

1. Meeting called to order at 12:30 by Jane Fraser
2. Quorum established by Chair
3. Motion to accept the agenda
 - a. Moved by: Glen Campbell
 - b. Seconded by: Elsie Boutillier
 - c. Carried
4. Motion to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2018 AGM
 - a. Moved by: John Boyd
 - b. Seconded by: Carol Morris
 - c. Carried
5. No business arising from AGM minutes
6. Introduction of the Board and volunteers
 - a. Jane Fraser –President
 - b. John Boyd – Past President
 - c. Craig Barnstable – Vice President
 - d. Bob Perkins (absent) – Treasurer
 - e. Jennifer Aikenhead – Secretary
 - f. Lynn Whittingham -- Membership Director
 - g. Eric Leavitt -- Website Director
 - h. Hugh Powell – Winter Activities Director
 - i. Peter Fisher (absent) /Barb Brunton – Summer Hike Director
 - j. Greg McKenzie (absent) -- Summer Transportation Director
 - k. Gary Kerr (absent) -- Winter Transportation Director
 - l. Stefa Fassina – Social Director
 - m. Carol Morris – In-town Hikes Coordinator
 - n. Joan McLean -- Newsletter editor
 - o. Sheila Perkins (absent) -- Sunshine Person
 - p. Elsie Boutillier -- Telephone Coordinator

Reports

7. Treasurers Report for March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019 – Treasurer Bob Perkins, presented by Hugh Powell

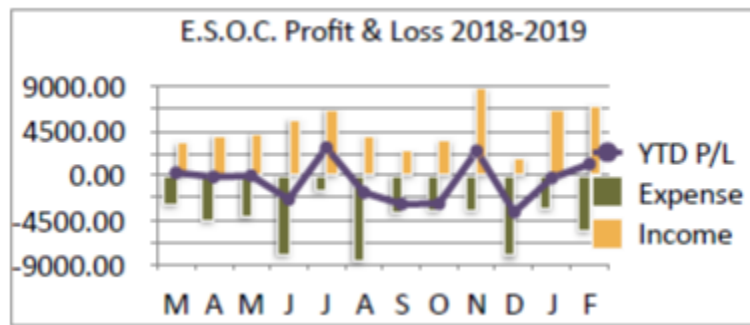
Financial Results

We have had a pretty good year so far as the Finances of the club are concerned. We expected to reduce the equity of the Club somewhat this year. In fact we did reduce it but to a lesser extent than anticipated.

The balance sheet shows the equity of the club at financial year end was \$14,875.68 this represents a decrease of \$318 or 2% over the prior year.

The cash flow report shows we started the year with a bank balance of \$19,337 and ended the year with \$20,506 or an increase of \$1,169. As usual this is somewhat misleading due to entry of some items (bus costs, member

fees) outside of the financial year. The change in equity more correctly shows the position of the club.



There are several items to note that affected our results this year:

1. We filled fewer seats on the bus than we did in the previous year. We had an average ridership of 50.0 for the current year compared to 51.9 in the prior year. This represents a decrease of \$44 per trip or \$1,936 per year.
2. We compensated for the reduced ridership by increasing the bus fares by \$2 in October.
3. Our bus costs have increased compared to previous years and will continue to do so (see notes on Bus Operations).
4. Membership revenue increased due to our having been successful in adding new members during the year.
5. An extraordinary expense of \$2,808 was incurred to produce the new website for the Club.

The detailed numbers are shown in the copies of the balance sheet and expense & income report attached to this report.

Summary

As usual for discussion purposes I have chosen to divide our finances into three areas, each of which we would like to be self-supporting. I am happy to report this was the case for the current year.

Bus Operations

Bus operations are by far the largest expense incurred by the Club.

In the financial year we completed 44 trips. Our total payment to bus companies was \$46,658 (previous year \$41,590 for 40 trips).

We completed our second year with Universal Coach Lines without any difficulties. That completes our initial contract with them and we have agreed to a further two year contract. The new contract imposes a rate increase of 3% for both this year and the next.

The rate increase means the break-even point in the summer season will be 49 occupied seats. In the winter it will be 48. This assumes a bus fare of \$22 and no fuel surcharge imposed.

For most of the year we have managed to keep the bus fare at \$20, however, in October, in response to a number of poor attendance weeks, the Board decided to impose an increase to \$22. This has meant we essentially broke-even over the year.

