



Minutes of the 2st Annual General Meeting

1432 Kingsway, Vancouver
November 15, 2012, 7:00-7:30pm

Attendees:

WildResearch Board Members:

Mike Boyd – Director at Large
Jay Brogan – Director at Large
Kala Harris – Treasurer
Elly Knight – Director at Large
Paul Levesque – President
Emily McAuley – Director at Large
Christine Rock – Secretary
Regrets: Rachel Field – Director at Large

WildResearch Members:

Agathe Lebeau
Stephanie Cavaghan
Catherine Jardine
Myle Lamont
Jeremiah Kennedy
Andrew Huang
Donna McKenzie
Alan McKenzie
Sebastián Pardo
Pablo Jost
Ian Thomas
Danielle Dagenais
Michael Arbeider
Christopher DiCorrado
Azim Shariff

1. Welcome and Introductions - President Paul Levesque
2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for this November 15th 2nd Annual WildResearch Annual General Meeting. Paul Levesque moved, seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

3. Approval the minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting held on Nov 11, 2011 (see website: <http://www.wildresearch.ca/Resources.html>)

Motion to approve the minutes from Nov 11, 2011 AGM. Emily McAuley moved, seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed **Carried**.

4. Elect the WildResearch Board of Directors for 2012 – 2013

The following WildResearch members in good standing are able and willing to serve on the WildResearch Board of Directors in the positions listed by acclamation.

President: Paul Levesque

Vice President: Christine Rock

Treasurer: Kala Harris

Secretary: Elly Knight

Director at Large: Mike Boyd

Director at Large: Jay Brogan

Director at Large: Rachel Field

Director at Large: Emily McAuley

Motion to elect Paul Levesque as President of WildResearch. Mike Boyd moved, seconded by Christine Rock, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Christine Rock as Vice President of WildResearch. Mike Boyd moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Kala Harris as Treasurer of WildResearch. Mike Boyd moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Elly Knight as Secretary of WildResearch. Christine Rock moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Mike Boyd as Director at Large of WildResearch. Christine Rock moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Jay Brogan as Director at Large of WildResearch. Paul Levesque moved, seconded by Christine Rock, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Rachel Field as Director at Large of WildResearch. Paul Levesque moved, seconded by Christine Rock, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

Motion to elect Emily McAuley as Director at Large of WildResearch. Paul Levesque moved, seconded by Christine Rock, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

5. Consider a Resolution to amend WildResearch's Constitution

Change WildResearch's Constitution

From:

1 The name of the society is WildResearch Society.

2 The purposes of the society is:

(1) To contribute to conservation of migratory birds in western North America through monitoring, research and public education.

To:

1 The name of the society is WildResearch Society

2 The purposes of the society are:

(1) to contribute to the conservation of flora and fauna;

(2) to work with other societies and like bodies having interests in common with this Society, within and beyond the Province of British Columbia.

3 The Directors shall have power to invest in securities pursuant to the Trustee Act of British Columbia such surplus funds as may from time to time be in their hands and may sell the same and reinvest the proceeds of sales pursuant to resolutions of the Board as approved by a General Meeting of the Society.

4 Upon the winding-up of the Society or its dissolution, the extraordinary resolution authorizing such winding-up or dissolution shall specify that all assets remaining which are owned by the Society shall be distributed to one or more recognized charitable organizations in Canada.

Motion to accept outlined changes to the WildResearch Constitution. Christine Rock moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

6. Consider a Resolution to amend WildResearch's Bylaws

a) Adopt the following changes to Part 2 — Membership.

From:

3 The members of the society are the applicants for incorporation of the society, and those persons who subsequently become members, in accordance with these bylaws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.

4 A person may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member.

5 Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.

6 The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues must be determined at the annual general meeting of the society.

To:

1 Classes of membership

(1) There shall be two classes of membership:

a. Student – an individual membership with voting rights and who is engaged in a course of instruction at an accredited educational secondary or post-secondary institution in North America

b. Regular – an individual membership with voting rights.

2 Membership shall be established on payment of the appropriate dues by persons eligible for membership. Memberships are valid until the end of the calendar month occurring one year after purchase.

3 Persons accepted for membership must provide their name, address, telephone number and annual fees to the club member in charge of memberships

Motion to accept outlined changes to membership section of the WildResearch Bylaws. Paul

Levesque moved. Seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

b) Adopt the following changes to Part 5 — Directors and Officers

From:

25 (2) The number of directors must be 5 or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting.

And:

27 (1) The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.

(2) A director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the society, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting

To:

25 (2) The positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer will be chosen by the board of directors from within its own ranks and these positions will all be directors of the society

(3) The positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer will be held by directors that have served on the board for at least one year, unless there are less than four directors meeting that qualification.

