

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting

09 May 2016, 7:30 pm

Venue: Everhard's house, 602 Collins Lane.

Present: Owen Plowman, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Allie Drake, Bob Turner, Leo Chan, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Nerys Poole (late arrival at 8:00)

Regrets: Ellen Coburn, Leonardo Frid,

Meeting commenced: at 7:40 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** Approved
3. **Conservation Conference** Everhard attended this Mayne Island meeting, which was a first conference for Gulf Islands Conservancies. About 50 attended. Some key points from the meeting:
 - Much potential support for conservancy work from other Gulf Islands Conservancies. Whatever we might want to do, something similar has likely already been done. So, we can use this conservancy network for advice. Links to most other local Conservancies are already on our website.
 - Be cautious about taking on covenants. Covenants are difficult to administer. Trespassing is an ongoing problem.
 - Fundraising: A big endeavour for most other conservancies. Many have someone dedicated to fundraising. Without it, we need to be cautious about spending more than we earn.
4. **Fundraising** What should we be doing? Owen suggested that we develop a design for the Fairy Fen platform, and a budget, and then develop a fundraising plan to deliver it. We can use this project as a template and learning experience for additional fundraising projects in the future.
5. **Mapping initiative** Leonardo - Meeting with Alan Whitehead coming
6. **Forage Fish project** Status update - Owen sent off agreement to Ramona who is fine with it but we haven't received a signed copy back yet.

Bob says we are not taking enough samples. Ramona would like two samples per beach, rather than one. Starting this month, will be doing it twice a month. Ramona has proposed a "sieving bee": take a large sample and then come back to someone's place and sieve/sift thru it – possibly a July event? – Ramona will be here for that so possibly a talk? Opportunity for a training workshop as we need more people. Hatchery is a good location.

Video: status – 10 min.long. Stephen Foster has almost completed work. Ramona is requesting release form but we're not sure what kind yet. Once we know, **Owen** will give her release form.

Howe Sound event at Kay Meek Center in WV – **May 31**, four videos being shown including this one.

7. Beach sign project

Status: photos taken with Bonny and signs but still not in Undercurrent. Signs are located at Deep Bay, the office at Marina, Norma's dock, Bowen Bay, Tunstall Bay and other places.

8. Nature reserves

Fairy Fen: **Owen** is doing the funding paperwork. We have received \$1200 from ITF for a design and siting of platform.

ITF inspection scheduled for Friday, May 27 – Doug Hopwood will visit Fairy Fen. He arrives off 11 ferry. **Everhard** will meet Doug at ferry.

Suggestion from Allie – balance the Peter Drake Trail sign with another sign with info about Fairy Fen, possibly with info as to why it is called Fairy Fen. Simplest might be to just add "Peter Drake" to read Peter Drake Trail to Fairy Fen. **Allie** will speak to Coral about this.

9. 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

10. Other

Howe Sound event – **May 31** – the Great Howe Sound Recovery – 4 films: the one Stephen made for SWS and us, Bob's film, Roy Mulder (who is a diver), and a 4th one, plus a discussion on Howe Sound. Co-sponsored by David Suzuki Foundation and Vancouver Aquarium. **Bob** will send flyer to Owen.

Bob reported on Howe Sound Community Forum – held at Gambier about a week ago, a series of presentations intended to inform – for elected officials. Those who attended introduced their community and used the Squamish term for the town/region. Chief Ian Campbell was quite moved by the gesture. Bob recorded the pronunciation of the Squamish names when the chief stated it. There are steps being taken to try and write some of the words in a phonetic way that can be attempted by those who are not familiar with the use of some of the symbols to depict certain things like guttural stops.

Suggestion: use our own phonetic pronunciation of Bowen in Squamish language and display on front page of our website. Bob will get some info on this to Owen.

Owen reported on one of the final branding meetings this morning. 3 suggestions will go to EDC on May 27 and then 2 to Council on June 13. Public will have chance to comment.

Owen reported on the Municipal Climate Action Reporting Program session which he attended. Only 3 people showed up. Jae Mather attended and Owen thought he might be a possibility for speaker series. He has a profile on LinkedIn and lives on or near Cates Hill – IEMA.

Next meeting: **June 06, Allie's place**