

# BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

## Minutes, Directors' Meeting 02 January 2017, 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Owen's house, 680 Minnows Lane,

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

**Regrets:** Bob Turner, Ellen Coburn

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** Approved
3. **Mapping initiative** **Leo** is willing to take over this project, would integrate it with Google Maps, will do some research and report back
4. **Forage Fish project** Final invoice sent (Owen); Everhard received a cheque for first invoice; Everhard spent two days with Ricky Belanger from the Sea Watch Society; he wants to return and Ramona has asked us to find a place for him to stay and feed him; **Owen** will send a reply to Ramon re. request for accommodation for Ricky Belanger.  
Everhard and Ricky Belanger reviewed samples but found no eggs.
5. **Nature reserves**  
Fairy Fen:
  - Alan Whitehead is supposed to come up with a document to establish where platform will go. **Owen** will follow up with Alan.Singing Woods:
  - Claudia Schaefer held the open house at the Snug; neighbours attended; input given to Claudia; we wait for report.David Otter Reserve
  - Contract from ITF for Everhard to do some work on the trees there. Will plant 50 seedlings.
6. **Speaker Series**  
Update from Leo regarding video of Jae Mather's talk at the AGM: 607 views. A great way to get our information out there to public; suggests we do it always; our FB page has 56 likes.  
**Nerys** to follow up with Ruth Simons about speaking on Feb 4, 2017  
Tim Pardee excited about doing the outside event in March sometime.  
**Allie** will check with him about date in March.  
We will think about a possible speaker for April.
7. **Habitat Steward program**  
Nerys/Owen: Owen talked to Denman Conservancy and thinks they have stopped doing it. Problem: need somebody to approve and decide if an area of land meets whatever criteria might be set.  
Deferred indefinitely

**8. Bob's Knob viewpoint**

Status update (Owen). Last February, Owen went for a walk at Bob's Knob with several people who were concerned about protecting part of the area, like the moss, when people walk up there. Owen thought the more it is publicized the more it will deteriorate. In November, Owen phoned Bonnie Brokenshire at BIM to see what happened. Owen attended the Parks, Trails and Greenways meeting in December to see what was happening and how the Conservancy could help. Appears that we may be asked to help widen the viewpoint.

**9. Outside 45 class and Fairy Fen**

Status update – Everhard, Bob and Nerys attended. Kids are supposed to follow up with some community events to talk about what they learned.

**10. Outlook for 2017**

May get design done for Fairy Fen platform.

Leo's comment: Education with our speaker series, FB and web page and using a successful event like the film night – all contribute to our funds and also gives opportunity to get people involved in activities.

**Allie** willing to sit at our events and accept \$ and note who is signing in as members.

Leo noted that we have 56 people who like our FB page – we could put a Donate Now button on FB and identify a specific project or ? that we need money for.

**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**

Owen helped the Montroyal NV school students who had a bunch of questions about species on Bowen. Owen responded.

Annual Report – B.C. Societies Act – cost is now \$40 and \$15 to change the directors. Everhard paid it two days late as we had a month after the November 26 AGM to file the report. Nothing further from them. **Owen** will transition to the online system – we have until 2018

Everhard will be leaving the Board this year so we need to think about succession planning.

Next meeting: February 7, 2017

Suggested dates for 2017 (all Mondays unless noted):

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| • 7 February            | • 6 March   |
| • 4 April (Tuesday)     | • 1 May     |
| • 5 June                | • 3 July    |
| • 5 September (Tuesday) | • 2 October |

**Note re. Next AGM:** we need a map slide to identify where spots of interest are.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.