

**Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia  
Annual General Meeting  
September 27, 2023  
5:30pm  
Location: ZOOM online meeting**

**Chair:** Catarina Moreno, Board President

**Minute Taker:** David Barbosa, Board Secretary

### Minutes

#### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Meeting Chair.

#### **2. Welcome, and Land Acknowledgement (Executive Director)**

Meaghan McCord (Executive Director) gave welcome remarks, and land acknowledgment.

#### **3. Establishment of Quorum (Chair)**

Voting members present at AGM: 14

Ballot: 0

Guests: 4

Total number of members in good standing: 97

A quorum of members was present throughout the meeting.

#### **4. Approval of the Agenda (Chair)**

No requests for additions. Chair asked for approval of the agenda.

*Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.*

*Moved: Kathy*

*Seconded: Pradnya*

*Carried*

**5. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 AGM (Chair)**

Chair asked for approval of the minutes from the previous 2022 AGM.

*Motion to approve the minutes from the previous AGM, November 17, 2022, as circulated.*

*Moved: Jeff*

*Seconded: Jacob*

*Carried*

**6. Consideration of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audited Financial Statements (Treasurer)**

Kayan Yu (Treasurer) presented the audited financial statements.

*Audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023 officially received. No motion needed.*

**7. Appointment of the Auditor for the 2023-2024 audit (Treasurer)**

Kayan Yu (Treasurer) noted that after several years with Smythe LLP serving as CPAWS-BC's auditors, in line with best practices, the Board proposed a change to CPAWS-BC's auditors. The finance committee completed an RFP and review, and the full Board recommended appointing Manning Elliott as its new auditors.

*Motion to appoint Manning Elliott as CPAWS-BC's auditors for the 2024 fiscal year.*

*Moved: Jeff*

*Seconded: Kathy*

*Carried*

**8. Executive Director and President's Report (Chair)**

Chair reported on the work of the previous year on behalf of the Directors.

*No motion needed*

**9. Election of Directors (Chair)**

The Chair noted 2 Directors had terms ending at the 2023 AGM, and were eligible for re-election for another term of two years:

1. Shehin Rahemtulla
2. Pradnya Sawant

*Motion to elect Shehin Rahemtulla and Pradnya Sawant as Directors of the Society for another term of two years.*

*Moved: David*

*Seconded: Gloria*

*Carried*

## 10. Confirmation of Directors, and departing Directors (Chair)

Chair presented the returning and re-elected directors, and departing/retiring directors.

*No motion needed.*

### Directors

1. Carla Giles
2. Catarina Moreno
3. David Barbosa
4. Kathy Scalzo
5. Kayan Yu
6. Madhu Bachwani
7. Pradnya Sawant
8. Shehin Rahemtulla

### Departing Directors:

1. Cecilia Pang
2. Jeff Rambharack
3. Muhammed Alolade Oyinlola

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Cecilia, Jeff, and Muhammed for their years of service to CPAWS-BC and the Board.

## 11. New Business (Chair)

No new business was added to the agenda.

## 12. Motion to Adjourn (Chair)

Given that there was no new business, the Chair asked for a motion to close the meeting.

*Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting.*

*Moved: Jeff*

*Seconded: Jacob*

*Carried*

**Adjourned** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.