

SIERRA CLUB CANADA FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, November 19, 2016
2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
Suite 506 - 250 City Centre Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6K7

#	Time	Agenda Item	Speaker	Materials	Discussion/Action/Motion
1	2:03 pm	Call to order of meeting	Chair: David Snider	Quorum Check Sign-in Sheet	<p>In person: Deirdre, Mary, Nick, David, Peter, Chris, Leo, Jake, Dave, Bo, Gretchen, Stu and Brian (SCC Treasurer)</p> <p>On the phone: Liz Walsh (SCUS Treasurer), Bob Peart (SCBC Executive Director), Delaney Greig (SCC President), Graham May, Marielle Savard, Wanda Baxter, PearlAnn Reichwein</p> <p>Proxies: see attached listed.</p> <p>We have quorum.</p>
2	2:05	Appoint Minute Taker	Chair		<p>Motion to appoint Chris Paci minute taker:</p> <p>Mover: Nick</p> <p>Second: Mary</p> <p>Carried</p>

3	2:10	Review and Approval of Agenda	Chair		Motion to approve agenda Mover: Mary Seconder: Leo Carried
4	2:15	Approval of Minutes from 2015 AGM	Chair	Draft Minutes	Motion to waive the reading of the minutes Mover: Nick Seconder: Peter Carried Motion to approve November 14, 2015 meeting minutes Mover: Mary Seconder: Deirdre Carried
5	2:20	President's Remarks	David Snider		Thanks to all for attending and sending in proxies. A special thanks to CPAWS for the use of their boardroom. It was a challenging year for the Foundation but progress was made. New board members, active volunteers, contractors, have stabilized the organization which is fitting for a grassroots organization. Highlights include securing a loan from SCUS, developing a fundraising plan, updating the website, hiring a new bookkeeper and moving the Ottawa office to the Bronson Centre. CRA audit was completed and a compliance agreement was signed. New project funding was secured for Halifax Harbour, Bee Nation, Bilcon, Energy East NEB

				<p>hearings. In 2017 we're look to collaborate with SCBCF and developing a sustainability strategy for SCCF.</p> <p>Mary: David has worked tirelessly, it has been a hard year, he has stepped in to do so much and he has managed very well.</p>
6	3:06 pm	SCUS Report	Elizabeth Walsh	<p>Liz: SCUS is having their Board meeting in Oakland. The board had aligned our budget with strategic priorities and goals before the election. Our conversations around existing priorities and goals will need to shift in light of the election results. Equity and inclusion agenda, climate change, lots of work to rally the troops to move forward. Influx of new members since the election. Protect land water and air, also climate change, want to work with Canada, issues don't have country boundaries. Strategic goals and budget new opportunities to work with SCCF on cross border projects like fracking, tar sands and Great Lakes.</p> <p>Gretchen: We have to work together, you have capacity and experience to assist with work in the year ahead.</p> <p>Liz: Will put our advancement team in touch with yours to look at opportunities for fundraising and joint activities.</p> <p>Bob: Need transboundary approach to work cooperatively, east to west there are major things we can work on.</p> <p>Liz: yes, bring to executive committee and we can formalize and have a structure in place to maximize impact.</p> <p>Mary: SCUS outings, linked to a specific area, to bring together members from all clubs, to become informed, hard to</p>

				<p>do just conference calls, hard to have a connection unless you have been there. Link outings to issues and partners.</p> <p>Liz: Getting people outdoors, change to the outings program to mobilize more people, could be a great link. Didn't know SCCF wasn't informed of SCUS outings.</p> <p>Deirdre: New members have joined as a result of the US election. This may be an opportunity as people don't care till the environment is under attack.</p> <p>Liz: How to plug new people in is a challenge as they want to have opportunities to contribute and have a sense of belonging. Chapters need to be ready to help people engage.</p> <p>Deirdre: We talk about that in our Development Committee, to go from passive support and interest to creating more ways to get involved.</p> <p>Liz: Yes, easy engagement that is meaningful that doesn't require a deep knowledge of the organization. We need to share information on how to do this.</p> <p>David: Liz is our liaison person with SCUS and was very helpful in supporting SCCF's loan application to SCUS.</p> <p>Liz: Looking forward to progress. If you need help let me know and I am happy to help.</p>
7	2:40 pm	SCBC Foundation Report	Bob Peart	<p>Bob: SCBC Foundation has separate licensing agreement with SCUS. Futures Here document, express urgent call in BC to protect nature and move from carbon economy, keeping the</p>

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8	2:50	SCC Report	Delaney Greig		<p>Delaney: SCC held its AGM earlier this week and has a new cohort of directors. We're educating ourselves about the org structure. Looking at other ENGOs. How to best support SCCF in its work. Did our books, cleared debt with Government of Quebec and will pay half the debt to SCCF. Improving collaboration with SCCF on projects, communications, and with SCUS. Laurin, Communications Director, was at SCUS AGM and met Gretchen and Bob. Looking at development of a website. Projects, to be useful as the political voice, campaign committee pesticides, green spaces, Gulf of St Lawrence and developments. All volunteer board, no paid staff, with lots of strong commitment in six months.</p>

