

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes



Wednesday November 17th, 2021

10:00 - 11:30 am

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance: 15

Chair: Victoria Brookes

MINUTES

Start of Meeting: 10:00 am

1) Welcome, introductions and housekeeping

2) Begin AGM

- Motion to start meeting: Nichole Marples

3) Report from the Chair

(Victoria Brookes, FVISS Chair)

- Victoria expressing appreciation for those in attendance, their interest in invasive species, and their continued support
- Thank you for FVISS (Kathy) to adapting to COVID-19 restrictions and expanding the program
- Increase in budget this year allowed for an increase in the education component
- Expressed appreciation for Board of Directors, and reminded attendees that there is still room for new members on the Board of Directors
- Expressed gratitude for all responders currently dealing with Fraser Valley flooding and landslides, understand that attendees may be required to leave early for such duties. The meeting recording will also be available after the meeting.

4) Adopt 2020 AGM Minutes

- Motion to approve: Janne Perrin; Seconded: Nichole Marples
- All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Accept the Agenda for 2021 AGM

- Motion to approve: Nichole Marples; Seconded: Eli Ross
- All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Report of Financial Statement

(Nichole Marples, FVISS Treasurer)

- Presentation of Financial Statement to date (January to October 2021)
- Motion to approve: Nichole Marples; Seconded: Janne Parrin
- All in favour. Motion carried. Financial report was approved as presented.

7) Education and Outreach 2021 FVISS Update

(Kathy Ma: FVISS Executive Director and Kathleen Cathcart: Invasive Species Program Assistant)

- Thank you to the 2021 Funding Partners
- 2021 Year in Review, updates from the previous season on outreach and operational project work
 - Surveys, Manual and Chemical treatments across the region
 - (i) Control work on 23 plant species,
 - (ii) Knotweed species receiving most effort
 - Invasive Mussel Lake Monitoring
 - (i) Five lakes in the region, 10 substrate samplers, 25 water samples,
 - (ii) No adults found on substrate samplers, no water samples tested positive for veligers
 - Additional on-the-ground invasive plant removal work completed this year by ISCBV StrongerBC team with FVISS as the regional coordinator, more details on work done will be presented later by Trish Gendron, Team supervisor
 - Provided consultation and outreach for knotweed control for City of Abbotsford, including Knotweed treatment notification postcards
 - Event highlights:
 - (i) Several webinars and presentations, yellow flag iris surveying and clipping, tansy ragwort pick-up program continued
 - Website updates:
 - (i) Updated legislation and bylaws webpage, education and resources page, community science page
 - Public Inquiries:
 - (i) Most were knotweed related, most inquiries were from Chilliwack, Mission and Abbotsford
 - Social Media Update: increase on all platforms
 - (i) Instagram 639 followers, 483 Facebook followers, 141 newsletter members

8) ISCBC Stronger BC Update

(Trish Gendron, ISCBC StrongerBC Action Team Supervisor)

- StrongerBC was a jobs training program for 7 people who did not have previous experience in invasive species management, placed in the Fraser Valley
- Worked throughout Fraser Valley on various jurisdictions, with a workplan provided and coordinated by FVISS
- Meant to supplement existing invasive plant management work already occurring in the region, focusing more on lower priority species and sites where funding may not cover
- Performed mainly invasive plant surveys and mechanical removal, but crews also received herbicide application training at selected training sites
- Surveyed over 71 hectares in the Fraser Valley, removed over 2,060 kg of invasive plants

9) Election of Board of Directors

- Proposed board members for 2022:
 - Victoria Brookes
 - Nichole Marples

- Janne Perrin
- Ken Schwaerzle
- Alida Janmaat
- Steve Clegg
- Motion to accept: Eli Ross; Seconded: Janne Perrin
 - All in favour. 2022 Board accepted.

10) New Business/Announcements from members

- How will flooding in Sumas affect the Wild Chervil?
 - Kathy: It is much too early to tell. Land managers will likely need to address this issue next season, once the waters recede and effects are seen.

11) Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn FVISS 2021 Annual General Meeting: Janne Perrin
- Motion carried.

Time adjourned: 11:00am