

Steepprock Bay Bible Camp

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Annual Reports Package

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2019-2020 SBBC Board members and when term ends

Bob Miller, Patrick Reader (on leave) – 2020

Veronica May – 2019-2020

James Brown, Bethany Matejka – 2021

Ferlin Abrahamson, Kendra Crowley – 2022

Minutes of Annual General Meeting November 30, 2019

Swan River – Community Bible Fellowship

People present: 37

Chair: Ferlin Abrahamson

Secretary: Bethany Matejka

Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM, quorum being present

Introductions

Motion to adopt minutes of AGM November 24, 2018 as read

Bethany Matejka/Michael Plett m/s/c

Reports

Director's Report presented by Logan Bueckert

Motion to adopt Financial Report as presented by Finance Committee Chair James Brown

James Brown/Bernie Thiessen m/s/c

Motion that we adopt reports

Michael Plett/Darlene Brown m/s/c

Violet Plett brought greetings from Jeanette Salmond

Nominations/Election

Scrutineers: Jack Dyck and Darlene Brown

Motion to accept candidates by acclamation

Bethany Matejka/James Brown m/s ????

Scrutineers' report presented by Jack Dyck

- Satisfied with paperwork for all nominees – Ferlin Abrahamson, Kendra Crowley, Veronica May
- Kendra Crowley's criminal record check is current but not seen by scrutineers
- Ferlin Abrahamson's criminal record check is current and on file but not seen by scrutineers

Motion that all three candidates be accepted

Jack Dyck/Bernie Thiessen m/s/c

Budget 2019-2020

Motion to approve Budget 2019-2020 with a deficit of \$3,665.00

James Brown/Jack Dyck m/s/c

Other Business

Motion that the board can continue to seek other members to fill out board until the next AGM

Bethany Matejka/Katrina Brown m/s/c

Board will address Jacquie's offer to continue mail pick-up and donation deposit

Discussion re: Roman Friesen's request to build relationship between his church and SBBC, mainly through passing on more information throughout the year

- Proposal that board work with Roman to strengthen relationship
- Sub-committee, associate membership ideas discussed
- Should we be disseminating more information to all supporting churches?
- Who are 'supporting churches?'
- Caution to not prioritize the Morden church over constituency by passing on privileged information
- Suggestion to include more board decisions in newsletters
- Are we exploring the idea of more formal relationships with churches or establishing these relationships?
- Suggestion to have church leadership sign Statement of Faith
- Suggestion to send more specific reports to churches

Motion that we explore developing relationships with churches that support the camp

Lowell Friesen/Jack Dyck m/s/c

Acknowledgement that we will send minutes and newsletters to any church or individual who requests

Motion that we adjourn at 9:16 PM

Bethany Matejka/Katrina Brown m/s

Director's Report

Recently I read the story in Genesis where God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. To Abraham this must have sounded completely ridiculous but the Bible doesn't say that he even questioned God. He followed God's instructions completely in faith. I would like to say that I always trust God completely but as I look back over the last year, I know there were times when I questioned God and wondered what He was doing. Just as in the story of Abraham and Isaac, God revealed that He could bring good out of the seemingly unreasonable and ridiculous circumstances. God was glorified when Abraham was faithful.

This past year for Steeprocks Bay Bible Camp, being faithful to God meant that we had to look beyond what seemed reasonable, normal, and comfortable. It meant that we did not have the benefit of planning well in advance. It meant that not everyone could physically come to camp. Campers that could come were not able to stay the night.

In spite of the challenges, it also meant that more people were available to be staff because of less personal commitments. It meant that campers and staff could rest in the evenings and be rejuvenated for the next day. Staff could study the scriptures together and grow spiritually.

As always it is a real blessing to have a front row seat watching God at work. For myself as a director, a highlight for me was being able to drive the bus to pick up campers in Sapotaweyak each day during their week of day camps. It gave more opportunity to visit with parents of campers and feel more of a connection with the community.

Another highlight was to study the book of 1 John with the staff. Our theme verse for the summer was: *"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."* 1 John 5:4-5

We were studying and growing alongside each other during our time at camp. It was evident that the knowledge the staff gained from the book of 1 John was being passed on from staff to campers. There was a passion to learn and teach.

Our desire and mission as a Bible camp is to teach the Bible as effectively as possible. What better way to do that than being in the Word and pursuing a relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As our time at camp came to a close, we found ourselves in a unique situation where the communities that were not able to send campers were welcoming us to come visit them. Both My wife Alicia, and our program directors wife Emily were pregnant and not prepared to take a trip up north. We put the word out to our staff and were excited by an enthusiastic group who were willing to travel to Moose Lake and Norway House. They made arrangements and headed out shortly after day camps ended. God opened doors for them to share the gospel, give out Bibles, and connect with kids through sports. The communities were very generous to our group and as a result, all the expenses were covered by their generous gifts.

As we move forward our desire is to continue teaching God's word to children. We now have a year of experience running day camps in a pandemic however we realize that the future is completely unknown and it is essential that we trust God's leading and stay faithful to Him.

