

Evergreen Spring 2018

Ole West (1947 - 2018)

When I volunteered to become the newsletter editor, I did not think that in my first issue I would be writing a tribute to Ole West. I was looking forward to working with him on the board as many had the pleasure to do in the past. Ole was the membership director for the Evergreens and was exceptional in his ability to make people feel welcome.

Ole gave every new member their capsule of medical information. If you joined after Ole became the membership director, he probably told you that this was your "Life Raft". Of course, it came with a caution to be sure to exit the bus before opening. Ole's sense of humour and positive attitude has kept us all smiling. Ole's son told me about how much his father loved the Evergreen club, and how much he looked forward to every outing. On each outing Ole connected with his friends and made new ones.

Ole you were our little life raft of friendship, humour and welcome. We will all miss you. We hope you are hiking and skiing (waxless, of course) somewhere out there. You will be in our hearts when we are on the trails.



(Ole, second from the right, with a few Evergreen hikers.)

Annual General Meeting – April 5, 2018 Rosemont Community Hall

Walkers met at ten o'clock to take advantage of beautiful Confederation Park and Golf Course. One group headed east for a cemetery tour, while two groups headed west for the golf course. The morning was pleasant enough relative to the quality of our 2018 spring weather. That meant an inside lunch!

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 and a summary of the meeting appears later in the newsletter. The final motion for the day was to approve the new board and the following were affirmed. Thanks to the outgoing board member and congratulations to the incoming Evergreen Board.

2018 Board of Directors

John Boyd –Past President

Jane Fraser – President

Craig Barnstable - Vice President

Bob Perkins – Treasurer

Jennifer Aikenhead – Secretary

Lynn Whittingham - Membership

Eric Leavitt - Website

Hugh Powell - Winter Activities

Peter Fisher - Summer Hike

Greg McKenzie – Summer
Transportation

Gary Kerr - Winter Transportation

Carol Morris- In Town Hike

Stefa Fassina - Social Coordinator

Joan McLean - Newsletter Editor

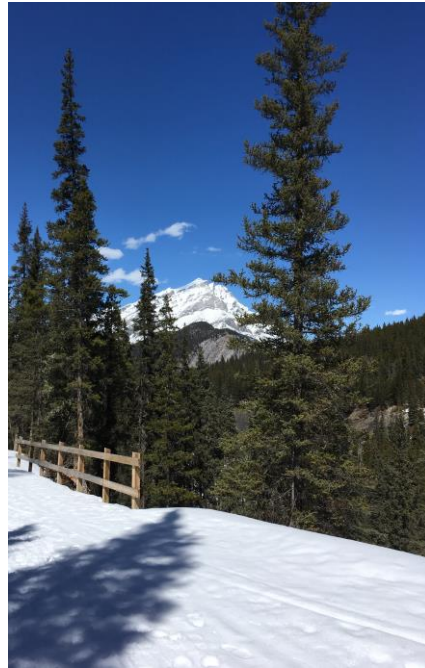
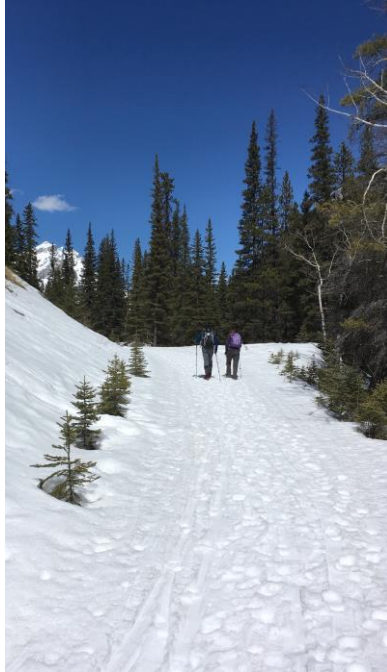
Sheila Perkins- Sunshine Person

Elsie Boutillier - Telephone Coordinator



**President Jane Fraser and Vice President Craig Barnstable
on the bus**

Spring Hike #1



While the pictures do not exactly scream, “Spring!” we all enjoyed a blue sky day in the peaceful Banff area. The Sulphur mountain hikers said their day was “Beautiful.” The Tunnel Mountain group started and ended at the Bus Depot and enjoyed the great views. I hiked with the Spray Lake Loop group. It was snowy and crisp on the way out and warm on the return. There was a fourth group that hiked Sundance Canyon; doesn’t that sound glorious? Greg McKenzie gave an orientation on the new coach that was both informative and entertaining. Thanks Greg for keeping our safety and comfort in mind. Thanks to Peter Kubica for leading a great start to the 2018 hiking schedule. Also, thanks to John Boyd for sending out the Summer Hike Schedule.



