

## Minutes of HIMBA 2022 AGM

### **Hornby Island Mountain Bike Association 2022 Annual General Meeting – Sunday December 4, 2022**

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm with Jennifer Armstrong, Tig Cross, Peggy Kabush, Jayne and Michael Heys, Tom Rutherford, Taio Samuel, Cam Duke, Jeremy Payne, Amanda and Rob Zielinski, Steve Gillespie, Jennifer Fletcher, Rob White and Paul Ackerson in attendance

#### **Approval of 2021 Minutes**

Jennifer asked for approval of the minutes from the 2021 AGM. The minutes were approved as read by Jayne, Cam and Rob.W

#### **Approval of the agenda for the 2022 AGM meeting**

Jennifer asked for approval of the agenda for the 2022 meeting with any new additions to be added at the end of the meeting, approved by Tig, Mike and Steve. Rob Zielinski has an item to be added to new business.

#### **Presidents Report**

Jennifer welcomed all and thanked for all the service from members, Jennifer also acknowledged that the land that HIMBA operates on is territorial land from our first nations. Jill left a large space to fill when she handed down the presidency and Jennifer wanted to express how much Jill was valued. Jennifer is happy with the parity of the HIMBA board and hopes to see that continue going forward with being respectful of gender and age.

#### **Member Outreach Committee Report**

Jayne had a brief overview of the success at the market this summer. Sold over \$12000 worth of items and profited about \$1800. Lots of interest from riders at the market and at the fall fair & the Christmas market (Studio Art Tour) – We have a fair amount on inventory remaining but are lacking the sizes that were most popular. We have an upcoming meeting in two days time on Tue Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, asking for others to attend that meeting as decisions will be made for next years market. Tig & Jer are working on updating the website and are looking towards getting membership online. This will all be discussed at the meeting and Jayne will report back with findings.

#### **Finance Committee**

Peggy had sent out the detailed report but summarized that financially HIMBA is doing very well, mostly due to the Enduro race which brought in \$12703.00. Current balance is \$25120.00, some expenses we had were thank you gifts to the lawyer who is helping HIMBA with the lawsuit, the electric wheelbarrow Tig ordered. Discussed the maps and how we have a lot remaining in inventory. We have made a profit from the selling of the maps at this point with the donation boxes. – Jennifer asked for the map discussion to be added to the executive meeting happening directly after this AGM

#### **Trail Work Committee**

Tom had recent communication with the Reg. Dist. about insurance, they have insurance for volunteers but require a lost of names for that to be effective. Tom will be forwarding them a list of names of people who are routinely working on the trails. HIMBA doesn't necessarily need liability insurance for

trail repairs and basic maintenance of trails, however if adding any features or any trail changes that would open us up to liability. Once we hopefully get dropped from the civil claim, we can discuss future. There is a list of projects that was created a month ago regarding upcoming trail work needed. This was sent to the HIMBA board and to members so people can know what the upcoming plans are. The idea to have monthly trail workdays with predetermined locations is a favourable idea to Tom. Need to have some help to get that going. Tom is looking for assistance in organizing and communicating the upcoming trail days. Also, Tom would require assistance with having one or two or more people taking over the guiding of the actual trail work on the trail workdays. Hoping someone can commit to learning the basics of trail maintenance and can run trail workdays going forward. Tom would love to do the training hands on with that person on the actual trails. Will was able to get three McCloud type of trail tools made that are fantastic and very much needed and have been added to our tool inventory. Lack of moisture had delayed trail workdays. Rob White agrees with Tom and hoping to get a young person involved going forward. Suggested that we put together trails work outreach committee. Sadly, Will is moving to New Zealand for a year otherwise he would be the perfect fit for this position. Jennifer asked to make this a public appeal to see if we can generate interest on filling these supportive positions.

1. Having a person in charge of organizing and planning the workdays
2. Having one or more people interested in learning how to run a trail workday and all that's involved

Tom states that we have a small population and large trail system. It's a challenge to fill these positions. Peggy suggested asking Will if he has any recommendations. Rob. Z added that it would be great to get even younger people involved. General discussion as to how HIMBA can achieve this goal. This needs to be addressed at a Trail Work Committee meeting and have more people join that committee.

