

# BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

## Directors' Meeting Minutes 29 August 2016, 7:30 pm

**Venue:** the meeting was held at Owen Plowman's house, 680 Minnow's Lane.

**Present:** Ellen Cohen, Owen Plowman, Bob Turner, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude

**Meeting commenced at:** 7:45 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda**                      Approved
  
2. **Approval of previous minutes**                      Approved
  
3. **Mapping initiative**                      Deferred to later meeting
  
4. **Forage Fish project**                      We had a very successful "Blitz Sampling" day on the beaches; 20+ people volunteered, including children. 11 beaches were sampled. People already on the beaches often asked what we were doing and then thanked us for our work once we replied to their questions.  
  
We also achieved our PR goal by having articles in the Office Bulletin and the Undercurrent.  
  
Samples have not yet been sent for final analysis but will go this week.  
  
**What next?** Our contract is over; we need to invoice SWS and so will need expenses and time for recent work.  
  
Ramona at SWS has a technician who will cover Bowen Island as part of a broader sampling project; we need to find out about what to do with the equipment that we received from SWS (do we send it back or keep it to give to the technician?. Owen will send email to Ramona asking for her preference.  
  
Lastly, Ramona has had T shirts made for people involved with the sampling project, and all Board members. We need to send her sizes required.
  
5. **Nature reserves**                      Fairy Fen: next step in our project there is to work with Alan Whitehead. Owen will contact Alan to see when he can get started and visit the Fen with some of us (perhaps this Friday afternoon or Saturday morning).  
  
Sign for Peter's trail: Allie working with Coral. We are not sure if the new sign is up yet.

6. **Habitat Steward program**      Deferred to next meeting.
7. **BioBlitz concept**      Bob told us about BioBlitzes, which are 1 day intensive inventory sessions for the natural world. Can only do it with a pretty large group of trained people. Could be something that BIC could participate in if we can find an organizer. Bob will investigate further.
8. **Items deferred/pending**
- Apodaca Park visit: dead for now
  - Land Stewardship Program: is this like item #6 above?
  - Hikers Trail funds
  - Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)
  - Nominee: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award
9. **Other**
- October 15 Howe Sound movie night venue. Nerys should look at Cates Chapel. Adrian will ask about projection and sound facilities.
- Owen: went on the recent Sustainability Tour; it was a lovely and interesting day.
- Next meeting: October 03; *we need a location for this meeting.*