Our overall loss was \$33.06 or, put another way, \$0.02 per person per trip. The previous year showed a gain of \$1,635 or \$0.79 per person per trip.

The attached bus costs report reflects the actual trips made during the financial year. The number of persons shown per trip includes "no shows". It does not match the balance sheet due to the late billing/payment cycle, which affects February costs.

It is the recommendation of the Treasurer we charge a bus fare of \$20 (subject to the \$5 surcharge for longer trips) effective immediately following the AGM. We will monitor progress during the year and impose an increase if and when deemed necessary.

General Expenses

Our general expenses represent all expenses of the Club excluding bus operations and social events. This includes insurance, donations, AGM expenses, Membership director's expenses, Treasurer's expenses, web site costs etc. these expenses are covered by our membership dues.

This year we showed a loss (after adjustment for pre-paid fees) of \$372 (last year a surplus of \$643) the reduction is due to the expenses incurred in order to create the new website for the club.

Social Events

The two social events (the BBQ and the Fall Luncheon) are normally approximately self-funding. We generally make a profit from the BBQ and then make a loss at the Fall Lunch. Add the two together and we normally show a small surplus. Once again that is exactly what happened.

Overall we showed a surplus of \$427 (last year \$278).

Auditors

I want to express my thanks to the auditors who diligently checked the books and the year end financial reports for us this year.

– Hugh Powell and Betty Weightman.

Hugh and Betty have kindly volunteered to be the auditors again in 2020.

The complete set of financial statements is available on the website

Treasurer

I would like to offer my services as Treasurer for the 2019 – 2020 year.

Motion to accept treasurer report for 2018-2019 Fiscal year

- a. Moved by: Liz Hryciw
- b. Seconded by: Keith Bagnall
- c. Carried

Motion to appoint Hugh Powell & Betty Weightman as auditors for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

- a. Moved by: Elsie Boutillier
- b. Seconded by: Liz Hryciw
- c. Carried

9. Membership Director -- Lynn Whittingham

On March 1, 2019, there were 127 Full members and 34 Associate members for a total of 161 members in the Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club. This total is the same as last year.

During the year, 21 new members joined the club, 18 Full members became Associates, 10 Associates became Full members, 19 left the club and 2 passed away.

We completed 2601 outings in the club year which is more than the previous club year. Only 6 trips were cancelled.

In the club year, we added membership information to our new website and developed new business cards, membership cards, nametags, medical information/emergency contacts slips and offered discount shopping for members at a number of outdoor stores.

If you have not done so already, please check the chart on the side table to see the total number of outings you completed last year.

We award complimentary bus passes to 3 members with the highest number of outings through the year. I would like the following members to please come forward:

Al Millar	41 outings	3 passes
Gary Kerr/Eric Leavitt	39 outings	2 passes

It is a pleasure to acknowledge Art Johnston who has been a member of the Evergreens for 25 years.

Ticks and thieves are out.

10. Summer Transportation Director – Greg McKenzie, presented by Jane Fraser

Overall, summer transportation has gone well. In total there were 30 charter bus trips. The first trip of the year was April 12 to Sulphur Mtn. and Banff Townsite. The last trip was Oct 25 to Bull Creek/Grass Pass. Two hikes (Burstall Pass, Sunshine Meadows) were cancelled due to severe smoke conditions from forest fires. The Sept 13 hike was cancelled due to low attendance with miserable weather - remember the extraordinary September snow storm?

Universal Coach Lines was our carrier again this year. Our new coach arrived. It does seem to be an improvement over other coaches. We have had thoroughly reliable service on every trip. Not a single issue.

Again this year, city hikes were a part of the hiking schedule with a city hike scheduled to coincide with each of the long hikes. The overall summer schedule got shuffled due to circumstances resulting in the longer hikes being all within a short time frame meaning the city hikes too were compressed mostly into July.

Early departures occurred for a few trips. No one was left behind that we know of.

Despite Canada 150 being over, the National Parks were very busy. This meant some stressful times especially at Lake Louise area for drop-off and pick-up and where to park the bus.