(4) The term of office for each elected director shall be for two years and each Director is eligible for re-election at the annual general meeting following the end of their term.

(5) Nominations from outside the board of directors for directors to be elected must be received by the society 4 weeks before the annual general meeting. Additional accompanying nominations must be made in writing by two members in good standing.

(6) The number of directors must be a minimum of 5 or maximum of 12, unless a greater number is determined from time to time at a general meeting.

And:

27 (1) The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors. That appointment will last until the next general meeting.

(2) Any director who is absent from regular meetings on 4 consecutive occasions may be deemed by the board to have retired if a majority of the board votes in favour of removal from the board within 2 months of the last meeting missed.

Motion to accept outlined changes to Directors and Officers section of the WildResearch Bylaws. Paul Levesque moved. Seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

c) Adopt the following changes to Part 6 — Proceedings of Directors

From:

31 (2) The directors may from time to time set the quorum necessary to conduct business, and unless so set the quorum is a majority of the directors then in office.

(3) The president is the chair of all meetings of the directors, but if at a meeting the president is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the vice

president must act as chair, but if neither is present the directors present may choose one of their number to be the chair at that meeting.

(4) A director may at any time, and the secretary, on the request of a director, must, convene a meeting of the directors.

To:

31 (2) If not available in person, directors may attend regular meetings via phone or internet media.

(3) The directors may from time to time set the quorum necessary to conduct business, and unless so set the quorum is a majority of the directors then in office.

(4) The president is the chair of all meetings of the directors, but if at a meeting the president is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the vice president must act as chair, but if neither is present the directors present may choose one of their number to be the chair at that meeting.

(5) A director may at any time, and the secretary, on the request of a director, must, convene a meeting of the directors.

Motion to accept outlined changes to Proceedings of Directors section of the WildResearch Bylaws. Paul Levesque moved. Seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**

d) Adopt the following changes to Part 11 — Notices to Members

From:

58 A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail to the member at the member's registered address.

To:

58 A notice may be given to a member, either personally or by mail or e-mail to the member at the member's registered address.

Motion to accept outlined changes to Notices to Members section of WildResearch Bylaws. Paul Levesque moved. Seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**

7. Consider a Resolution to amend WildResearch's membership dues

Eliminating a calendar year based membership and adding a one-year membership from the time of purchase

Motion to amend WildResearch's membership dues to a one-year membership period from the time of purchase. Paul Levesque moved. Seconded by Christine Rock, all in favor, none opposed.

Carried

8. Receive the President's Report – President Paul Levesque (written report)

Written report reviewing WildResearch's 2011-2012 successes including: projects, membership, grants, website, volunteer interest, workshops, bird ID fieldtrips, and pelagic trips.

Motion to accept the 2012 WildResearch President's Report. Catherine Jardine moved, seconded by Mike Boyd, all in favor, none opposed, **Carried**.

9. Receive the Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kala Harris (written report)

Financial Statements for 2011-2012 (handout provided) & Treasurer's Report (oral report; donations, grants, membership fees, current fiscal position as of Oct 31, 2012 is 17,301.91, currently operating at a deficit, pelagic trip bulk of current revenue, expenses for IIBO supplies funded by grant money).

Motion to accept the 2012 WildResearch Treasurer's Report. Elly Knight moved, seconded by Jay Brogan, **Carried**.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Adjournment of this November 15th WildResearch annual general meeting at 7:45 pm. Mike Boyd moved, seconded by Paul Levesque, **Carried**



WildResearch President's Report

Paul Levesque, President of WildResearch

WildResearch's second year of operation has been productive. We have seen continued growth in membership (174), volunteer participation, and our conservation programs. We have also continued to strengthen our Board of Directors with the addition of Kala Harris, Jay Brogan, and Emily McAuley.

One of our feature programs, the Iona Island Bird Observatory (IIBO) ran its Winter Bird Monitoring, Spring Bird Migration Monitoring, and Fall Bird Migration Monitoring programs this year. The Winter Banding Program ran for 17 days between Dec 2nd, 2011 and March 25th, 2012. A total of 153 new birds of 21 species were banded and an additional 320 birds were recaptured during winter banding by 24 volunteers that contributed a combined total of 408 volunteer hours to IIBO. The 2012 Spring Migration Monitoring program was expanded to a full program with daily monitoring and our fundraising efforts allowed us to hire WildResearch's first contract employees, Jeremiah Kennedy and Anna Szeitz, both of whom worked very hard and helped make the program a success. The Spring Monitoring Program ran from April 18th to May 28th for a total of 38 monitoring days. During that time, a total of 2766 new birds of 58 species were banded and an additional 507 recaptured by the 38 volunteers that contributed 1159 volunteer hours to the program. Our fall migration monitoring program ran for 15 days between Aug 25th to October 28th. A total of 1204 new birds were banded during that time, and an additional 222 birds recaptured by the 34 volunteers that contributed 651 volunteer hours. These programs together show the tremendous support and contributions of our volunteers that makes IIBO a fantastic success!

