



Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest
Annual General Meeting (#21)
Tuesday, November 15, 2022
Virtual meeting by Zoom

Called to order at 7:04 pm

In Attendance: BOD

- Robin Cunningham
- Debby Barsi
- Murray Woods
- Frank Knaapen
- John Pineau
- Rhys Hoffman
- Cynthia Wolfgram
- Liz Cobb
- Kerry McLaven

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- Richard Wilson
- Michel Huout
- Christina Blaskacitch
- Joan Doubt
- Stuart Craig
- Ashley MacRae
- Eric Leger
- Sionaid Eggett
- (a few others not recorded)

Directors Absent - Wayne Reid, Peter Arbour, Cash Allard, Jolene Meloche, Brittany Bechard

Welcome – Robin

Slate of current Board of Directors shared.

Nomination of 2022-23 Board of Directors

CURRENT BOARD:

Robin Cunningham, President/Chair

Frank Knaapen, Vice-President

Peter Arbour, Treasurer

Murray Woods, Secretary

John Pineau, Communications and Events

Cash Allard

Wayne Reid

Cynthia Wolfgram

Rhys Hoffman

Debby Barsi

Review Minutes of AGM

Robin shared the minutes of the Minutes of the last AGM on December 9, 2021
Moved by John, seconded by Murray, minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report – Robin

Total Expenses	\$11,343.43
Total income	\$10,645.00
Started January 2022	\$18,245.41
Balance as of Nov 15, 2022	\$17,546.98
Difference in bank balance = Net loss for 2022	\$698.43

Treasurer's report will be posted on the website.

Moved by Murray, seconded by John, Treasurer's Report accepted.

Presidents' Report – Robin

- Board of Directors held four meetings this year
- Lots of trail work done at the PRF, led by Frank and other volunteers.
- Thanks to John Pineau for coordinating Batesville Tree Plant – our major fundraiser.

- We supported efforts of
 - CIF National Forestry week
 - CIF Teachers Tour
 - U of T Forestry Tour
 - DND Tour
 - Nipissing University Tour
- **Other Activities**
 - Bird Hike with PAFN – Christian Reault – May 28
 - White Pine Silviculture hike (with OWA) led by Frank Knaapen) – Oct 15
- **Arboretum**
 - Two new species were planted: totals 185 trees planted of 85 species
 - Tree Identification with several Algonquin College Classes
 - Thanks to Kyle Harbin for mowing.
- **Media** – updated website, Facebook site
 - Newsletter produced – Thanks John Pineau
- **Thanks to all who helped out:**
 - Executive, BOD, students, PRF staff, donors, Algonquin College Pembroke

We are looking forward to another productive year!

Trails Update – Frank Knaapen

Frank provided some pictures of the work completed at PRF this past year.

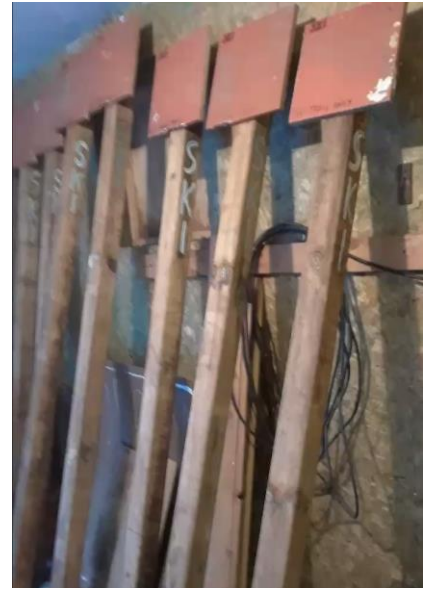
- Snowshoe and ski trails are being brushed and cleared, some corduroy made over wet spots, and work is continuing
- Posts have been purchased and signs made for intersections; they are being installed.
- New trail markers have been made and are being installed—red on snowshoe trails, blue on ski trails.
- Road network will be checked, and mailboxes will be set up.
- We will be purchasing a chain saw and brush saw for trails work.



- We purchased 400 red metal tags for the snowshoe trail



- Trail intersection signs are ready to go up



- Corduroy work

- **Thanks to Frank and his team for all their work.**

Dissolving of Board and Elections for 2023 BOD

- Current 10 members are willing to stay on for 2023
- Floor was opened for additional people to join the BOD
 - Sionaid Eggett
 - Christina Blaskavitch
- Motion - Robin to accept the 10 + Sionaid Eggett & Christina Blaskavitch for a total of 12 members of the 2023 BOD. Seconded Frank

Algonquin College Students – Ashley MacRae & Eric Leger also participated in the AGM tonight to check if they would be interested in participating

Other Business:

- Look at adding SWAG on the FPRF website
- **Welcome to new members & volunteers**

Presentations:

Liz Cobb, PRF Operations Manager – Presentation PRF Activities and Update

- Adaptive Silviculture for Climate Change (ASCC) project and other research
- Harvest, silviculture, roads, etc. operations 2021
- Knowledge exchange

Kerry McLaren – CEO Forest Gene Conservation Association “Creating Resilient Forests”

Mission: To ensure that genetic diversity is recognized and protected as the foundation of a resilient forested landscape



Motion to Adjourn – Frank

Adjourn 9:09pm