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# ALBERTA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL (AISC) 2024 AGM MINUTES

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March 20, 2024

## 2024 AGM Agenda:

- No amendments

## 2023 AGM Minutes:

- No amendments

## 2023 Chair Report:

- Sebastian referred to the four board meetings held throughout the year.
- Delivered 76 releases with the Biocontrol Release Program.
- Also hired two new staff, new AIS Technician and new Terrestrial Technician.
- Looking to the continuation of building policies for AISC and securing additional funding sources.

## 2023 Financial Report:

- Statement of change in assets.
- Increase grants led to increased expenditures.
- Excess – surplus, 77K for 2023
- Sonya Raven seconded Ian McDonald to accept audited finances
- Appt of auditors for 2023: Two members Rick Niwa, second Carla Preachuk
- Kelly Cooley appointed unanimous carried
- Two auditors for 2024
  - Nicole Kimmel nominated Ian MacLeod, Carla Preachuk nominated Cody McIntosh
  - Motion - Atty Bresler Doug Macauley Seconder Carried
- Sonya Raven motion, 2nd Quinten Beaumont that the ED recommend auditors to the board.
- Motion to adopt 2024 budget as presented Laura Polie Doug Macauley 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Carried

## **2023 Operations and Communications Report:**

- Paige presents what they did over the year – see Year in Review 2023 poster.
- Meagan five minutes to highlight a year's work
  - thanks to rural municipalities as partners
  - lots of members and partners for 2024 already
  - review continues for factsheets, 2 new created for goldfish and crayfish
  - 2023 conference was first in-person in 3 years with 20 speakers and 293 attendees
- Campaigns supported by AISC
  - Squeal on Pigs secured \$100,000 to promote further
  - WFF 21 participating counties
  - DLIL continue with Pet Store Program
- Farrah Fischer motion to accept operations report      no seconder recorded.
- Carried

## **New Business:**

- Applied for \$2.5 million in new grants with projects on rats, biocontrol, AIS, video game, species at risk
- AISC is entering growth stage
- Successful in \$2.2 million for AIS work

## **Board Acknowledgements:**

- Director Recognition: Ashley Tkachyk gets plaque for 2 terms – must retire according to TOR.
- Connor Frizzley and Natalie LaForest

## **Board Nominations:**

- Patrick conducts elections and Secretary recording nominations.
- Industry with 2 vacancies:
  - Kallum McDonald
  - Craig Mushens
- Other with 2 vacancies:
  - Sebastien Dutrisac
  - Emma Stroud

- Provincial government with 1 vacancy:
  - First call for NFTF (nominations from the floor) 1, Karen Wickerson is nominated by Farrah Fischer, who is the Provincial Rat Patrol Chief.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> call made, hearing none, nominations closed.
- No attendance taken total votes was 90 – see below
- Nicole nominated Mike Jenkins DK Nicole’s Kimmel
- Other government with 1 vacancy:
  - Jay Byer
  - Melissa Logan
  - Electronic voting by Menti - Melissa wins 60 to 30 vs Jay (See note above re attendance – could have been difficulties with electronic voting?)
- Welcome to new board members and elections concluded.

### **Big EDD Award:**

- Patrick awards the EDDMAPS Belt Buckle for who submits most reports in the year Ashley Gallon submitted 7 reports.
  - Was not in attendance to accept award

Sebastian calls for any new business, 3 times no, **2024 AGM adjourned.**