We had a website change. This was partly to allow us to again have a lottery system for bumping people to the car pool. 8 trips required bumping, down from the 15 of the previous year but typical of most years. We had 28 full members bumped this year, down from the 68 of a year ago. This does not include the many guests and associate members who were also bumped - some many times. Most people understand that if they are bumped it's done fairly and won't be bumped again. Once again some of you volunteered to drive. Thank you very much Eric, Phyllis, Nardi, Betty, Glenn and Sandra who volunteered twice. Thanks to all who contacted me when you had to cancel. It sure helped me let a happy person know they weren't bumped after all.

A guest list was maintained again this year (thank you Erlinda for the idea). If attendance looks to be light, we send out an invitation to former guests to invite them to join us. This often leads to a couple of people joining us which helps keep the bus full.

Again this year, I've valued the assistance of John Morck and Glenn Schultz filling in for me when I've been away. Thank you both! Of John, I'd also add that he has brought his project manager skills to the fore and written up a comprehensive guide for Bus Director duties. When Gary Kerr and or are replaced, there is a beautiful document to guide a person new to the roll.

The \$20 fee was wonderful for the Bus Coordinator all summer. It really helps speed up getting onto the bus. It is also so much easier to count and get to the Treasurer before the bus gets back to the parking lot. Poor Winter Bus Director - had to collect \$22 again. Good thing most of you have been providing \$20 bill and a twoonie.

Apart from the above, there have been few complaints and people are very cooperative and understanding of particular situations that can arise unexpectedly due to weather or when their lottery number comes up.

11. Winter transportation Director – Gary Kerr, presented by Jane Fraser

The winter season overall went well considering a slow start due to late snow conditions and milder weather in December and early January. But by mid-January there was very cold weather and the snow in February and early March got us going and we even had to car pool a couple of times. Early in the season we had to rely on Lake Louise for winter conditions but when the snow arrived in Kananaskis we were able to get to the variety we are used to in our winter season. We had more outings than last year and we were generally full or close to the capacity later in the season. Two bus trips were cancelled due to low registrations during the holiday season and one the last week of March.

By the numbers, we had 22 weeks in the season, November 1st to March 28th, during which we had 18 bus trips and approximately 900 passengers for an average of 50.

This was my first season using new website which has become a very useful tool to provide information and manage registrations and with continual improvement will be an asset for the club for years to come.

It was quite noticeable this winter we had new members joining the club that are keen to participate in winter activities and it has been great to see those folks joining us and enjoying the mountains in the winter! All of our trips this season were enjoyed by all who participated - or as Mary would say "best day ever".

Thanks to all those members who step up and help to lead and organize winter activities, it is not an easy task. And finally, a big thanks to Ray in navigating the bus through challenging winter conditions to get us to our destinations and home safely.

Enjoy the hiking season! Cheers - until next winter.

12. Summer Hiking Director -- Barb Brunton

2018 summer hiking season was challenging again with several smoky days impacting the schedule, but we still had many great hikes in varied locations.

29 Bus hikes were scheduled between April 12 and October 25; four were cancelled due to smoke or other weather conditions and two had destinations changed.

Four new day-leaders were recruited for the 2018 hiking season: Margaret Duddy, Jane Heward, Chris Spence and Steve Whittingham. For the 2019 season three more new day-leaders have volunteered: Jill Johnston, John McLean and Nardi Meden. Day leaders are important to providing a great hiking experience for all members, so thanks to these new people and to the much-appreciated day-leaders from prior years for leading our summer hikes.

The new website has provided the ability to store information on our many hiking locations in a way that can be called up to create schedules in future years. There is more information available on each hiking option that members can access by clicking on the hike they are interested in on any week, such as description of the hike, reference materials and trail head location.

The 2019 summer hike schedule has been developed, incorporating hiking suggestions from members and expertise of people representing various hiking levels: Eric Leavitt, Greg McKenzie, Jane Heward, Art Johnson and Carol Morris. All hikes, even the ones with long travel times, will all have the same departure times: 8:00 from Rosemont and 8:15 from Montgomery. The schedule is available on the website.

Day-leaders have volunteered for most of the 2019 hiking dates, but there is still a need for day-leaders for several of the dates – a sign-up sheet is available today; please sign up for one or more dates.

13. Winter Activities Director -- Hugh Powell

We had 22 outings planned and a total of 4 cancellations (2 over Christmas, 1 in February for weather and 1 in March for low registration).