- Logan Bueckert, Director

Treasurer's Report

November 16, 2019-November 15, 2020

	Budget Item Line	2018-2019 Budgeted	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Budget
I N C O M E	Camper Fees	\$23,500.00	\$22,352.50	\$24,750.00	\$8,437.50	\$24,750.00
	Thrift Shop Sales	\$7,500.00	\$8,088.00	\$7,500.00	\$4,983.00	\$6,000.00
	Donations	\$37,000.00	\$41,656.14	\$40,000.00	\$25,877.32	\$38,000.00
	Other (Interest, Merchandise)	\$1,000.00	\$1,847.40	\$1,200.00	\$1,183.39	\$1,150.00
	Capital Giving	\$0	\$9,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL	\$69,000.00	\$83,444.04	\$78,450.00	\$40,481.21	\$74,900.00
E X P E N S E	General Operating Expenses	-\$33,200.00	-\$41,165.38	\$37,715.00	-\$30,559.37	\$39,700.00
	Maintenance	-\$8,325.00	-\$5,593.43	\$7,400.00	-\$3,908.13	\$4,700.00
	Staff, Bursary, Gifts	-\$26,000.00	-\$24,369.01	\$27,000.00	-\$20,297.55	\$25,500.00
	Capital Projects	-\$10,000.00	-\$4,889.25	\$10,000.00	\$0	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL	-\$77,525.00	-\$76,017.07	-\$82,115.00	-\$54,765.05	-\$74,900.00
	NET	-\$8,525.00	\$7,426.97	-\$3,665.00	-\$14,283.84	\$0

Total Fluid Assets as of November 15, 2018 = \$15,410.06

Total Fluid Assets as of November 15, 2019 = \$22,603.23

Total Fluid Assets as of November 15, 2020 = \$6,509.49

From the Chair

The lost is found! In Luke 15, Jesus tells stories about the exuberance of finding what has been lost. Be it a coin, a sheep or a son, the rejoicing comes from the finding! Though the value of what is lost is real, the excitement of “finding” often exceeds the value of the find.

Today I lost a UBS drive. I had taken it along to town to print some letters at the stationery store. At the store I dug in my pocket to retrieve it and “there it was, GONE!” I went out and searched the car, then retraced my steps and searched my school bus and the area around the bus and the bus garage, thinking I must have ejected it from my pocket when getting out my mask or something. I mentioned it to staff there in case it showed up but in my mind that drive was gone, and that letter printing job was put on hold. Imagine my surprise a few hours later to get the call that “the lost is found!”

Steeprock Bay Bible Camp exists for the privilege of being involved in the search AND for the joy of hearing the news that “the lost is found!” Human life and souls, worth infinitely more than a USB drive, containing information, emotion and life that is incomparable to even the largest computer drives, yet “hopelessly” lost in the dark and the snow and the fog of real life. Sometimes because of obvious choices that they have made, and often because they simply don’t know any better, so many of God’s special creation wander about so far away from the Father, and often seem to be getting farther away by the day. Who will tell them about Jesus?

This past year has been challenging for everyone, and it has held some unique challenges for SBBC as well, but we thank God for opportunities even in the midst of a pandemic. Celebrate with us the joy that God has been and is at work in the lives of campers and staff. As we prepare for the coming season, we have every reason to believe that camp will again be modified by government pandemic restrictions, but we also have very good reason to believe that God is still in the search for the lost and we have the incredible honor to be involved in the mission, and the celebrations that come along with it.

Thank you to all who have joined this team by your interest, your involvement, your time and your gifts. God is still at work at SBBC. As we continue to seek ways to express and live out the gospel vision that this camp was founded on, the board is recommending a renewal of the wording in our vision statement to make it easier to convey and to own as a camp staff or camp constituency. The wording we have settled on is “Knowing the love of Jesus and following Him together.”

Jesus is at the center of this phrase and this ministry. This is not about any one person or people group- it is something for all of us together. And it includes discovering Jesus (being found by Him), following Jesus (Like 9:23), and being indwelt by Him (John 14:20, Psalm 34:8).

We are trusting the ever-living one to guide us through another tumultuous year. May you know His peace, His supply, and the joy of being found.

- Ferlin Abrahamson, Board Chair



Thrift Shop Report

For many years the Thrift Shop report has been much the same (with the exception, of course, of the excitement of a brand new building a few years back, which I am still so very appreciative of!). This year has definitely changed the feeling of sameness and stability. But in spite of the challenges that the world is facing now, we can have confidence that God is in control and He holds our future.

Our goal at the Thrift Shop is that through contacts and friendships made that Christ's love would be shown to our visitors and customers. Bibles, DVDs and Daily Bread Devotionals continue to be handed out and it is our hope and prayer that people will be encouraged and blessed. Again, thank you very much for your prayers. They are so appreciated.

It has been a challenging year with the Covid19 pandemic. We were closed for 19 weeks in spring and summer and we closed again at the beginning of November when the province was put into Code Red. We are planning to open again soon. In spite of the Thrift Shop being closed for a good part of the past year, donations have kept coming. There are many generous donors. But this also means the store is "bulging at the seams"!! Right now our biggest need is shoppers! Often when it comes time to pay, people will pay more than asked. This is a real blessing. There is a lady that comes once a month and always gives \$50 even if she only finds a few items. Many of the things she buys she gives away to family and friends. And she always leaves a promise that her husband and her are faithfully praying for the Camp and the ministry at the Thrift Shop. A different lady gets to come to the Thrift Shop once a year from a distance away which is her birthday present from her husband. It's always very exciting when she comes. She is very enthusiastic and she buys a lot!

Our desire with the store is to spread light and love with this part of SBBC ministry and hopefully also add in a small part to the financial well-being of the camp.

- Marilyn Reimer, Thrift Shop Coordinator