

## Meeting summary for HIMBA Board and General meeting Tuesday February 11 (02/12/2025)

Meeting commenced at 7:30 am

Attendees were: Jennifer, Jayne, Peggy, Will, Rob W, Rob Z, Sasha & Tom

### Quick recap

The team discussed the current financial status, membership renewals, and the possibility of reviving the "No Horses Race" event. They also discussed the acquisition of new tools, trail work progress, and the potential for a bike store on Hornby Island. Lastly, they focused on the idea of reviving the outreach committee, involving more members in the board, and the importance of keeping the board fresh.

### Next steps

- Tig to investigate possibility of rolling over memberships on annual date rather than fixed April renewal
- Tig to confirm if automatic membership renewals are possible
  - *We can do this, but it would require some website coding that is beyond my abilities. I would need to hire a specialist for several hours. I prefer Rob's suggestion that the memberships renew on Jan 1st of each calendar year.*
- Tig to clarify costs for domain name and IP address renewal
  - *We are paying for hosting in two year increments so the one-time bill seems high. Our hosting costs are \$12 US a month, which is on the high side but not outrageous. There are hosting plans with cheaper introductory rates, but once the introductory term is over, the cost goes up to what we are paying now. There is an argument to be made to switching to a Canadian-based host, but even if the site is hosted on Canadian servers, most of the companies are based in the USA.*
  - *We are also paying \$16.95 US a year each for the [hibike.ca](http://hibike.ca) and [himba.ca](http://himba.ca) domain names.*
  - *We are paying \$39.95 a year for himba.bike domain name. We bought this domain some time ago, but have never really used it. I suggest we let it go.*
- Tig to check if additional insurance is required for HIMBA-Q events
  - *Not needed unless we are charging an entry fee.*
- Tig to send out a note to membership about revitalizing the Outreach Committee
  - *Jayne and I have talked about this. She has drafted a note and I will send it out shortly.*

- Outreach Committee to organize a Zoom meeting to discuss summer events planning
- Jennifer to talk to Tess about joining the Outreach Committee
- Rob to follow up with Landis about Farmers Market decision and send email with suggestions on merchandise purchases for 2025
- Board members to compile a list of potential new HIMBA volunteers/board members

## **Summary**

### **Welcome and Treasurer's Report**

Jennifer welcomed everyone and expressed gratitude for their patience and understanding during her recent absence. She noted that the minutes from the previous meeting were not sent out, so they were not accepted and would be added to the agenda for the next meeting. No new business was added to the agenda, and the meeting proceeded with Peggy offering the treasurer's report.

### **Meeting Expenses and Himba Q Discussion**

Peggy reported that the current balance is \$25,057, with expenses including \$742 on tools, \$468. for domain and IP address, \$2,335 for insurance, and \$771 for miscellaneous items. Rob mentioned he has about \$180 of Himba stuff that he will either give Peggy cash or put on the square. Jennifer suggested that they should confirm the cost of the domain and IP address with Tig. The team also discussed the Ed Executive Director's report, with Tom admitting he hadn't read it yet. Rob was asked to provide a market report later. Lastly, Jennifer and Peggy discussed the Himba Q, but no further details were provided.

### **Membership Renewal Setup and Alignment**

Jennifer discussed the current setup of membership renewals with Tig, who is unsure if he can change it. Currently, all memberships renew in April, regardless of when they were initially acquired. Jennifer suggested that renewals should align with the individual's rollover date, but Tig is unsure if this is possible. Tig will look into this further. Jennifer also noted that most memberships are acquired around April. Rob suggested that renewals should occur on January 1st to avoid confusion. Jennifer will relay this feedback to Tig. Additionally, Jennifer mentioned that their insurance policy renewal occurred on February 6th.

### **Reviving Events and Trail Work Success**

Jennifer, Rob, Peggy, Tom, and Jayne discussed the possibility of reviving the "No Horses Race" event and introducing a dual slalom event. They considered having these events on the May long weekend, coinciding with the plant sale. The group also discussed the need for special insurance for these events. Tom reported on the success of the large groupings for trail work, which have been productive and encouraged him to continue this format. The group agreed to revisit the idea of the "No Horses Race" event in the next meeting.

### **Trail Work & Tool Acquisition**

Tom updates the group on the trail work, explaining that the Freefall trail project will be completed before starting work on "Your Mom" trail. He mentions that Freefall is a collaboration between the regional district and Himba, with Himba taking the lead. Tom discussed the

acquisition of new tools for the group, emphasizing the need for both heavy-duty and lightweight tools to cater to different tasks. He also mentioned plans to educate the group on proper tool usage. The group's next session, initially planned for the weekend, was rescheduled to March 8th due to some logistical issues.

Tom also mentioned that Daniel May would be leading a session on freefall, and Daniel Hamilton would be dropping around 5 or 6 trees, including some standing dead alders. Peggy confirmed that Daniel May was the person who was supposed to clear the Beulah Creek trail. Rob mentioned that he had informed Daniel May about a downed tree, which Daniel had confirmed he knew about. Will added that Dan Hamilton had recently dealt with the last trees that the CVRD didn't want to handle, which might have included the downed tree.

### **Farmers Market Update**

Regarding the Farmers Market issue, Rob reports that he and Tig sent letters to the committee explaining Himba's role and fundraising needs. The committee is voting on a policy change to allow Himba's participation, with a positive outlook from the organizer. Rob plans to send out suggestions for 2025 purchases once he receives confirmation.

Rob discussed the need for more medium and large socks, suggesting a new color for a fresh look. He proposed reducing the number of T-shirts ordered this year to minimize inventory at the end of the year. Rob also suggested adding 50 more green hats and a black hat with a color that matches the new socks. He mentioned that the supplier is likely Canadian, but the T-shirts and hats are likely made in China or the US. Jennifer and Peggy raised concerns about the origin of the products, and Rob agreed to inquire about this. Jennifer suggested considering alternative locations if the market doesn't allow them to set up there. Rob expressed confidence in the market's approval and interest in trying other locations to raise awareness and funds for Himba.

### **Hornby Island Bike Store Closure**

The group discusses the closure of a long-standing bike store on Hornby Island. William reports that the owner, Lucy, is currently overwhelmed and focusing on rebuilding Verizon in the bike shop's former location, with plans for a year-round restaurant space. There are no immediate plans to reopen the bike shop, though Lucy may sell some bike supplies out of Verizon this summer. Rob mentions that many people have suggested he start a bike store to fill the gap, but he's not interested. The bike shop, which opened around 1985, will be missed by locals and visitors, and there's hope that someone might take over the business in the future.

### **Reviving Outreach Committee for Events**

Jennifer proposed reviving the Outreach Committee to plan summer events, including a potential dual slalom race or a No Horses race. She suggested reaching out to the membership for volunteers and merging the Race and Events Committee with the Outreach Committee. However, Tom disagreed, arguing that the Race Committee should focus on larger, more significant events like enduros or cross-country races, while smaller, more informal events should be separate. He suggested that members of the Race Committee could still be involved in organizing these smaller events.

It was suggested that we need more board members. Jennifer suggested that the board members could reach out to potential members, and Rob proposed the idea of creating a list of

people who might be interested in joining the board or committees. The team also discussed the idea of hosting a meeting to gauge interest in the outreach committee. The conversation ended with a discussion on how to get more people involved in the board and the importance of keeping the board fresh.

The Meeting Ended at 8:30 pm