Public outreach is one of WildResearch's core values, and it is incorporated into all of our projects. For example, we had a number of groups visit IIBO including groups from BCIT, Metro Vancouver Parks, Girl Guides of Canada, and the biology department at UBC. Director Mike Boyd reported on the results of our bird monitoring programs in an article in Nature Vancouver's Discovery Magazine (Volume 40). WildResearch also held several workshops this year, including four bird identification field trips in the Lower Mainland, and a classroom based banding workshop; these events were led by Mike Boyd, Rachel Field, Russell Cannings, David Hodkinson and Paul Levesque. Iona Island Bird Observatory was also pleased to partner with Klamath Bird Observatory and the North American Ornithological Conference to offer a four-day intensive bird-banding, ageing and sexing workshop for NAOC conference participants.

WildResearch held its second pelagic birding trip fundraiser on April 29th 2012. The weather cooperated and the seven-hour trip from Ucluelet to La Perouse Bank was a great success. Eighty-six enthusiastic participants enjoyed seeing three species of shearwaters, (including a Manx Shearwater), dozens of Black-footed Albatross, Orcas, Sea Otters, and Humpback Whales. Our next pelagic birding trip is planned for the fall of 2013. Thanks go to Lady Rose Marine Services, Paul Levesque and Christine Rock (trip organizers), Pablo Jost (chum station), Russell Cannings, Tom Plath and Jeremiah Kennedy (guides), and Kala Harris, Jay Brogan, and Emily McAuley (trip logistics) for making the trip a success. Thanks also to Mike Boyd who stayed in Vancouver that weekend to over see the Spring Monitoring Program at IIBO.

This spring WildResearch expanded from its bird based programs by becoming involved in the BC Butterfly Atlas, a citizen science based project focused on increasing the knowledge and understanding of butterfly status and distribution in BC. In addition to promoting the Butterfly Atlas surveys to our members, WildResearch made a five-year commitment to surveying the Atlas square that includes Iona Island. We kicked off this endeavor by organizing a butterfly identification workshop in the spring that included a classroom and outdoor component. BC Butterfly Atlas coordinator Patrick Lilley led the workshop, with the assistance of WildResearch member, Pablo Jost and Director, Christine Rock. Director Emily McAuley has also raised awareness of this project by organizing several group butterfly survey events in WildResearch's atlas square and by attending the Metro Vancouver's Butterfly Tea Party at Campbell Valley Regional Park in Langley Township. This summer a total of 5 surveys were completed by 13 volunteers for a total of 60 volunteer hours. We look forward to having more membership participation over the next 4 summers.

This breeding season, WildResearch monitoring programs also included nocturnal Nightjar surveys in the interior of BC. Survey efforts were focused on the Common Poorwill and Common Nighthawk as two aerial insectivore species in need of further research and population trend monitoring. Surveys followed the U.S. Nightjar Survey protocols and 18 routes were surveyed between May – July 2012 by 14 volunteers. WildResearch hopes to further expand our survey efforts next year to contribute more knowledge about Nightjar population trends in BC.

WildResearch projects would not be possible without the dedication and support of our members and we thank all of our members for their hard work. We look forward to honoring our dedicated volunteers at our 3rd annual volunteer appreciation party later tonight. We had a successful and productive 2012 and are excited about further expanding our programs next year to provide more opportunities and resources for our membership. Looking forward into 2013, we will continue with our fundraising efforts, improving our organizational capacity, developing our communication capacity, and strengthening our skilled membership base.



FY 2012

Income

Grants	4,600.00
Donations	373.50
Fundraising	
Pelagic Trip	15,685.23
Education Day	400.00
Membership Dues	1,177.00
Savings Interest	20.85
Total Income	22,256.58

Expense

Program Costs	
Field Supplies	239.44
Contract - IIBO	5,070.00
General & Administrative	
Office Supplies	58.41
Computer, Web & IT	200.33
Travel & Meetings	
6410 Travel	1,071.38
Other Expenses	
Membership Dues - Org	1,893.00
Fundraising Expenses	9,038.40
Other Expenses	857.36
Business Registration Fees	30.00
Total Expense	18,458.32

Net Income 3,798.26

Opening Balance 01 January 2012 18,065.02

Closing Balance 31 December 2012 21,863.28

Prepared by: Kala Harris

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