

# Steeprock Bay Bible Camp

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## Vision:

Knowing the love of Jesus and following Him together

## Values:

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## Annual General Meeting Package

November 26, 2022

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes of last AGM November 27, 2021
- 3) Director's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Audit Report
- 6) Chairperson's Report
- 7) Thrift Shop Report
- 8) Strategic Plan 2020



### SBBC Board Members – when term ends

Ferlin Abrahamson, Kendra Crowley – 2022

Katie Kroeker – 2023

James Brown, Bethany Matejka – 2024



**Agenda: Steepprock Bay Bible Camp Annual General Meeting**

**November 26, 2022 at Swan River, MB**

Camp Director: Logan Bueckert

Chair: Ferlin Abrahamson

Secretary: Bethany Matejka

Call to Order: 7 PM

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Minutes of AGM November 27, 2021
- 3) Nominations
- 4) Reports
- 5) Election
- 6) Budget 2023: \$76,650.00 income/expense

Next Annual General Meeting November , 2023

Adjournment: 9 PM

## **Minutes of Annual General Meeting November 27, 2021**

### **Swan River – Community Bible Fellowship**

People present: 21

Chair: Ferlin Abrahamson

Secretary: Bethany Matejka

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM, quorum being present

Motion to adopt agenda as presented

Brad Muller/Kendra Crowley m/s/c

Motion to adopt minutes of AGM April 10, 2021 as read

Bethany Matejka/Katie Kroeker m/s/c

#### ***Reports***

Director's Report presented by Logan Bueckert

Treasurer's Report presented by Brad Muller

Motion to receive reports as presented

James Brown/Brad Muller m/s/c

#### ***Nominations/Election***

Election by acclamation:

James Brown – unanimous

Bethany Matejka – unanimous

#### ***Budget 2022***

Motion to approve Budget 2022 with \$76,650 income/expenses

Brad Muller/Kelsey Friesen m/s/c



*Constitutional Amendment*

Motion to adopt constitutional amendment as presented

Kendra Crowley/Katie Kroeker m/s/c

Next Annual General Meeting November 26, 2022

Motion that we adjourn at 7:59 PM

Brad Muller/Katrina Brown m/s



## Director's Report

- Logan Bueckert, Director



## **Treasurer's Report**



## Audit Report



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## From the Chair – God has proven faithful once again

It is tempting to think of God's faithfulness only when things are going well for us. But I think a case can be made that His faithfulness is most meaningful in times of change and disruption. And life does include change! I am so thankful that SBBC is not facing the challenge of restarting camp life after 3 years of complete inactivity like Simonhouse Bible Camp. I am thankful that we are not facing the challenge of moving the camp 50 miles down the road and starting over like Midway Bible Camp. I am thankful that we are not facing the challenge of looking for a new camp director, as Water's Edge and other camps are facing. I am thankful that we are not facing criminal or moral accusations, or crumbling financial foundations.

But even in the relative stability in which we find ourselves, the challenges of change are still real! Moving back to overnight camps after 2 years of pandemic restrictions, many questions came to mind.

Will the campers, and their parents, be willing to come back to camp after this hiatus? Will we be able to find sufficient staff now that the whole constituency has become accustomed to a much smaller staff footprint, and so many former staff have moved on to other things in the meantime? Will the local communities rally in support of the camp after so many months of living in the isolation of their own community? Will the supporting constituency rise to the challenge of the increased costs of returning to overnight camp in this time of rapidly increasing costs that are impacting donor finances as significantly as they are affecting those at camp?

And these questions proved to be well worth asking. Camper and staff registration was erratic. Too many campers for the staff available has obvious stress when staff people are trying to fill two or three roles at once. It can also generate stress when there are not nearly enough campers. But God has proven faithful, and the strength of the supporting constituency has been very evident once again. We thank God for the opportunity to end the camp year writing in black ink. God has blessed SBBC!

Another area of change that the camp is facing is that our camp directors have joined Northern Canada Evangelical Mission in order to work more closely with others who are involved in First Nation ministry. While we greatly rejoice with them in the increased opportunities for support, professional development and accountability that come with this change of missionary status, we are of course left with some important questions.

What level of collaboration with NCEM will be best for SBBC, for NCEM and for Logan & Alicia? How do we best handle payment to our camp directors, who are also missionaries with some responsibilities to another organization? What is the best accountability structure that meets the requirements of the government regarding charities and also is the best for SBBC and Logan & Alicia? What are the long-term implications for moving forward in any one particular direction at this time?

