

Draft Minutes BC NATURE AGM 2025 held at Merritt Civic Centre Saturday, May 24 at 1:30pm

Present - see list of attendees

Chair – President, Nancy Flood **Minutes** – Mish Stone

1. **Welcome**

We gratefully acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Nlaka'pamux and Syilx people Adoption of Agenda

Motion – Bev Ramy/Nigel Peck – to approve the agenda **Carried**

2. Approval of minutes from the Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2024, in Qualicum Beach

Motion – Marg Cuthbert/Ken Walker – to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2024 in Qualicum. **Carried**

3. President's Report – Nancy Flood (Report in the Annual Report booklet) – *Nancy spoke highlighted the increase in new clubs and encouraged members to support the BC Naturalists` Foundation.*

4. Treasurer's Report – Natasha Chand (see Report in Annual Report Booklet)

Motion: Stephen Partington/Cynthia Crampton – to approve the unaudited Dec 31, 2024 review engagement financial statements. **Carried**

Motion: Gail Kenner/Harold Sellers – to appoint the chartered professional accounting firm of Reid Hurst Nagy Inc. to conduct the review engagement for the 2025 fiscal year end. **Carried**

5. Bylaw and Constitution changes

Special Resolution Motion: Shelia Puls/Sharon Jones - to approve the changes to the BC Nature bylaws and Constitution (as in the Annual Report Booklet). **Carried**

6. **Resolutions** –

Special Resolution Motion: Liz Thorpe/Dianne Whittner - To approve 2025-01: Enforcement of Provincial Regulations in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (PQBWMA).

(In Annual Report Booklet) **Carried**

Special Resolution Motion: Genevieve Singleton/Ashley Pashyn - To approve 2025-02 BC Government Review of the Privately Managed Forest Lands Act (PMFLA)

(In Annual Report Booklet) with the removal of the last line on resolution “And be it further resolved that the BC government execute the recommendations therein.” **Carried**

Staff and contractor reports:

7. BC Nature Executive Director – Stewart Guy (Report in the Annual Report booklet) – Stewart spoke highlighting key programs and initiatives. Discussed IBA program, fields trips and partnerships with various organizations.
8. Office Manager – Mish Stone (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak
9. Office Administrator– Mary Shannon (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak
10. Communications Report—Betty Davison (Report in Annual Report) – Did not speak
11. IBA/KBA Coordinator – Liam Ragan (Report in the Annual Report) – Liam spoke highlighting that BC leads the country in biodiversity and KBA designations. Plans on recruiting new caretakers and collaborating with BC Parks.
12. MPAP Manager – Andrew Banks (Report in the Annual Report) – Julia Carr spoke on Municipal Protected Areas program, which aims to advance the commitment to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030. She provided an update on the progress made in 2024 including the submission of protected land data for various municipalities and regional districts.

Reports from committees:

13. Nominations Committee – Alan Burger
 - a) Results of Election of Directors – Jennifer Dowd appointed as Director at Large and Dave Leman as Intern Chair for the Education Committee – see Club rep meeting minutes
 - b) New chair needed for Camps committees
14. Education Committee – Chair: Margaret Cuthbert (Report in the Annual Report)
 - c) Presentation of certificates to Naturalist Mentors to those mentors present, including Jesse Ritcey
15. Conservation Committee – Chair: Peter Ballin (Report in the Annual Report) – Peter spoke about clubs sharing projects they are working on with BC Nature and affiliated clubs
16. Camps Committee – Wells Gray: Land of Fire and Ice, hosted by Kamloops Naturalist Club Held in July 2024 (see report in Winter 2024 BC Nature Magazine)
 - d) New Camps Chair needed and clubs to consider hosting camps again.
17. Awards Committee – Marg Cuthbert (Report in the Annual Report) – Marg Cuthbert mentioned that awards will be given out during banquet
18. Governance Committee – Alan Burger (Report in the Annual Report) – Did not speak

Reports from affiliates

19. BC Naturalists' Foundation –Stephen Partington (Report in the Annual Report) – Stephen spoke about Michelle Parry is now President of BC Nature Foundation and Stephen is still on the board
20. NatureKids BC – Rebecca Clapperton Law (Report in the Annual Report) – Rebecca spoke introducing herself and shared her background. Highlighted the 25th anniversary of the organization, emphasizing its growth to 1,500 families. Introduced staff members present: Katelyn Bissat and Michelle Parry
21. Outdoor Recreation Council - Louise Pedersen (Report in Annual Report) – Did not speak
22. Annual Reports from Clubs (Reports in the Annual Report)
Motion: Gary Hunt/Gail Kenner - To approve all reports as submitted in the Annual Report. **Carried**
23. Future General Meetings: AGM for 2026 is TBA
24. General review: At this time, members to raise issues and items for discussion and action. – A few people spoke remembering John Neville.
25. Adjournment – **Motion:** Michelle Parry – to adjourn at 3:23pm.