### **Bike Park Skills Committee**

Steve stated that Joe Ride is still rideable but requires new dirt and love and attention. Cannot find dirt on Hornby that will be malleable and good for jumps. Steve is now located in Cumberland and is trying to get the dirt from Edge It habitat for humanity build in town there. The dirt from excavating the new build is available for HIMBA to have if its useable. We would have to arrange for shipping and transport, approx. \$1000 to get that done. Once dirt is brought over, would require a lot of volunteers and elbow grease to get jumps fixed up fixed. Park is rideable as is but there is a lot of room for improvement. Don't love the third jump and that would need to be discussed once dirt is in. Jennifer suggested a Bike Park Skills meeting once we know when we can get the dirt, Steve agreed, and it will be springtime 2023.

### **New Business**

Civil claim update from Tig, can't discuss this matter very much at all. We are waiting to hear if we will be released from the case. Our lawyer, Robert Kennedy who was sent to us from Mike Heys has been incredible, we would've been lost without him and that he has done this for free. Thank you again to Mike Heys for setting this up. Hoping to know in the next few weeks if we are to be released from the claim. If we are not released, the lawyer will not be able to continue representing us as it will be a massive amount of work. Robert Kennedy has recommended that we find other counsel who can advise us about society law and perhaps dissolve the society. Must wait and see and remain hopeful. Jennifer

reminded us about the confidentiality of this case and praised Robert Kennedy abilities and how well respected he is in his field.

Terms of reference with the CVRD, Tig spoke to the importance of this document, and it has been distributed to HIMBA members. It basically outlines how HIMBA will interact with the CVRD. We have had some communication with Daniel May and the insurance specialist with regards to what part of HIMBA are covered. Tig has been working on the insurance part of this and once again it has been waylaid until the civil claim is removed. Daniel May has been very helpful and is a great resource for HIMBA.

Events update, Tig spoke to the Island Cup now being alternated within the mountain biking community. This means we will host in 2024 not 2023.

HIMBA mandate concept from Rob Z, with CVRD and their large budget, to get the money on the mountain bike trails. HIMBA to be more involved with acquiring these funds and ensuring that the funds are spent on the trails. Large tax fund to be utilized that isn't currently being used. Tig agrees and related what the funds have been used for in the past few years. Jennifer wonders if we can take this to the finance committee and trail work committee. Tom clarified that this is a parks and trail committee issue and its now under control of the CVRD. Lots of miscommunication about allocating of funds.

### **HIMBA Committees.**

HIMBA has several standing committees. participation on these committees is open to any HIMBA member, please let us know at the AGM (or any time thereafter) if you would like to join a committee. You can find out more about the committees and who is on them at <http://www.hibike.ca/hi/committees/>

### **Elections**

#### **HIMBA Board Elections:**

The HIMBA board has formalized the way that we will elect new members to the board. We have a board of 9 members, and each year at the AGM, three of those 9 positions will be open to election. Our hope is that this will engender some built-in changeover and new energy while maintaining sufficient continuity of our board and institutional memory. At the 2022 AGM board positions 3, 6 & 9 will be up for election. The following year it will be positions 2, 5 & 8, and at 2024's AGM it will be 1, 4 & 7. You can view the HIMBA Board at <http://www.hibike.ca/hi/himba-board>

This year the positions held by Tig Cross, Tom Rutherford and Cam Duke are open for nominations. All three of the current board members are willing to stand for re-election (or acclamation). Is there anyone at this meeting that is interested in one of those three positions? Unanimous no. Cam, Tig and Tom are all willing to run again and are unopposed.

We have a board vacancy as Jeremy Payne is stepping down as Vice president and being a board member. Tig Cross has offered to take the role of vice president. Ran unopposed.

Jayne Heys has offered to take the role of secretary. Ran unopposed.

Rob White has offered to step forward as a board member. Ran unopposed. Rob is acclaimed.

Will is leaving the board in June and we will need to replace him at that point. Trying to maintain gender parity and this is open to all genders.

Jennifer will send out a doodle poll to determine next meeting date

Call for motion to adjourn the AGM meeting for 2022, seconded by Tig, Cam & Peggy at 8:45pm

**Executive meeting commenced on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:46pm**

In attendance, Peggy Kabush, Tig Cross, Jennifer Armstrong and Jayne Heys

Map update, we have a large supply of maps remaining and have made a profit on them at this point. Discussion on creating new maps with updated signage regarding hazards. Quite a few changes need to be made with regards to green runs, now being blue, jumps need to be noted very clearly.

Motion to remove old maps and have new maps created, ready to go by early spring 2023 brought forth by Jennifer, seconded by Tig, Jayne and Peggy.

Plan for next meeting of new HIMBA board in early January 2023

Executive meeting adjourned Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:05pm