance Committee Report Nov 2020 - Nov. 21, 2021

(Treasury, budgets, oversight of fund raising)

Peggy (chair), Tig, & acting President

Account Balance November 3, 2020: \$16443.14

JoeRide Bike Park Expenses:

Labour for Ryan Bowland: \$9032.42

Rental Machine, sand etc: \$4417.88

Contracting Brett Martens: \$210; Materials: \$45.65

Pipe: Tom Rutherford: \$779.01

Accommodation for Ryan, Qualicum Beach: \$161.24;

Hornby rental: \$1600

Appreciation gifts: \$1400

Total: \$17646.20

Other Expenses:

Printing of maps: \$2876.05

Web Name: \$332.19

Sand for Dual Slalom: \$93.96

Credit Union Shares: \$50

Miscellaneous: \$84.09

Purchase of socks: \$2142

HIMBA Q: \$202.56

Total: \$5780.85

Income:

Sale of Container: \$3300

Sock sales: \$2650 (giving a profit of \$508)

Donations for Bike Park: AFC: \$1000; Dr. Beauchamp: \$400; Julie Poznanski: \$500;

Donations from Steve Gillespie contacts: \$2025

Donations from Trail Forks: \$260.64 (also \$13.96 in PayPal (to be transferred when more)).

Donation from Chris Makuch from cash bar at wedding: \$270

General Donations: \$600; From Cheryl Ackerson: \$1000; At HIMBA Q: \$95

Map donations: \$3546.30 (We still have 1168 maps left from the April order.)

Total: \$15646.94

Account Balance Nov. 21, 2021: \$8662.20

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Membership Outreach Committee Report (MOC)

(Website & social media, Events/Races/Fund-raisers)

Tig (co-chair with Jeremy), Will, Taio, Brett Martens

Socks sales:

This new fundraiser went very well with private sales, event sales, and BikeShop sales. Next year we will order a larger quantity for delivery early in the tourist season.

Implementing small QR code aluminum donation signs

We are in the process of recommending to the Parks and Trails (P&T) Comm of HIRRA that small Aluminum signs be placed at various trail locations with cell service. These allow trail users to scan a trailside QR code and make a donation to HIMBA via our PayPal site. Goal is to proceed now and have the signs up before the 2022 riding season.

Map Sales

We will look into improving the display of maps for sale at Gas Bar, and also may create a larger print of the map done as posters for sale.

Bike Races and Membership Events

We will continue with planning a few Bike races for 2022, (pending Covid restrictions), these include: the May 'No Horses' event, and a Spring Enduro racing event (possibly sanctioned with Island's Cup). The HIMBA-Q event last summer was a great success and we may do it again next year, perhaps with some variations such as two different events, one at Joe Ride, one at the DS course. We will not be presenting a BikeFest in 2022, but will consider it in future years. An AdHoc Committee was created to plan the Enduro race.

Joe Ride Bike Skills Park Report

(Oversees maintenance, insurance, liaison with HIAA)

Jennifer Armstrong (Chair), Steve Gillespie, Jeremy, Tig, Brett

The new skills park at Joe King Park, aptly named Joe Ride has been a massive success. Ryan Bowland did a fantastic job levelling the old park & creating what we have today: an updated pump track that's fun & works (with practice); and 2 new skills lines: beginning line has 3 smaller features; interned. line has 3 larger features.

We have discovered that there's not enough speed on the intermediate line to get enough lift to clear the 3rd feature. There has been a little discussion about possibly levelling that 3rd feature (that we had hoped to develop into a hip) & instead making it into 2 more features akin to the 1st two. Steve Gillespie is going to talk to Ryan about that possibility.

We do need to put together a volunteer day sometime in the new year, when we get a stretch of clearer skies, just to clean up a little after a busy season, get the rakes out & keep the park flowing. As with the other committees, we welcome people to join us on the Joe Ride Committee working to keep the skills park great & growing.

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Trails Committee Report

(Trails character, mapping, volunteer work coordination, Liaison to P&T Comm)
Tom (chair), Cam, Tig, Jennifer, Taio, Will, Brett, Rob Zielinski

Probably the most important change has been the creation of the HIMBA Trails Project Tracker which will be and has already been helpful for us to get a clearer picture of what trails we have targeted for working on and to keep a running info-log on the activities. Thanks to Cam Duke for creating that.