Thank you to the 16 day leaders who lead our winter outings with a special thanks to those who volunteered to lead multiple times.

The responsibilities of a day leader are quite simple. You need to confirm you have the same number of bus passengers for the trip out and the return. Set the drop-off and pick-up locations and times and assign hike leaders.

We were unable to use William Watson Lodge a few times because of other bookings. There was also a problem with the washrooms not working properly for one of our outings. We may have difficulties booking the lodge this summer because of the renovations which is more of a concern during the winter season when we need a location to warm up.

Thanks to everyone who registered for outings and please continue to register frequently.

14. Website Director Report -- Eric Leavitt

Currently the website is functionally well. A few adjustments have been made to make it easier to use. The amount of support required to assist members has been very minimal, normally it is limited to password support.

Members are encouraged to keep their contact information updated, including their park pass information.

If you have any suggestions for improvements to the web site please pass them on to Eric.

15. Social Coordinator Report – Stefa Fassina

As expected William Watson Lodge is not available for our summer BBQ. Jennifer Aikenhead and I have investigated a number of venues. The most financially attractive options were presented to the Board which almost unanimously voted for Boundary Ranch in the Kananaskis. The BBQ will be held on Thursday, July 18. Unfortunately there will be an increased cost as we won't be catering it ourselves. Ticket price will be \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Boundary Ranch can accommodate up to 250 people which will allow more people to participate.

The fall luncheon survey results strongly favoured staying with the Wainwright Hotel at Heritage Park.

16. Summer In-Town Hikes – Carol Morris

There were 5 in-town hikes this summer when the bus hikes were over 5 hours. \$237.75 was contributed to bus costs. A donation of \$2 was suggested when this alternative to bus hikes started about 6 years ago.

Attendance:

- 20 people May 17 to South Glenmore Park
- 22 people July 19 to Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
- 23 people Aug. 2 to West Nose Creek
- 40 people Aug. 9 to Bowness Park
- 23 people Sept. 6 Bow River Pathway

Many thanks to Murray Lees who led the August hikes when I was unavailable.

For this summer we are aiming to have the in-town hikes correlate to days when the bus returns after 6 p.m. There will be a trial of some Tuesday in-town hikes so do check dates on the website.

17. Newsletter Editor -- Joan McLean

Three newsletters completed. Thanks to all the contributors of articles, introductions and pictures. Happy to continue as editor. Thank you to John Boyd for helping Joan get started.

18. Phone Coordinators Report – Elsie Boutillier

At present we have six club members who do not have computers and require assistance to sign-up for outings and social activities. They also need to be updated regarding any club notifications sent out via email. I would like to thank Jerry Stride and Murray Lees who assist me in ensuring these club members have the same opportunities as those who have computers. I also wish to thank Eric Leavitt who has assisted me in working out computer glitches in our newest website to ensure sign-ups are accurately recorded. I will continue to fill the role of phone coordinator for this next year.

19. Sunshine Person Report – Sheila Perkins presented by Carol Morris

Again a huge thank you to both Frances Chapman and Dave Pawson for keeping me well supplied with cards (I do enjoy looking at them before sending them out).

19 cards were sent out to various members. Sadly, three of them were sympathy cards (Ole West, Roy Weatherley and Gorham Hussey). Last year 24 cards went out so please keep up the “stay healthy” and “avoid any broken bones” trend and maybe next year we can further reduce the number of cards needed.

I appreciate the phone calls, emails etc. that keep me informed about members needing cards and I apologize if I missed anyone this year.

Bob does a great job of sending out emails for me so that those who are not frequently on the bus can stay in touch.

Should anyone want to be a Sunshine Girl just let me know, otherwise I am quite happy to continue with the job.

So please everyone behave yourselves and make my job really easy no cards required!

20. President’s Report – Jane Fraser

You've heard from all of our directors and coordinators so now you know what a terrific job they did this year. I won't repeat their accomplishments but I would like to thank all of them for making my job pretty easy.

I just have a few noteworthy items to add:

First was the sudden and untimely passing of our membership director Ole West. Ole was a long-time member of our club who worked hard for us and will always be remembered for his big smile and positive outlook.

Lynn Whittingham stepped up and volunteered to take over the position of membership director, which was a big help to me and the club. With no advance warning, she did a terrific job. Thank you, Lynn!

