

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 02 February 2016, 7:30 pm

Venue: Owen's house, 680 Minnow's Lane.

Present: Owen Plowman, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, , Nerys Poole, Allie Drake, Leonardo Frid, Leo Chan

Regrets: Ellen Coburn, Bob Turner, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved as amended
2. **Approval of previous minutes** (attached) approved
3. **Mapping initiative** **Leonardo** – suggestion that we dedicate an hour to take a map of Bowen to identify sensitive areas/special places, areas that are known to be of special significance. Originally the Board would do this and then consider making it more public after discussion about pros and cons of this. Might be useful to bring Alan Whitehead to this discussion. **Owen** will send retreat materials to Leo and Leonardo. **Owen** will talk to Alan about possible dates. Owen has a box of CD s that have an interactive map, that he will check. **Leo** suggests programming this thru Google maps. Would be useful to discuss sensitivity around private property and identification of special areas with Kate Emmings of ITF, given their experience with NAPTEP covenants.
4. **CDFCP** **Leonardo** – Coastal Douglas Fir Conservation Program – Coastal Douglas Fir is one type of ecosystem that is not common to Bowen. Owen says we signed up with this group and we receive an email once a year – CDFCP is interested in dry variant of Coastal Western Hemlock (Bowen) – some of the species that rely on DF can rely on WH. – with climate change, ecosystems may shift a bit.
5. **Social media** **Leo** showed our new Facebook page. The way it works: we can post announcement to our FB page – friends “like” the post; in future, people who have liked the page will then receive notices of announcements. FB is driven by content. The more we post, the more action we get. We need to determine what we want to post and how – probably initially post everything that we would put in newspaper and then consider whether we want to post interesting/well-researched articles. We could have an action button right on the page that would take new members to paypal who could then sign up.

We could set up an online membership signup with paypal – where

people donate – we give 3% to paypal. We would then have their email address, name, etc. Owen says we currently have a donate button on the website that people have used. We can ask membership to post photos and to say why the photos are special. **Leo** is fine with posting information as needed, like speaker series. He will set it up so that he gets a notice every time someone posts. **Owen** will send an email to membership notifying them about first speaker (Merran Smith) and about FB and opportunity to post photos.

Question re. memberships – Address book of our gmail account is the membership. Everhard has 3 new members. We have 2 classes of members: lifetime and annual (noted differently on email list). Owen usually sends an email notifying annual members that membership is due. Will be doing this at end of February. If no response, no longer members.

6. Forage Fish project

Status update (Everhard) – have done some more sampling at Sandy, Pebbly and Tunstall Bay. Another sampling next Tuesday with some volunteers.

Owen - We don't yet have an agreement with Ramona nor does Anne. We need the legal document to establish parameters between us. **Owen** emailed her this past weekend and has not heard anything yet. Will continue to pursue.

Ramona asked whether we could do anything to encourage Stephen Foster to finish his video about beaches in Howe Sound. Owen talked to Stephen who says there is footage but he hasn't made it into a video. Estimate about \$300. We could make video available to Ramona to talk about this area.

Question to Board – do we want to spend it on this video? Leo suggests we publish it to YouTube and we could cross-promote it.

Owen will figure out details with Stephen – what's involved, how long it will be and that we have approved an amount.

Board approves the ceiling amount of \$300 to complete the video.

7. Beach sign project

Status update – Everhard gave the signs to Bonny who has agreed there will be a photo op but we don't know when this will happen.

8. Nature reserves

Discussion of what we might need. – Everhard - we need a design for a platform. Nuala has asked us if there is something specific we need \$ for. **Allie** to speak to Camosun Bog people (Gerry and Laurence) about their design for a platform. First of all, we need to know what we want to say and how we want to portray it. The two things go together. We need a design for platform plus the measurements for the sign which requires knowing what we want to say.

We need to ask Nuala about timing for making a decision. We still have some money from VanCity plus we could approach the Foundation if we need more.

Visit to Camosun Bog – Owen, Nerys and Allie

Allie will contact people at Camosun Bog and find out what day might work and get back to Owen and Nerys.

9. Speaker Series - winter sessions

Nerys, Allie

Owen will introduce Merran Smith on Feb.13

Allie will check with Merran to see what she needs re. technical equipment, projector, etc.

10. NAPTEP/ITF

Nerys – reported on conversation with Kate Emmings and the ITF plans to hold an information meeting with BIM about NAPTEP. ITF will contact landowners of 5 acres plus that have sensitive ecosystems – they place an overlay map on the BI map. **Nerys** waiting to hear back from Kate on date and place, and will let rest of Board know. Meeting only about ½ hour to 45 minutes.

11. Items deferred/pending

- Apodaca Park visit: stalled
- Land Stewardship Program
- Hikers Trail funds
- Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)
- Nominee: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award

12. Other

Next meeting: March 7, 7:30 pm

Location: Allie's house, 1583 Old Eagle Cliff Road