

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

DRAFT Minutes, Directors' Meeting 06 February 2017, 7:30 pm

Venue: the meeting was held at Allie's house, 1583 Old Eaglecliff Road.

Present: Ellen Coburn (by phone), Leo Chan, Allie Drake, Owen Plowman (Chair), Bob Turner, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude

Regrets: Nerys Poole

Called to order: 7:43 pm

1. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
2. **Approval of previous minutes** Approved
3. **Mapping initiative** Leo: nothing to report; pressure of work has caused this to be deferred.
4. **Forage Fish project**
 - Second invoice not paid yet.
 - Good written material received from Lasqueti Island Conservancy; we have permission to use this on our website (with acknowledgement to the author and LI Conservancy).
5. **Nature reserves**

Fairy Fen:
We received the report on siting of a viewing platform from Alan Whitehead. The Board approved this report. Owen to request invoice from Alan for payment. Owen to determine status of work *vis a vis* ITF funding.

Singing Woods:
Owen mentioned that a large part of an alder tree has fallen across the stream at the foot of the old skid road. Nothing to be done: information only.

David Otter:
Work on seedling planting will proceed when the weather permits.
6. **Speaker Series**
 - Ruth Simons talk on Howe Sound will be rescheduled to April 8th.
 - Tim Pardee's talk at the Fish Hatchery will take place on March 11th. Owen to follow-up with Tim to obtain overview of talk.
7. **Items deferred/pending**
 - Apodaca Park visit: stalled
 - Land Stewardship Program
 - Hikers Trail funds: Everhard reminded us all that funds are still available to use on any appropriate project
 - Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)
 - Nominee: Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award

8. Other

- Funding (Everhard): A reminder that our capital is decreasing and that we need to apply for appropriate grants. Owen to follow up.
- CRA (Everhard): CRA have approved our 2016 Financial Statements.
- Whale Trail Signage (Bob): Bob will represent the Conservancy, and, together with Bonny Brokenshire from the Municipality, will participate in the teleconference on Land-based Whale Watching. Signage at Cape Roger Curtis would be an excellent way to educate the public about this initiative, along with an article in the Undercurrent.
- BIM Parks Plan (Bob): Information ... the draft Plan will be unveiled this week and will be available for public comment prior to approval. Bob will attend the kickoff meeting at Municipal Hall.
- Salmon video (Bob): Bob is creating a series of 4 videos and his initial salmon video is available. Would like this to be referenced on the Conservancy website.
- Howe Sound Report (Bob): This report is to be unveiled at a February 16th event and will address environmental and socio-economic issues around the Sound.
- BC Society/Transition Application (Owen): Started work to file the Transition Application but ran into a road block concerning the need to amend the Constitution and Bylaws. This will need to be approved by the membership at our 2017 AGM (we have until 2018 to complete the Transition Application).

Next meeting: 6 March 2017

Dates for 2017:

- 4 April
- 5 June
- 5 September (note, this is a Tuesday)
- 1 May
- 3 July
- 2 October

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Owen Plowman