**Annual General Meeting of Nature Calgary (Calgary Field Naturalists' Society)**

**held virtually in Calgary, Alberta on Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| 1. | AGM Meeting called to order by John McFaul at 7:38 pm and presented the Agenda for the AGM.  Quorum determined with 39 in attendance via zoom. John asked people to use the chat line for questions that would be answered periodically during the meeting. |
| 2. | **Approval of February 19, 2020 minutes** moved by Allan Nielsen. Seconded by Val Pritchard. Passed |
| 3. | **Presidents Report** was presented by John McFaul.   * Despite some activities being curtailed by Covid-19 for 4 months, Nature Calgary provided more than 80 field trips (coordinated by Howard Heffler); held Speaker Series meetings in January and February and by zoom in September; held Bird Study Group meetings (led by Ann Belton) in January, February, March, September and October; produced 8 editions of the Newsletter; provided financial support to the City Nature Challenge; supported Birding 2020 and Defend Alberta Parks * activity on social media: 1,250 (twitter 800; Instagram 370) * John gave a special thank-you to Howard and Ann and all volunteers. * John recalled the summer death of Gus Yaki, an Honorable member of Nature Calgary   John highlighted the yearly decline of Nature Calgary membership from 2016 to 2019 and asked that anyone with suggestions to increase membership contact him.  **President’s Award: Presented to** Sandra Mills. Sandra has been Director of Communications and Newsletter Editor for the past 4 years. Sandra will leave this position at the end of the year. |
| 4. | **Financial reports for period October 2019 to August 31, 2020** were presented by the Treasurer Pat Ross (see attached)   * Currently, for 11 months there is a surplus of $966 mainly due to rent savings during the Covid shutdown. Rent for meetings was saved during shut-down for Covid. Without that savings, and with a drop in membership fees, we might have run a deficit.   **Questions:**  -Val Scholfield asked if we needed to vote acceptance of auditor report. Response: it is not necessary.  -Joerg Gueldenpfennigasked: “Have we spent money on advertising?” Response: Yes, mostly through social media where we’ve had a good response and interest in Birding 101 that will be free to Nature Calgary members.  -Matt Wallace asked if we have applied for grants such as Covid relief fund and provided the web address:  <https://www.ab-conservation.com/grants/covid-relief-fund-for-conservation-organizations/>  Response: have not asked for grants recently. Pat Ross mentioned the money we have in GIC~~’~~s might disqualify us for grants which are usually sought for specific requests. |
| 5. | **AGM and elections**.  John Presented the slate of Board Members for 2020-2021:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Davidson, Wilson | Director at large | Nielsen, Allan | Vice-President | | Ewtushik, Laura | Director: Volunteers | Pritchard, Val | Director: Membership | | Gill, Janet | Director at large | Ross, Pat | Treasurer | | Hart, Andrew | Past President | Wallace, Matthew | Director: Newsletter | | McFaul, John | President & Programs Chair | Wilson, Terry | Director at large | | Konopnicki, Kaya | Director: Nature Alberta rep | Mondin, Marcella | Director: Social Media | | Millham, Betty | Secretary |  |  |   John asked if anyone would be interested in becoming a board member (meeting once/month with rotating terms). After 3 requests there were no volunteers. John requested that people call him, if interested.  Pat Ross moved acceptance of slate of Board Members; Joerg Gueldenpfennig seconded. Passed  **Non-Elected Volunteers** were thanked and acknowledged  **Non-Elected Positions**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Belton, Anne | Chair Bird Study Group | Scholefield, Val | Newsletter proof-reader | | Brigden, Jan | Newsletter proof-reader | Vaxvick, Linda | Newsletter proof-reader | | Cram, Phil | CBC organizer | Visser, Suzanne | Past - Botany Group | | Heffler, Howard | Field Trips Coordinator | Wiehler, Jeff | Webmaster | | Laurence, John | Welcome table | Wilson, Norma & Terry | Welcome Table | |
| 6. | **Adjournment.** Jan Bridgen moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm |