

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 07 March 2016, 7:30 pm

Venue: Allie's house, 1583 Old Eagle Cliff Road.

Present: Owen Plowman, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, , Nerys Poole, Allie Drake, Ellen Coburn

Regrets:, Bob Turner, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Leonardo Frid, Leo Chan

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** Approved
3. **Bob's Knob visit**

Owen and Everhard were invited by Sue Ellen. Owen went with Sue Ellen, Josephine Riley, Alan Whitehead, Jeremy Howe and some BIM staff – Purpose: to take a look and see what might make it more attractive and possibly joining with Fairy Fen. Question: given the perceived need to make it more attractive, what needs to be done to protect it? Owen's viewpoint – won't be attractive if manmade structures are added. General consensus – more people may cause problems. Concerns about immediate neighbour. BIM is going to remove some trees to open up view. Question about signage on the trail. BIM will report back to **Owen** on what they might be thinking and we will consider.
4. **Mapping initiative**

Owen left a message for Alan Whitehead about this and is waiting to hear back. Leonardo is interested in moving ahead on a mapping initiative. **Ellen** will give Owen's CD, Bowen Island Geo Library, produced in 2002, to Leonardo. Owen was unable to upload it but perhaps Leonardo can figure it out, we hope!
5. **Social media** All
6. **Forage Fish project**

Status update (Everhard) – ongoing, mentioned in last week's UC. We have contracts from Ramona, which require further discussion.
Video (Owen) – Owen talked to Stephen Foster and indicated we only had \$300 for this project. In process
7. **Beach sign project** Status update – no new signs.
8. **Nature reserves**

Camosun Bog visit – Allie and Owen visited with Laurence and Jerry, very hospitable – Owen has photos of the structures used there. Been there about 20 years. Untreated cedar. Foundations are floating. Allie's suggestion – to go to Fairy Fen with a botanist or someone who knows the area well, someone like Alan Whitehead – as a preliminary to see

where the structure should be and then we can work out the dimensions.

We need location and size from Alan and then we need design and build. Suggestion: ask ITF for \$ for location and size and for preliminary design. **Owen** will ask Alan about his time (and costs) and ITF for \$1200 - must be submitted to ITF by end of month. If more funding needed, Allie suggests the Bowen Foundation and the KKN funds as possible sources.

9. Speaker Series - winter sessions

Nerys, Allie. **Allie** will check with Randall about his bio and the title for his talk April 2. **Nerys and Allie** will compose something for UC. Squamish Watershed has a good website.

10. NAPTEP/ITF

Nerys attended info meeting at BIM on March 2, with Kate Emmings (ITF) and Sue Ellen. Noone else attended. ITF sent out letters to landowners with properties of over 5 acres laid over the environmentally sensitive areas map, letting them know about the NAPTEP meeting. Suggestion: add NAPTEP info brochure to property tax letters.

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

Adventure Film Festival – March 19 –**Owen** will send out email to members and put a notice on website.

Document “Towards an Eco-Asset Strategy in the Town of Gibsons”- available on our website. Emphasizes the importance of environmental assets, the value of those and how they should be taken care of. Suggestion from Owen that **we all read this** - on our website.

Idling Bylaw (Ellen raised this – too many people idling in their cars in ferry lineup) – need to poke the UC, tell BIM, put it on FB, Forum and website – **Owen** will do this.

Next meeting: **April 4**

At Owen’s place

Speaker talk – **April 2**