A third area of change rises out of the SBBC Strategic Plan, and the desire to build a long-term plan for rejuvenation of camp facilities as required. An early component in that process is clarification of the land use permit, and an expansion to it that meets current and future needs. We are very grateful for the work Jack Dyck is doing with Crown Lands and Sapotaweyak Cree Nation to get that clarified.

While we move into the coming year with excitement and the joy of the Lord, it is not without some trembling and uncertainty. We covet your prayers and support as SBBC follows its Vision of *Knowing the love of Jesus and following Him together*.





- Ferlin Abrahamson, Board Chair



## Thrift Shop Report

The Thrift Shop in Birch River is open on Thursdays from 10-5 (closed for lunch). Anyone is welcome to pay a visit. It'll be worth your trip! Feel free to call ahead if you want to make sure it's open. 204-236-4471 or 204-281-2080. You never know what you may find!

Many people are still so happy to receive Daily Bread devotional booklets. I've heard that some Daily Breads have been distributed farther away than the Valley.

I feel that the community embraces our little Shop. Sometimes it feels like a bit of a gathering place and it is fun to look out the window and see a lot of vehicles in the parking lot.

There's some real fun times as well. Once, Diane and I heard a buzzing sound and we noticed a gentleman was trying out a shaver that had been donated. After he had shaved, he bought the shaver. I'm not sure if we kept a straight face! The same day that same fellow wanted us to listen to a song he had written. Diane told him she just couldn't understand the words and he said "Well that's because it's in Cree." Then we all really had a good laugh.

Just recently I lost my Mom, and Dad asked me if I could take some of her clothing back with me to the Thrift Shop. When I noticed a dear lady who I know from Sapotaweyak carrying Mom's winter boots up to the counter, I had a strong feeling that I wanted to give them to her. I told her that they had belonged to my Mom and she had just passed away and I'd like to give them to her. We both cried and hugged each other and she thanked me sincerely.

Even though we have had this building now for 6 years now, it still feels like it is new and it is appreciated so very much. Many thanks to all the supporters who made it possible.

Most of all thanks be to God!

- Marilyn Reimer, Thrift Shop Coordinator



## Steeprock Bay Bible Camp Strategic Plan 2020

### Executive Summary:

Steeprock Bay Bible Camp (SBBC) is a summer camp dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with Manitoba's Aboriginal children. In efforts to better pursue our Mission and Vision, the SBBC board of directors has decided that over the next three years the organization will focus on these four strategic directions:

1. Reinforcing established relationships in the communities we serve
2. Improving relationships with churches and constituents
3. Increasing the capacity and diversity of summer camp programming
4. Planning strategically for fundraising and facility development

These strategic directions are the result of a brainstorming session held in 2020 with various stakeholders (see Appendix A). This document outlines the strategic directions and corresponding objectives in further detail below.

The board of directors will review this document twice a year and update the plan as needed. The strategic planning process will be completed every three years by a board committee (see Appendix B).

**Background:**

<b>Operating Name and Address</b>	Steepprock Bay Bible Camp Box 3107 Swan River, MB R0L1Z0	<b>Geographic Region Served</b>	Northern Manitoba
<b>Time Period in Existence</b>	60 years	<b>Target Audience</b>	Indigenous children and youth, approximately 300 per summer
<b>Legal Status of Organization</b>	Charitable Organization Registered to the Province of Manitoba	<b>Successes of Past Year</b>	Adapted to Covid-19 restrictions by hosting day camps
<b>Governance</b>	Board of Directors	<b>Anticipated Challenges</b>	Unknown guidelines for coming summer; decreased funds 2019-20
<b>Staff Structure</b>	Hired Director; Volunteers		

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<b>Direction 1</b>	Reinforcing established relationships in the communities we serve
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving communication with community leaders.</li> <li>• Prioritize connection with campers through community visits, social media, etc.</li> </ul>

<b>Direction 2</b>	Improving relations with churches and constituents
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish chain of communication between board and churches</li> <li>• Increased communication to churches</li> <li>• Weekly updates throughout summer</li> <li>• Publicize camp stories</li> </ul>

<b>Direction 3</b>	Increasing the capacity and diversity of summer camp programming
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care for staff through discipleship and creating an atmosphere for spiritual growth</li> <li>• Explore family camp</li> <li>• Continue to develop Waymaker program</li> </ul>

<b>Direction 4</b>	Planning strategically for fundraising and facility development
<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host facility brainstorming session Spring 2021</li> <li>• Develop yearly Capital Projects plan</li> <li>• Partner with fund-raiser to utilize fundraising opportunities</li> </ul>