AGM Attendance – May 24, 2025, Merritt Civic Centre – 1:30pm

Gary Hunt – Kamloops Naturalists
Nicki Brockamp – Delta Naturalists
Bruce Taylor – Delta Naturalists
Vivian Birch-Jones – Lillooet Naturalists
Dave Leman – Prince George Naturalists
Bill Ramey – Nature Vancouver
Barbara Zimonick – Kamloops Naturalists
Bev Ramey – Nature Vancouver
Syd Barbor – Delta Naturalists
Viviane Barbor – Delta Naturalists
Carol Monaghan – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists
Shirley Dow – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists
Sharon Jones – White Rock & Surrey Naturalists
Kathleen Maser – Nature Salt Spring
Ken Walker – Nature Victoria
David Hopaluk – Nature Nanaimo
Deborah Irwin – Nature Nanaimo
Vinci Au – WildResearch
Alexandra Welch – WildResearch
Linda Cole – Nature Nanaimo
Tom Dickinson – Kamloops Naturalists
Vicki Metcalfe – Nature Victoria
Genevieve Singleton – Nature Cowichan
Shirley Ballin – Nature Vancouver & Kamloops Naturalists
Linda Guy – Nature Victoria
Peter Ballin – Nature Vancouver & Kamloops Naturalists
Rudy Bot – Abbotsford Mission
Rita Bot – Abbotsford Mission
Nanny Mulder Ten Kate – Abbotsford Mission
Quirien Mulder Ten Kate – Abbotsford Mission
Alice Roos – Abbotsford Mission
Hank Roos – Abbotsford Mission
Wendy Dadalt – Abbotsford Mission
Paul Dadalt – Abbotsford Mission
Nikki Toxopeus – Friends of Holland Creek
Jennifer Newton – Nicola Naturalists
Susan Newton – Nicola Naturalists
Victor Newton – Nicola Naturalists
Eileen Sowerby – Direct Member
Brian Wilkes – Nature Victoria
Liam Ragan – BC Nature
Julia Carr – BC Nature
Stewart Guy – BC Nature

Cynthia Crampton – Nature Vancouver
Marie Joe – Nature Vancouver
Liz Thorne – Arrowsmith Naturalists
Joanne Rosenthal – Langley Field Naturalists
Karen McDonald – Langley Field Naturalists
Viveka Ohman – Langley Field Naturalists/Nature Vancouver/White Rock & Surrey
Robert Puls – Langley Field Naturalists
Bill Masse – Langley Field Naturalists
Gareth Pugh – Langley Field Naturalists
Gill Pugh – Langley Field Naturalists
Shelia Puls – Langley Field Naturalists
Nora Truman – Langley Field Naturalists
Dawn Haight – BC Nature
Rebecca Law – NatureKids BC
Eva Nagy – Nature Vancouver
Diane McKelvey – Kamloops Naturalists
Elizabeth Bredberg – Arrowsmith Naturalists
Harriet Rueggeberg – Nature Nanaimo
Rick Page – Friends of Ecological Reserve
Frank Houenden – Comox Valley Nature
Mary Shannon – BC Nature
Harold Sellers – North Okanagan Naturalists
Alan Burger – Nicola Naturalists
Mish Stone – BC Nature
Dave Riley – Little Campbell Watershed Society
Marg Cuthbert – Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society
Denise Fredriksen – Comox Valley Nature
Cornelis Vissor – Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club
Michelle Parry – BC Naturalist Foundation
Stephen Partington – WildResearch
Gail Kenner – WildResearch
Alex Bodden – South Okanagan Naturalists
Rich Sobel – Nature Vancouver/Burke Mtn Naturalists
Lyse Deselliers – South Okanagan Naturalists
Susan Garber – Nature Vancouver
Nigel Peck – Nature Vancouver
Mike Dedels – Kamloops Naturalists
Karen Pedersen – Central Okanagan Naturalists
Fran Fisher – Central Okanagan Naturalists
Dianne Wittner – Shuswap Naturalists
Donna Hills – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists
Mary Masiel – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists
John Henry – Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists
Bona Baillie – Nature Chilliwack
Ashley Pashyn – Nature Chilliwack



Helen Turner – Nature Chilliwack
Janne Perrin – Nature Chilliwack
Nancy Flood – Kamloops Naturalists

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Natasha Chand – BC Nature
Ben Van Drimmelen – Nature Victoria
Sue Thorne – Kitimat Valley Naturalists
Walter Thorne – Kitimat Valley Naturalists
Yves Mayrand – Friends of Fairy Creek
Eric Habisch – Langley Field Naturalists
Margaret Bear – Nature Vancouver
Heather Neville – Nature Salt Spring

91 in person
8 via Zoom