

Friends of Yoho Board Meeting
Minutes of September 17, 2025 Annual General Meeting
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present: Michale Lang, Alan Satterlee, Carla Evans, Laura Evans, Val McLeod, Karla Gaffney, Lisa Nolan, Lorraine Zirke, Brenda Drake.

Board members not present:, Andre Lowenberg, Steve Dubiel, Alex Goatcher

Parks Canada Liaisons: Amy Krause (not present), Annie MacNeil (Not Present)

Staff: Julia Harter

1. The minutes of the September 7, 2024 Annual General Meeting were distributed with the meeting announcement to the general membership. Carla Evans moved and Lorraine Zirke seconded the acceptance of the minutes of that meeting.
Approved unanimously.
2. Alan Satterlee, Treasurer made a presentation of the financials as of year end 2024 and pointed out the highlights of the financials. Alan moved to accept the financials produced by Cox Tress CPAs and Laura Evans seconded. Accepted unanimously.
3. Michale Lang, President led the process to elect the directors with the understanding that it was for a one year term until the adoption of the new Bylaws, at which time it would be 3 year staggered terms, with the exception of Karla Gaffney who would serve a one-year term.

The slate of Directors is: Steve Dubiel, Carla Evans, Laura Evans, Karla Gaffney, Alex Goatcher, Michale Lang, Andre Lowenberg, Lisa Nolan, Alan Satterlee, Lorraine Zirke.

Lisa Nolan moved to accept the slate and Lorraine Zirke seconded. All directors were elected unanimously

4. The slate of officers was proposed as follows:
 - a. Michale Lang - President
 - b. Laura Evans - Vice President
 - c. Alan Satterlee - Secretary/Treasurer

It was moved by Lisa Nolan to adopt the slate, seconded by Karla Gaffney and elected unanimously

5. A Special Resolution to adopt new Bylaws was presented to the membership in advance of the meeting. Michale Lang walked through the major changes and revisions to the new proposed Bylaws. Laura brought up a question about the quorum number of 7 members or 10% of members as a quorum and how that might be difficult to meet if the membership became very large. It was agreed that it could be a challenge some day in the future.

Alan read the Special Resolution and made a motion to adopt the new Bylaws as proposed, The motion was seconded by Laura Evans. There was a quorum of at least 3 members present as per the current bylaws. Of the 9 present, all voted in favour which was 100 percent of members present. The Special Resolution passed.

6. New Business: Lorraine asked to share a summary about the Historic Walking Tours which have just ended for the season. The tours started on July 1 and ended on Sept. 16th. 23 in total with 3 dates that had no shows. The season started slow but picked up. There were a total of 129 people participating. Karla Gaffney was the most active tour guide and overall there were 8 volunteers that led tours. Tesa Weber-Larsen was a new guide and she also had the largest group of 14. Karla had a group of 13. Cathy Cameron wrote a new script that was an option to use and the board thanked her for the significant contribution to the tours. Lorraine will ask Tesa about her experience as a new guide and for her to provide feedback. Goals for next year include more advertising, including QR codes for Emerald Lake visitors plus sandwich boards and/or posters in strategic areas. It was also pointed out that giving magnets to the guest houses is a good idea so they can prominently display the laminated card on the fridge of the unit.

Valerie M. motioned to adjourn the AGM at 6:36pm. The meeting was adjourned.