Using the Trails Character chart that we created in 2020 in combination with the Project Tracker is a big step forward towards putting more structure into the work party efforts. So far since the start of 2021 there have been 231 volunteer person hours put toward trail maintenance and repair/re-alignment. That has involved 16 different trails and 30 different people who have volunteered. Although Mother Nature is keeping us on the run this fall, it always amazes me how quickly a trail can recover a couple days after it's been a creek bed. Thanks to everyone who has taken time out of their busy lives to join in.

I'd like to remind trail users [especially frequent flyers] to try and carry a small bundle of caution/flagging tape with you. You can stuff a lot into a tiny pocket. One of the biggest biking hazards is a fallen tree in a location with not enough advanced warning. I'd say there are twice as many trees obstructing the trails than in previous years, mainly from diseased alders. If a log can't be moved, then use the tape to warn other riders of the approaching obstruction.

HIRRA Parks and Trails (P&T) Committee Liaison report

This may be a [HIMBA] trails committee topic, but here it is. As liaison and volunteer work party co-ordinator, I have been in closer touch with Yana [Park's Contractor] about the trail work HIMBA is doing. The Civil Claim has laid bare what the possible implications of the work we do up there and the responsibility that Yana, C.V.R.D. and HIRRA have for managing our trail system. Although HIMBA work parties have largely been about trail restoration, I have assured Yana that we won't be creating any new technical features.

A few HIRRA projects coming up for 2022:

- Raising Coltsfoot trail bed between the bottom of Dryline moving towards the newer Coltsfoot tall bridge with the intention of eliminating the chronic wet spots. You can see an example of this type of work that was done quite a few years ago on Coltsfoot between bottom of Yer Mom and Slade Connector.
- Improvements to the wet sections of Milo's Meadows. Again, using ditching, culverts etc to control water flow and puddling.
- Creating a new entrance into Yer Mom, starting across from end of Furry Freak. Also, possibly replacing step-up feature on Yer Mom for something yet to be determined. HIMBA will be involved in these plans.

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Electric Bike Usage AdHoc Committee Report

(HIMBA policy, communication, work with HIRRA).

Cam (Chair), Jen, Tig, Tom

HIMBA created an Ad Hoc committee to discuss the use of e-bikes on Hornby Island trails. We are currently creating ideas on how we want to share with trail users our position on riding e-bikes within our trail system. We sent an "official" explanation to HIRRA Parks and Trails Committee [P&T] on our position (below) regarding e-bike usage on the mountain trails, and a request for installing modest signage at the five common Trailheads. It will be discussed by P&T at their next meeting in two weeks. The following states HIMBA's position on e-bike usage on our mountain trail system:

"HIMBA does not support the use of e-bikes on our single-track trails. As a volunteer group, we cannot keep up with the additional mileage and wear & tear e-bikes cause on our trail system. HIMBA does support the use of e-bikes for older riders and those with physical disabilities. We thank you for your good will and cooperation."

HIMBA will use various strategies to get this message out to trail users, including the possibility of modest signage at five trail head locations: Cemetery, Slade Rd., Water Towers (Sandpiper), Northwind and Coltsfoot entrances. Our committee is open to having others on our committee to contribute to the ongoing discussion on this topic as this category (e-bikes) continues to grow and evolve within our the biking community.

Civil Claim AdHoc Committee Report

Tom (Chair), Tig, Peggy, Jeremy

HIMBA was served notice of potential involvement in an injury claim resulting from a mountain bike accident on Hornby in July 2020. Although it seems unlikely HIMBA bears any responsibility in this case because we are only an advisory body to HIRRA, we've obtained the services of a lawyer to advise us on responding to allegations made by the claimant [plaintiff]. As yet, we haven't obtained a lawyer on a pro bono basis, so meanwhile, HIMBA member and supporter, Mike Heys, has offered to cover initial costs for lawyer services to prepare our response.

We prepared a "package" for the lawyer, including info. about the relationship between CVRD, HIRRA and HIMBA. Also, we drafted up responses to the allegations directed at HIMBA in the Civil Claim. All this in an effort to streamline the amount of time a lawyer will have to spend getting up to speed. The lawyer has requested that we be given an extension of time to respond. Should we require further services beyond this response we'd appreciate anyone's referral of a lawyer who would be willing to continue to work with us pro-bono, in defending the mountain bike community.

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Here is a link to a related article of interest:

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