Another noteworthy item was the implementation of our new website. Thanks to Eric Leavitt, his website team, and CCF Development, we now have an easy to use website that holds so much valuable information. You've heard from other Directors who found the website very helpful on planning trips and storing information. It also allows for the posting of the board minutes as well as the newsletter. Note, any members who do not have access to the website have the newsletters mailed directly to them.

One thing we recently added is a link to the Alberta Hiking Association as we are now a member of it. The AHA website lists our club with some information about us, making it more visible to future members and guests, who are the future of our club.

And we're not finished yet as the website can continue to evolve and I know Eric has a few enhancements in mind.

Our Treasurer, Bob Perkins, has kept our finances in order and we're in great shape! So much so that we have decided to reduce the equity of our club to be more in line with that of a non-profit organization. So Bob has recommended to the Board to reduce our bus fare, which the Board has approved. Effective immediately, the bus fare will go back to \$20 (still \$25 for longer trips).

The bussing ran smoothly this year with no transportation problems which was great compared to last year. We also had a very dependable driver, Ray, for most of the year.

Our summer hike schedule went smoothly with only a few exceptions caused mainly due to the weather. And our winter schedule was also successful with only a few cancelled trips. Our final winter trip ran with a 100% full bus!

Our events were again well organized and well attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at them.

Our membership is strong with 128 full members and 33 associate members for a total of 161 members. Over the past year we have added a number of new members, constantly rejuvenating the club. Our policy of requiring 12 outings (which includes a minimum of 6 bus trips plus in-town hikes and events such as the AGM) keeps our members motivated and ACTIVE which is great! By keeping active and completing your 12 outings gives you priority on the bus and you get to know people better. It also helps fill the bus!

If anyone wants to know how the seats are assigned on the bus (i.e. the order of priority) there is a new document on the website under “Members” “Club Documents” which outlines our policy.

So thank you, once again, to our hard working Board members and all of the many volunteers who make this club as successful as it is. Couldn't do it without all this commitment and help!

21. Jane recognized the following Board members who are stepping down:

- John Boyd, Past President
- Jennifer Aikenhead, Secretary, staying on as Co-Social Coordinator
- Peter Fisher, Co-Director Summer Hikes

22. 2019 Nominations for Board of Directors and Volunteers

Nominees:

- Jane Fraser – Past President
- Craig Barnstable – President
- John McLean -- Vice President
- Bob Perkins – Treasurer
- Stefa Fassina -- Secretary
- Lynn Whittingham -- Membership Director
- Eric Leavitt -- Website Director
- Hugh Powell – Winter Activities Director
- Barb Brunton – Summer Hike Director
- Greg McKenzie -- Summer Transportation Director
- Gary Kerr -- Winter Transportation Director
- Stefa Fassina/Jennifer Aikenhead – Social Director
- Carol Morris -- In town Hikes Coordinator
- Joan McLean -- Newsletter Coordinator
- Sheila Perkins -- Sunshine Person
- Elsie Boutillier -- Telephone Coordinator

No additional nominees from the floor.

The above Board members were affirmed unanimously.

23. Jane Fraser thanked all volunteers and Board Members who help club function. Their help and participation is very much appreciated and makes for a great club.

24. New Business

Question from the floor regarding the summer BBQ which will be held on Thursday, July 18. The cost will be \$25 for members and \$30 for guests.

Elsie Boutillier will be placing an order for Evergreen crests. The cost of the crest will be between \$5-10 depending on the number ordered. This expenditure is not club funded.

Hugh Powell has planned a summer out-of-town trip to Mistaya Lodge. This is an opportunity to hike in a new area. This trip does not count against your 12 outing requirement. The trip is scheduled for the end of August and currently has 2 spots available. The final payment is due at the beginning of May. If you are interested in planning next year's out-of-town trip contact Hugh Powell. Ideally the trip needs to be booked by September 2019.

Ed Fedesoff will lead an interpretive hike on April 18th to Glenbow Ranch. Meet at 10:00AM in the parking lot. Note April 18 is a scheduled clean-up day. The April 18 and 25 hikes are both car pool events, no bus transportation has been scheduled.

25. Craig Barnstable thanked Jane Fraser for her hard work. Dorothy Lloyd thanked the Board.

26. Meeting adjourned at 1:45