



**True North Hostelling Association  
o/a Hostelling International – Canada- Pacific Mountain Region**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011  
MINUTES**

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**DATE:** Thursday, September 15, 2011  
**TIME:** 7:00pm MDT  
**LOCATION:** Fort Calgary – 750 9 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB

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1. Call to Order

1.1 Quorum - confirmed

- P. Nietresta called the meeting to order at 7:04pm MDT and A. McLean confirmed that quorum was met in person or by proxy.

2. Agenda

- The Agenda was accepted as presented.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the September 15, 2011 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting is accepted as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Darcy Dean  
SECONDED BY: Dave Prichard  
MOTION CARRIED

3. Receiving of Minutes for the September 16, 2010 AGM

- P. Nietresta presented the minutes of the 2010 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting.



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**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 16, 2010 True North Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting are received as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Jason Demers  
SECONDED BY: Dave Prichard  
MOTION CARRIED

4. Report from the Chair

- P. Nietresta, Chair, presented his report to the members noting several highlights over the past year, especially the Board being able to use feedback from the Ownership Linkage project modify Board policies with greater confidence in order to have owners' desires better reflected in the association's future direction.
- Discussed the sustainability expectations of members and guests and that the Board would be looking at a sustainability policy in the coming year. Mentioned the recent meeting with Swiss YHA and their sustainability programs which are a great target to strive for.

5. Report from the CEO

- A. McLean, CEO, presented his report for the operating year of 2010/11 with the following highlights:
- 6 awards at the June HI-C National AGM. 1 award granted to HI-C-PM the Ivy Deveraux Award.
- Years of service awarded to
  - 25 years, Stephen Lowe
  - 20 years, Mark Sowinski
  - 20 years, Yore Daniels
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the K100 Race.
- Launch of the HI-C-PM intranet CONNECT.



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- February 2012 our region is hosting NAMM in Vancouver.
- In conjunction with the Canadian Paraplegic Association an audit of the Wilderness hostels was performed and a Federal Grant applied for to upgrade the accessibility of the Wilderness hostels to persons with disabilities.

6. Volunteer Recognition Award

- A. McLean advised this year we are presenting three awards. One to a volunteer in Vancouver and two to volunteers in Alberta.
- A. McLean and P. Nietresta announced the volunteer awards to Ryan Mazur (Banff) and Stephen Lowe (Calgary). Ron Au-Yang is the recipient in Vancouver and will be presented at the Vancouver Townhall meeting.

7. Financial Review

- B. Kelly, Vice Chair, and member of the Audit Committee, presented the report on the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2011.
- Question by member “Is there a cost incurred when switching auditors?” No...it’s mostly a staff cost for overtime to show the new auditors the ropes the first year.

7.1 Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2011

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the 12 month period ending March 31, 2011, are accepted as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Red Feist  
SECONDED BY: Gary Beaton  
MOTION CARRIED



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7.2 Approval of the Appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2012

- B. Kelly advised that the Board has recommended the reappointment of the audit firm, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for a second year.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Accounting Firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP be appointed to serve as the Association’s Auditor for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2012, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Darcy Dean

SECONDED BY: Marie Haugen

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Approval of the Authorization for the Board of Directors to fix the remuneration of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

- Short discussion why there is a need to approve this motion.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Association be authorized to fix the remuneration of the Accounting Firm of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2012, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Red Feist

SECONDED BY: Mark Sowinski

MOTION CARRIED

8. Announcement of Board of Directors Election Results

- P. Nietresta, Chair, called on A. McLean, CEO, to announce the results of the election.



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- A. McLean, CEO, reported that a notice was sent out to all validated members seeking potential candidates. Six qualified candidates emerged for the five positions as a Board Director.
- A. McLean reviewed the process by which the ballot and proxy materials were distributed, collected and counted; 406 envelopes were received, of which 403 were validated. The validated envelopes contained 397 ballots and 227 proxies. There were no spoiled ballots and 37 proxies with no vote on them.
- The election results were as follows:

Candidate Name	No. of Votes	Term
Brian Kelly	319	2 years
Susan Willgren	311	2 years
Peter Nietresta	308	2 years
Lenore Neudorf	291	2 years
Murray Lightle	247	1 year
Cindy Ng	241	Not elected

- A. McLean acknowledged the successful candidates and continuing Board members in attendance.
- A. McLean asked for a motion to destroy the ballots and proxies.

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots and proxies for the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Association are authorized to be destroyed by the Nominating Committee or their designate, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Dave Bergeron  
 SECONDED BY: William Cuming  
 MOTION CARRIED



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9. Other Business

- P. Nietresta introduced Larry Derkach, the National HI-C Board Chair who provided a short presentation about HI-C National Board activities.
- A. Mclean unveiled a new plaque to be displayed in Bragg Creek outlining the history of the Canadian Hostelling movement. This was created in conjunction with the Alberta Government.
- A. McLean announced that the Association received a grant today in the amount of \$25,000 towards the replacement of the outhouses at the HI-Mosquito Creek hostel from the local MLA Janis Tarchuk.
- Gary Beaton thanked Hostelling International for their support in cycling initiative in Calgary.

10. Adjournment

**“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2011 Annual General Meeting be adjourned is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”**

MOVED BY: Red Feist

- P. Nietrestra, Chair, thanked all for attending and declared the Annual General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region adjourned at 8:12pm MDT.

11. Cycling in Europe Presentation

- Keith Laing provided a short presentation on Cycling in Europe.

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Chair

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Secretary