

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 04 April 2016, 7:30 pm

Venue: Owen's house, 680 Minnows Lane.

Present: Owen Plowman, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Nerys Poole, Allie Drake, Bob Turner

Regrets: Ellen Coburn, Leonardo Frid, Leo Chan, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved with a few additions under Other

2. **Approval of previous minutes** approved

3. **Mapping initiative** Owen: Alan Whitehead is willing to work with us; need a date;
- deferred to next meeting when Leonardo is here

4. **Forage Fish project** Status update
Video: Stephen Foster who is doing this has a request for additional funding - \$100 to obtain footage of sea lance from a society in Powell River. We are currently paying up to \$300 for the video; this would be an additional \$100.
Board approves the additional funding.
Agreements: – BIC is creating a contract between BIC and Seawatch Society. BIC will then engage Anne and Andre Chollat to do project coordination.

5. **Beach sign project** Almost all signs are installed. Need to arrange a photo opportunity. Owen will be meeting with several people including BIM staff , Parks, Trails and Greenways and forage fish leaders to create a photo opportunity for an article in UC.

6. **Nature reserves** Fairy Fen: requested \$1200 from ITF to hire Alan Whitehead to suggest best location for board walk. Waiting to hear back from ITF.

7. **Speaker Series - winter sessions** Nerys, Allie - Honoraria issue. Board approves \$100 for last speaker, and in future, we agree to provide \$100 to any speakers who come from off island.
Pauline Lebel is doing a write-up for the UC for this Friday.
At Nerys' and Allie's suggestion, **Owen** will send an email to members to ask for suggestions for topics and/or speakers for next season.

8. Great Bear Rainforest party Andy Wright sent email to Owen notifying him of the completion of the Rainforest Agreement and to announce a party to meet the photographers and negotiators: **April 20th, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** at Science World.

Andy Wright may be a possible speaker for next season? He lives on Bowen in the summer months.

9. LTABC representation We have a request from LTABC (Land Trust Alliance of BC) who are asking BIC to complete and return a form to elect a voting representative and two alternatives. LTABC requires voting members as a requirement of funding from the Gaming Commission. We can participate in meetings by phone. We will need to pass a resolution at our AGM to confirm a voting rep.

Adrian proposes Everhard, with Adrian and Allie as an alternative. Board approves. **Owen** will forward form to LTABC.

10. Items deferred/pending

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

11. Other

Message from Mayne Island Conservancy, asking our Conservancy to sign a Statement of Support for the nomination and designation of the Salish Sea as a Particular Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) under the International Maritime Organization. Mayne Island Conservancy has passed a resolution to support this.

Board approves the Statement of Support. Owen will sign the statement and forward to Mayne Island Conservancy.

Nominee: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award

Nerys will follow up on checking forms etc. and deadline on Islands Trust website.

Bob intends to report regularly on various activities he is involved with in Howe Sound. Bob is attending the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference on April 13-15 in Vancouver as a Conservancy rep. Bob is co-chairing a session on Howe Sound, with Chief Ian Campbell and Stephen Foster. Three talks on citizen science: Adam Taylor on sponge reefs, John Buchanan on herring spawn; Edith Tobe, Ex.Dir of Squamish Watershed Committee. **Bob** will send link to **Owen** for posting on website.

April 29 – next Howe Sound Community Forum – a venue for all elected reps from Howe Sound munis and regional districts, plus MP and MLA – no decision-making authority. An opportunity for people to bring ideas to different communities – next one is at Camp Fircom on Gambier Island; public can participate as audience. There will be a water taxi leaving from Bowen. **Bob** will forward the link to this.

May 29 – Howe Sound film night at the Kay Meek Centre – Bob's video, one on sponge reefs and possibly the Stephen Foster video on forage fish.

Vancouver Aquarium just started Coastal Oceans Research Institute planning to do coastal health reports up the coast. First one is Howe Sound. Bob is working with someone in the aquarium on this project, pulling experts together on about 30 subjects. Report expected in November.

Website Updating – **Owen** is currently doing this and encourages us all to take a look at the updated website.

Next meeting: **May 2, 7:30 pm; place TBD**