

Central Kootenay Food Policy Council

Annual General Meeting



Minutes (Agenda & explanatory notes at bottom)

Meeting Chair: Patrick Steiner, President

Notes: Hailey Troock, Secretary

Attendees Intro Circle

Amy Allock – CKFPC Communications Manager

Velvet Cavanaugh – Cannabis Economic Development

Mick Wilson – Earthly Pleasures Organic Farm and CKFPC Board

Nicole Schreiber – East Shore Food Roots

Shayna Jones - Storyteller

Anneke Rush – Grocery buyer at Coop in Nelson

George Chandler – Nelson at its Best

Tara Stark – IH Community Health and CKFPC Board

Rob Hay – The Valley Kitchen

Ramona Faust – RDCK Area Director

Patrick Steiner – North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society

Kevin Murphy – Regional Agrologist in Creston

Rachael Roussein – KBFA Coordinator

Phil Sarsons – KCDS

Shauna Fidler – Slocan – Design Farm – Chair of WKPC and Kootenay Food

Montana Burgess – ED of EcoSociety

Emma Sowiak – Bent Plow Farm, Chair of KOGS

Hailey Troock – YA Land Matcher, Board of KLAS

Welcome to our storytelling AGM!

Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance

President's Report story

Importance of our work in supporting local resilient food systems. Essential services familiarity
Commodity scarcity during covid drives interest in local food. Regular roundtables during
pandemic – actors in regional food system -Gather ideas, support, collaboration etc
CKFPC trying to continue to do previous work and aligned for org. In 2020 Moved forward with
staffing expansion – engagement coordinator – website and socials. ED engaged by other orgs
and levels of govt and in other parts of Canada for consultations and presentations on subject of
food security planning and covid response, policy around meat issues and regulations. 4 focus

areas. Local food procurement. Need for food policy council locally – dominant global food system. Working with local reps

AGM 2020 Minutes - review & adopt the minutes of our 2020 AGM (Motion)

Motion to adopt minutes from 2020 AGM

Moved: Patrick ; Seconded: Mick

None opposed

Annual Report: the story of our last year

Roundtable connections – info exchange and peer support - 19 meetings in 2020. Tara Stark as great connector between meetings and IH. Directory 2021 – self identify BIPOC option and cannabis producers. Evidence Based Policy Project wrapped up. Communications – education – infographics in EN/FR, presentations – regional conference on anti-racism for SD 28 for faculty and staff. Municipal Role in Food systems. Advocacy – cannabis, milk, meat, livestock, poultry. Thanks to funders and supporters

Financial Report: the story of how we paid for what we did (Motion)

Income statement & Balance sheet presented and discussed. 18k in retained earnings carried into 2021. RDCK funding – budget was much larger – change in how we report income. Actual income came in what we originally budgeted for. Bottom line – expenses were higher than actual

Motion to accept financial report

Moved: Mick; Seconded: Nicole

None opposed

Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance

Mary May and the Red Fish

What's on the path ahead: planning for 2021 and beyond

Graduate students – supporting student – Matthew McLellan in Glade

Water project – watershed potable water access – no proactive protections in law – all privilege e mining and forestry over protecting watersheds. 3 year proposal to change the law – ambitious - work with govt and have change in place before next election

Systemic Racism in land use – find ways to continue to evolve how we work as a council to address systemic racism in terms of practice, staffing, process, priorities – looking for funding Communications, Cannabis and Systemic Racism working groups

Welcoming new members (Motion)

The slate of new members was announced: Rachael Rousein - KBFA; Nyree Marsh – BBA Ag Specialist; Valerie Cowan - Lardeau Valley LINKS; Anneke Roch – Kootenay Coop.

Moved to accept slate: Mick; Seconded: Ramona

None opposed

Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance

Reflecting on the year past and future plans: breakout group stories by participants

Mick: question for Nyree and Rachael and Phil – CBT Wage Subsidy – hard to find labour

Nyree: harder in smaller regions to find workers

Rachael: irony of subsidies and lack of labour

CERB has made that medium wage labour pool scarce

Econ Dev – promote Kootenays and get students from lower mainland etc.

Phil: Encourage folks to keep looking at KCDS job board – broad network to tap into and virtual job fairs – happy to connect farmers to virtual job fairs and counsellors for match making workers and jobs

Get Phil's info out in newsletter

Kevin: observation – housing for farm workers – last winter uptake in # of cherry orchards creating housing bc can't attract domestic farm workers – 3 farms with 50+ housing now Residential flexibility changes within ALR

Patrick: Kaslo Saturday Market is looking to hire a Market Assistant for the season and would be interested in participating in a job fair if that wasn't too outside the scope of the ag focus mentioned by Phil

Patrick: Community Seed Library in Kaslo – heritage seeds with stories from multiple generations from other parts of the world – Doukhobor seeds carry stories

Nicole: Encourage quality seed saving

Ramona: Story about land and farming and designation of land for farming

Hailey: Policy barriers for new farmers and farms in transition in organic certification process and also in wage subsidy access

Phil: Advocacy – wage subsidy – looking at ag. For clients as viable seasonal work that can develop skills and farms

Rachael: Storytelling and communications – power of this – commend food policy council on storytelling – farm advisor program tells stories through Instagram

Velvet: Challenges exist but so much positive movement

The Council is excited to feature award-winning professional performance artist, Shayna Jones as part of our Annual General Meeting. Shayna specializes in Traditional Oral Storytelling of African and Afro-Diasporic Folklore.

Shayna will share stories over the course of our meeting and we are following her lead by integrating a more narrative style to the business of our annual meeting. Stories are how we create bonds with each other and with a place. They are how we learn to understand the past, navigate the present, and prepare for the future.

The times in this hybrid Agenda below are approximate in order to provide the space for meaningful storytelling - with a few formal motions for the sake of our annual Society report.

Time	Activity	Lead
10:00	Welcome to our storytelling AGM!	Abra Brynne
10:05	Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance	Shayna Jones
10:15	President's Report story	Patrick Steiner
10:25	AGM 2020 Minutes - review & adopt the story of our 2020 meeting (Motion)	Abra Brynne
10:35	Annual Report: the story of our last year	Abra Brynne
10:50	Financial Report: the story of how we paid for what we did (Motion)	Abra Brynne
11:00	Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance	Shayna Jones
11:10	What's on the path ahead: planning for 2021 and beyond	Abra Brynne
11:20	Welcoming new members (Motion)	Abra Brynne
11:30	Traditional Oral Storytelling Performance	Shayna Jones
11:40	Reflecting on the year past and future plans: breakout group stories by participants	All
11:55	Closing	Patrick Steiner