

## **Minutes of HIMBA AGM 2020 - Tues, Oct 20th, 7:30pm. Zoom**

The meeting commenced at 7:35 with 15 members in attendance:

Jill Candlish	Peggy Kabush
Tom Rutherford	Dennis Kabush
Jennifer Fletcher	Jeremy Payne
Alan Fletcher	Cameron Duke
Steve Gillespie	Rob Zelinski
Jennifer Armstrong	Brett Martens
Fabrizio (Tig) Cross	Sasha Lebaron (joined late).
Will Wood McDonnell	

### **President's Report - Jill Candlish**

Jill reported on the overall activities of the association in 2020. We have an increasingly important role to play as an advisory body to Parks and Trails Committee since mtn biking has become so popular with more activity and accidents on the trails. We are taking steps to increase gender equity on our board and committees.

### **Treasurer's Financial Report – Sasha Lebaron**

We have \$14,000 in bank account, an incoming cheque of \$3,300 for the Shipping container and several incoming donations of \$2000 and \$1,000. (note, Tig received a cheque from another donor for \$500 after the meeting).

### **Bike Skills Park Report – Jennifer Armstrong, Steve Gillespie**

We are moving forward with the re-creation of the Bike Skills Park at Joe King. We have hired an expert Skill Park Designer Ryan Bowland, and he will begin work on the new skills park on November 2nd. Himba will cover his work hours, accomodation, machine rental and materials costs for the project.

### **Projected Budget for BSP Project:**

Ryan's Work Day Rate	\$400/day up to 18 days	\$7200
Machine Rental, 1 month	\$2750	\$2750
Transport (AFC will deliver both ways, saves \$1200)		0
Accommodation, 1 month	\$1500	\$1500
Materials, Signage, Misc.	\$1500	\$1500
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Total		\$12,950

Motion - Jennifer Motioned and Jill seconded that HIMBA approve the projected budget for the Skill Park Upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget for Upcoming Year** was looked at but not discussed:

Projected Budget for Expenses 2021

\$1500 map

\$500 signage/trail vol. days

\$1000 Miscellaneous, eg. Website (upgrade for donations)      Total - \$3000

### **Trails Committee Report - Tom Rutherford**

Trails Volunteer Update - Tom updated on trails that have been worked on, plans for future work, and mentioned the Adopt-a-Trail program.

P&T Liaison report - Regional District representative will be coming over to review black diamond trails and signage. Sasha commented that the P&T Comm will await Himba's response before they make a decision on the Blke Camps proposal. Sasha also mentioned that he will be stepping off of the P&T Comm in the near future.

Trail Character Spreadsheet and Map - Tig reviewed the extensive consultation and updating process of these. Their importance was reiterated as tools for communication with the P&T committee as well as with the public trail

users. The map is also a fundraiser, and Tig mentioned the larger wall version as a possible future fundraiser.

### **New Business and Discussions:**

#### Signage on trails:

There was discussion regarding trail signage. While some felt that signage could be added or made more clear in specific instances, (such as for safety issues such as on gap jumps and black diamond features), the general consensus was that we need to be careful to avoid too much and end up with “sign pollution” that many felt would detract from the experience of being in nature.

Mtn. Bike Camps Proposal: Two documents were provided: Chris’ proposal outline and synopsis of Himba board’s previous discussion points. The pros and cons of MTB camps on Hornby were discussed at length. Steve vouched for the character of the applicant and felt that he could be counted on to produce a camp that was sensitive to the concerns many Hornby-based riders have regarding trail degradation and crowding on the trails. There were still many concerns voiced regarding off-island commercial use of trails, over-promotion of tourism, and further changing the character of the trails and community.

The general feeling was very mixed at this time and letters/emails of support/concern were invited to be sent to Himba or P&T Comm. It was determined that we would table a decision for a later meeting.

### **Election of HIMBA Board & Executive.**

HIMBA will attempt to bring gender balance to our board and committees wherever possible. Elected to the board, and subsequently elected by acclamation to Executive:

Jill Candlish (President)

Jeremy Payne (Vice-President)

Peggy Kabush (Treasurer)

Fabrizio (Tig) Cross (Secretary)

Tom Rutherford

Taio Samuel

Cam Duke

Will Wood McDonnell

Jennifer Armstrong

After many years our treasurer, Sasha LeBaron stepped down from the position and was thanked.

Motion - Fabrizio Cross motioned that signing authority for the HIMBA bank account be transferred from Sasha LeBaron to Peggy Kabush. Fabrizio Cross will remain as a second authorized signer. Jill Candlish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Set Committees**

As we move forward HIMBA will try to increase efficiency through engaged committees that meet on a regular schedule and report at board meetings. Below, committees are described and members listed. Note that non-board members are welcome on Committees. eg. Brett Martens and Steve Gillespie.

**Trails Committee** ( Trails character and mapping, volunteer work coordination, Liaison to P&T Comm)

Tom (chair), Cam, Fabrizio (Tig), Jennifer, Taio, Brett

**Finance Committee** (Treasury, budgets, oversee fund raising)

Peggy (chair), Tig, Jill

**Bike Skills Park** (completion, maintenance, insurance, liaison with HIAA)

Jennifer (Chair), Jeremy, Tig, Brett and Steve

**Membership Engagement Committee** (Website & social media, Events/Races/Fund-raisers)

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

**President's Closing Remarks:** Thank you to Mike Heys and Alan Fletcher for their generous donations to the Bike Skills Park fund. Adjournment at 9:30pm.