

Elk River Alliance - Annual General Meeting

Monday March 1, 2021 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Virtual via zoom meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84903671579?pwd=Ym5UQ0pWQzRVRUJCTERHaEVaaFViQT09>

Present: Chad Hughes, Alana Block, Randal MacNair, Celeste Barnes, Marielle Flottat, Blair Craig, Kevin Atherton, Janet Dickhout, Stewart Rood, Kim, Chris Bush, Brad Parsell, Danielle Wiess, Allie Ferguson, Matthew Ferguson, Roger Dickhout, Marie Wilfong, Geoff Wardle, Richard Klafki, Margaret, Steve M, George Greene, Nic Milligan, Stella Swanson, Ashlee Jollymore, Lee-Anne Walker, Ayla Bennett, Kaileigh McCallum, Stephanie Hirn

Regrets: Beth Millions
27 people were present

1. At 6:33pm, ERA Board Chair George Greene presented the agenda. Motion to approve by Ashlee Jollymore. Seconded by Lee-Anne Walker. Approved.
2. The ERA staff Team and Board - introduction by George Greene.
3. Membership rights and responsibilities and obligations presented by George Greene.
4. Ashlee Jollymore presented the Strategic Plan. Our Vision Statement: *A healthy river ecosystem that sustains the Elk Valley for present and future generations.* Our Mission Statement: *The Elk River Alliance uses science, education and community collaboration to ensure sustainable stewardship of the Elk River watershed;* and the Strategic Goals for the organization <https://elkriveralliance.ca/mission-and-vision/>

Lee-Anne Walker commented: After 10 years of operating, it was a timely exercise to revisit and revise these statements. I think this is succinct and very clear.
5. ERA Executive Director Chad Hughes presented on the 2020 Annual Report including Covid-19 challenges and adapting to it.

Allie Ferguson asked: Will there be a 2020 community-based monitoring report with results? Great to see the expansion of the program and inclusion of temperature loggers. Chad Hughes answers: Yes, this was delayed due to staffing but we'll be updating our reporting and should have preliminary set of results in late march/early April. Thanks, we're excited to see the expansion of our data collection capacity.
6. George Greene presented on Organizational Strengthening Goals in the Strategic Plan.
7. George Greene gave thanks to Funders and Donors, noting the increased range of funders - *local business, local and regional trusts, corporate donors, local, regional, provincial and federal government agencies + individual donors* <https://elkriveralliance.ca/partners-and-funders/>
8. Chad Hughes identified the importance of and gave thanks to Partners.
9. Chad Hughes gave thanks to Volunteers and identified achievements. Special thanks to Chris Bush and Alana Brock. Hoping to increase 2021 volunteer opportunities.
10. Minutes of last year's meeting were presented for approval by the Chair .Motion to approve by Lee-Anne Walker and seconded by Ayla Bennett. Approved.
11. The 2020 Financial Statement was presented for approval by George Greene, Treasurer. Motion to approve by Allie Ferguson and Lee-Anne Walker seconded. Approved.

12. Chad Hughes presented the 2021 Work Plan and. 2021 Budget as approved by the Board. Increased funding for project development. Confirmed 2.5 FTE staff capacity.
13. Appointment of Auditors GPI Chartered Professional Accountants was amended as requested by members to be subject to review by the Board to consider cost and need. Allie Ferguson moved and Ayla Bennett seconded., Amended motion approved.
14. Board Elections
 - a) The following Board members have agreed to continue to serve: Ayla Bennett, George Greene, Ashlee Jollymore, Nic Milligan, Stella Swanson
 - b) The following people were nominated and agreed to serve on the board as Directors:

Jason Gravelle, Tobacco Plains, Danielle Wiess, Fernie, and Kevin Atherton, Elkford. Danielle and Kevin introduced themselves and their backgrounds. Nominations from the floor: Stella Swanson nominated Lee-Anne Walker, seconded by Ayla Bennett. Nic Milligan moved all four nomination as board members. Stella Swanson seconded. Approved.
15. The evening wrapped up with prize draw randomly generated.
Roger Dickhout – 2 Hats
Kevin Atherton – Hat
Stewart Rood - River Map
Allie Ferguson – Chris Coole River CD
Matthew Ferguson - Patagonia Rain Jacket
16. The Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm, Stella Swanson moved, seconded by Ayla Bennett. Approved.

Meeting Minutes taken by Stephanie Hirn and recorded via Zoom.