Welcome New Members

Three new Evergreens have joined since the last newsletter. Welcome Joan Reinhardt, Colin Johnston and Marilyn Hardie. While we will get to know them better on the bus and on the trails, here is a little bit about each of them to get us started.

Joan wrote:

I am originally from Bath, England. Besides hiking and snowshoeing I enjoy gardening, golfing, bowling and walking with friends every morning. I learned about the Club from Joan Smith and my neighbor Andrea Zahn who kindly invited me to snowshoe as her guest. Now that I'm a member, I look forward to many happy Thursdays, either hiking or snowshoeing and meeting new friends.

Marilyn wrote:

I am an Albertan, married with two sons and two grand daughters, all of whom live in Calgary. I worked with the school board for 23 years working with Special Needs students. Since retiring, I volunteer helping new readers at a school. My brother and I took up hiking thirty years ago. Over the years, I've hiked regularly with friends and clubs. I lost interest about five years ago until we moved into our condo across the hall from Barb Brunton. She introduced me to the Evergreens and I haven't looked back. (Thanks Barb).

Colin wrote:

I came to Calgary from Ireland in 1967 at age 27 to take a junior professor position in civil engineering at the U of C having been attracted by the mountain environment and the prospect of skiing. I joined the volunteer ski patrol at Lake Louise in 1968 and later instructed in patrol first aid and avalanche rescue training courses. From 1985 until retirement in 1997 I became involved in avalanche research at the university in collaboration with Parks Canada and the heliskiing industry. On retirement I joined the Norseman Ski Club and the Seniors Alpine Ski Club and am delighted to join the Evergreens to enable participation in organized hiking as well as skiing with less driving.

New Editor's Message

Well, as the new editor, I would like to invite everyone to feel free to make suggestions of new ideas, write articles, send pictures, sketches, poems or participate in any way. I am hoping in future articles to highlight some of the adventures in your lives such as special anniversaries or birthdays.

Writers...feel free to offer write ups about trails that you go on during the season. I hope you will enjoy the newsletter and your input will hopefully make everyone read to "The Last Word".

Joan McLean
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AGM 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 by John Boyd. Following the preliminaries and with no new business arising from the minutes the first item on the agenda was the Motion for a Special Resolution to repeal the current bylaws and replace them with the updates bylaws. An amendment was added to this motion to reduce quorum to 25% of the membership. After discussion, the amendment was defeated, but a second amendment was introduced to reduce quorum to 40% of the membership. This passed, followed by acceptance of the Special Resolution. These changed will now be filed with Alberta Registries. The existing objective of the club was changed by Special Resolution to the one listed on the final page of this newsletter. A final motion in this category was to adopt the revised Policies and Handbook presented by John Boyd on behalf of Gary Kerr. This was also carried.

The treasurers' report was presented as Audited by Hugh Powell and Barb Brunton. The good ridership and well attended social events contributed to positive finances. Hugh Powell and Betty Whiteman were accepted as auditors for 2018-2019.

A summary of membership was presented by Greg McKenzie on behalf of Ole West.

Current Membership -

120 full members, 41 Associate Members

2017-2018. 14 members joined the club and 14 resigned.

The trips completed by members was 2323, 17 less than last year.

Chart was on display for members to review last Years outings.

Complimentary Passes

- a. Doreen Pawson – 38 outings received 3 complimentary bus passes.
- b. Greg McKenzie- 37 outings received 2 passes.
- c. Art Johnson – 35 outings received 1 pass.

Summer Transportation Director Report was given by Greg McKenzie. His report highlighted a bus hiking season not free of bus issues and affected by a busy season in the National Parks. The bus issues have been resolved with the assignment of a new type of bus that is better suited to gravel roads. Greg reminded members of the rules for days when the bus is oversubscribed. These rules have been carefully followed for four years, and work best when volunteers offer to be bumped or riders that have to cancel let the bus coordinator know their seat is not needed. Carpools were used and ideas for better communication with those vehicles are being implemented. We have a guest list of 28 people who are invited to join a trip when it appears space will be available. Greg also acknowledged his two subs John Morck and Glen Schultz.

Greg continued with a report from the Winter Transportation Director Gary Kerr. Gary's report noted a few fewer outings due to a few cancelled trips. Overall, the trips were well attended with 601 passengers on 13 trips.

Summer Hiking Director Report was presented by Peter Fisher. There were 29 trips 2017, 3 long trips to Drumheller, Waterton Lakes and Emerald Lake. Peter thanked the day trip leaders. (2018 hiking schedule was shared.)

Hugh Powell presented the Winter Activity Director report. There were 19 Thursdays from 30th November 2017 until this AGM. Hugh thanked all the members who stepped up and volunteered. There were 5 trips cancelled, basically due to very cold weather forecast or forecast for heavy snow and/or icy rain. Then some of those people who had volunteered for those days agreed to fill in as lead on a later trip.