9	3:00	National Program Director's Report	Gretchen Fitzgerald		<p>Gretchen: In Marrakech the push for meeting Paris Agreement deadlines ahead of schedule with Canada and 179 other countries signed on. SCUS messaging from Michael Brune, international community moving it forward with lots of youth support. US on path to carbon reduction goals. Canada backtracking on fossil fuel markets and exports. Old argument that what is the point if US doesn't reduce. SCCF needs to be effective and understand what a Trump government means on climate action. Decarbonized society, don't leave anyone behind. We know how to share tactics with US and must explore new tactics. Successfully stopped exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, created opportunities for thousands of kids to enjoy nature, worked with volunteers on innovative activities. Chapter reps will speak about their programs. Need to be vigilant, need to be confident, so that the grassroots stick together.</p> <p>Mary: Thanks to Gretchen for stepping in, taking on the role of National Program Director.</p>
10	3:10	Chapter and SYC Reports	Various		<p>Wanda: In Atlantic Canada, Watch for Wildlife program, fundraising will continue over the winter, main project is done. Joined an international group to stop wildlife vehicle collisions, worked with Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources on public information to watch for wildlife this time of year, quote from DNR, press release with RCMP. Cobequid Pass highway sign to watch for moose and deer, first time. Dreamers tourism guide, supports, businesses</p>

				<p>selling magnets. Reimagining Halifax Harbour, new program to engage citizens and stakeholders in the harbor, Kelly is the lead on that project. Events with that, Halifax center plan, Aveda water challenge, musicians, Joel Plaskett. Blue Whale campaign, new push to protect habitat, ask for Atlantic Ministers to refuse oil and gas license in the Gulf to protect the ecosystem. On energy and climate, move to be 100% carbon free, push to educate. Energy East NEB hearings. Ecojustice representing SCCF in Federal Court as intervenor in Bilcon case concerning NAFTA tribunal decision on proposed Digby Neck quarry. David Foster working on Halifax urban forest to enhance green spaces. Wildchild in NS and PEI, expanded to two locations in Halifax. Thanks to all the volunteers and Jackie who spends a lot of time with the children.</p> <p>Marielle: Quebec main event, Forum Nature, Montreal conference in April, with 200 participants. Charter written and submitted to City of Montreal, to end urban sprawl on the island, and implement a moratorium on loss of green spaces. Summer student did TPP research. Bana started to work on a grant on TPP. Transition to find a new chair, found three co-chairs biologist PhD, political activist and community organizer and founder of ecology center, Kanesatake Chief Serge Simon, collaborate with First Nations and advance causes. Potential staff identified, funding identification to fund salary, grant from the province for 30 weeks. Campaign with RBC grant on water, Action H2O, on-going.</p> <p>Ontario Chapter: Kristina Jackson, ExCom Chair not available but written report submitted. Kristina now SCCF staff so new Chair will be found. There was a four-year effort led by Dan McDermott on the review of the Greenbelt in</p>
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					<p>bring the chorus in. Need to understand Alberta issues from an Alberta perspective.</p> <p>Gretchen: Dustin, Sierra Youth rep, in Marrakech sent in a written report. Tweet Ban Ki-Moon with Minister McKenna. Rebuilding, working on campuses. Trying to re-engage on that work, best practices and adopt them across the country.</p>
11	3:47	Appointment of Auditors for 2016 Audit	Chair		<p>Motion to appoint Parker Prins Lebano LLP as auditors for the 2016 fiscal year</p> <p>Mover: Chris Seconder: Peter</p> <p>Carried</p>
12	3:35	2015 Audit	Chair		<p>Motion to accept the 2015 audited financial statements</p> <p>Mover: Mary Seconder: Leo</p> <p>Carried</p>

13	3:40	Election of Directors	Peter	<p>Call for candidates from the floor: None</p> <p>David: Nominations Chair Peter has worked hard, interviews and screenings. We have a slate of candidates.</p> <p>Election of the following representatives to the board (1 per class):</p> <p>British Columbia (1-year term) - Graham May Mover: Proxy Pat Jacobson Second: Proxy Kem Luther</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Prairie (2-year term) - Laurie Blakeman Mover: Proxy Charlie Richmond Second: Proxy PearlAnn Reichwein</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Ontario (2-yr term) - Emily Boucher Mover: Mary Second: Peter</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Atlantic (1-yr term) – Colin Jeffrey Mover: Proxy Tony Reddin</p>
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				<p>Elections of at-large board members</p> <p>Motion to elect David Snider, Stu Campana & Leo Lee to two-year terms: Mover: Nick Second: Mary</p> <p>Carried</p> <p>Motion to elect Jake Cole & Bo Wang-Frape to one-year terms: Mover: Peter Second: Chris</p> <p>Carried</p>
14	4:18	Awards	Chair	<p>Acknowledging the following awards in 2016: Paula Boutis - Volunteer Emeritus Gordon Mair - Volunteer Emeritus Charlie Richmond - Volunteer Emeritus Dan McDermott - Life Membership Lino Grima – SCUS Raymond Sherwin International Award</p> <p>The Board passed motions to acknowledge specific individuals. Paula over 20 years of experience. Gordon, former Treasurer was on staff with SCC, served on the Board for many years. Charlie, long-time volunteer in Edmonton networking using a science-based approach with municipal</p>

					<p>leaders to make changes to protect the environment. Dan earned a life membership and worked as Ontario Chapter Director for SCC/SCCF for over 20 years through thick and thin. Lino, U of T, and Wayne Howard, Co-chairs of Great Lakes Binational Committee, received SCUS award. The GLBC is a model for international collaboration.</p>
15	4:26	Motion to Adjourn	Chair		<p>Motion to adjourn Mover: Mary</p> <p>David: Thanks to all who helped out, those on the line for joining us and those who sent in their proxies.</p>