As Web Administrator, Eric Leavitt updated those in attendance on the development of our new website. After careful consideration by many, the current offering was not deemed adequate and so a web developer has been chosen from three bids. (CCF Development/Curtis Fraser). This will be a WordPress site. The current site will be used until the new site is ready in two or three months time.

Social Directors, Cheryl and Glen Campbell highlighted the success of the July BBQ at William Watson Lodge and the November Christmas Luncheon at Heritage Park which were both well attended. The BBQ generated \$722.76 in profit which was used to subsidize the Christmas Luncheon where 25 years of Evergreen was celebrated. Thursday, July 12, 2018 will be the BBQ and November 22, 2018 will be the Christmas Luncheon. Cheryl and Glenn are retiring this year. Mary Kelly is also retiring as coordinator. Stefa Fassina will be our new Social Director for 2018.

Murray Lees reported on the 4 in town hikes. Lorrie Beattie's Book 'Calgary's Best Walks' is used as reference. \$180 was contributed to the bus cost. Carol Morris will be taking over as In-Town Hike Director.

Attendance: 37 people July 20th to Nose Hill
 25 people Aug 17th to Glenmore Park-North Side.
 32 people Sept 7th to Twelve Mile Coulee.
 10 people Sep21st to Glenmore Park South Side.

John Boyd reported that three newsletters were published in 2017-2018. Joan McLean is taking over the position of Editor.

Phone Coordinators Report was given by Elsie Boutillier. She thanked Val Scholefield and Anne Lyon as back up phoners. She also thanked Art Johnson for his helpful trip synopses, which helped members to make safe choices in their hike selection.

The Sunshine report was given by Jennifer Aikenhead for Sheila Perkins. Sheila is looking for a quieter time once the ice is gone. Twenty four cards were sent this year. June Sobon will fill in when Sheila is away, but otherwise Sheila will continue as our Sunshine Girl.

President's Report

John Boyd (Reprinted here in its entirety.)

Thanks to all directors, volunteers and members for a successful year. Our bus coordinators, Greg McKenzie and Gary Kerr had some problems with Universal, our new bus company and we lost one trip due to a stalled bus, but things are much better now, probably helped by a meeting of Evergreen and other clubs at the Universal office with its manager from Richmond B.C.

Peter Fisher's hiking schedule worked out well and he met with some of the experienced day leaders at Jane Fraser's house in January to help plan this summer's hikes. Thanks to Jane for organizing it.

Hugh Powell had to go with the weather and snow conditions each week and we had a good winter season, only having to cancel a few times for weather or not enough bus riders.

Our average bus ridership did increase which made Treasurer Bob Perkins very happy because it greatly helps the Club's finances. Secretary Jennifer Aikenhead managed to write up our directors' meetings as if they had gone very smoothly.

Membership Director Ole West brought in many new members and set up a new system for quickly moving associates back to full membership when they met the 12outing requirement

Cheryl and Glen Campbell and Mary Kelly organized a very successful summer barbecue and fall luncheon, with the help of many volunteers –as well as hosting this meeting and organizing coffee, tea and goodies.

We had our 25th anniversary in November of last year and a slide show narrated by Art Johnson, organized by Bernie Nemeth, Joyce Morrison and Anne Lyon was the entertainment. For our anniversary, we also wanted to make a donation that would help the hiking community, so we donated \$1,000 to the Friends of Kananaskis for interpretive signage on the Grassi Lake trail, with the Evergreen name on the sign. Website Director Eric Leavitt had a busy year, moving to a new website this month and organizing a committee to work with Curtis Fraser who has been contacted to develop the Evergreen's own website, hopefully ready for us by this summer.

Gary Kerr volunteered to review the bylaws and policies and the board reviewed these at its March meeting and voted to have a special resolution at the AGM to repeal the existing bylaws and replace them with the new ones.

Sheila Perkins sends out sunshine cards, with pictures donated by Dave Pawson and Francis Chapman and these are very much appreciated. There have been a few mishaps on the trail and the response and quick thinking of the evergreens who aided the injured were very impressive.

Thanks to Elsie Boutilier for telephoning, Murray Lees for in-town hikes, Art Johnson and Cheryl Whitehead for Saskatchewan Nordic Ski Club training sessions.

(*Editor's Note: As incoming editor and relative newcomer to the club, I must say how impressive is the amount of work the board and the volunteers of this club have put in to make sure for a smooth running of all aspects of the club. From reviewing the bylaws to boarding the bus to enjoying the outdoors, congratulations and thank you from all of us.)

“The Last Word” for Spring 2018...

Club Objective: To Provide seniors of age 55 and over with the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities throughout the year.

Like, fun sliding at Confederation Park...



Or, fun at Horse Thief Canyon!