

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting 04 April 2017, 7:30 pm

Venue: Nerys' house, 150 Bannister Road

Present: Nerys Poole, Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Allie Drake, Leo Chan, Owen Plowman (by skype), Ellen Coburn (by skype)

Regrets: Bob Turner

1. **Approval of Agenda** approved

2. **Approval of previous minutes** approved

3. **Mapping initiative** Leo: status update
Fairy Fen is now on Google maps and links to the BIC website.

Walking directions are inaccurate. Previously new walking routes could be submitted to Google but this has been temporarily disabled while Google changes over their technology.

In the meantime, Alan Whitehead provided GPS coordinates for three different access routes to Fairy Fen which Leo added to a custom map which anyone can view with the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/k7kn9wx>

Until Google reinstates its walking route contribution software, we can put this link on the conservancy website to show people how to get to the Fen. **Owen** will provide login access to **Leo** to do so.

If we want to add additional trails or highlight points around the island, we can do so. For example, trails in Singing Woods. If there are other trails on Bowen not on Google maps, we could map them out as summer hiking projects. A short list of candidate locations is needed if we wish to do so.

4. **Nature reserves**

Fairy Fen: status of ITF-funded project – viewing platform

Cameron Rolfe provided the plan that has been sent to all of us – We have invoiced ITF for \$1200. Not likely to be built this year, but we could do a timeline, contact interested people who might be willing to help. We should use the Van City Savings \$ on this project.

Suggestion: set aside a ½ hour at **June meeting** to discuss a work plan and hopefully create an outline of steps.

Singing Woods: More heavy rain, lots of water with trail a bit washed out.

5. Speaker Series

BIFWC session: March 11 - very well attended

Ruth Simons: April 8 – Nerys with Owen’s help created a poster for this and **Allie and Nerys** have distributed them.. Ads in UC and on FB and in BIAC newsletter. Reminders to Conservancy members by Owen.

Allie will provide some goodies for Saturday. **Nerys** will provide fixings for coffee and tea, bring coffee urn and will pick up cups from Everhard doorstep. **Leo** will bring a kettle for tea.

Nerys to check with Sarah about payment for room.

Owen will get a card and give a gift honorarium of \$50 to Ruth. Either **Bob or Owen** will introduce Ruth.

Suggestion from Leo for future possible speaker – Matthew Ramsay – lives on Bowen – he consults on every major development project that gets in the news – pipelines, LNG, sits on a consultants’ board – he is an engineer – **Leo** will find out if he is able to speak about this, if he has any interest in doing so and report back.

Suggestion from Ellen – saw a movie at South African film festival on LNG and fracking – extremely informative. Title is “Unearthed” **Ellen** could get a copy of this film for our review and we could then decide if we want to show it on island. Vancouver Public Library event on Friday April 28, “Fracking up Our Health.” Medical community getting more active with their concerns about the health issues caused by fracking.

6. LTABC Grant Program

Deferred until we’re ready.

7. BI Adventure Film Festival

Owen wrote an agreement and sent to Kiley Redhead and Baz Cardinal who told him they hadn’t received the applied for grant, but they are encouraging us to participate this year anyway. They will put our logo on some posters and allow us time to stand up and speak during the festival.

Date of Event: **May 27, 2017** at old CNIB lodge.

8. Land-based Whale Watching

Bob not at meeting. He later emailed this update on the Whale Trail signage. The sign will be at CRC above Pebbly Beach, installed by BIM. The content has been completed: Vancouver Aquarium provided the first draft and Will Husby, on behalf of the Bowen Nature Club, myself on behalf of the Conservancy, and Bonny on behalf of BIM provided modifications. Logos on the sign will include BIM, BIC, and BNC. So completion and erection of the sign is in the hands of Van Aquarium and BIM. Bob will keep us posted when the event is planned for its unveiling.

9. BIM Parks Plan

Bob to write a letter re. parks plan. Done?

10. Islands Trust Fund Event

Update of Regional Conservation Plan – event in Nanaimo to discuss the update with various Conservancies in IT. Invited a member or two from our group.

Allie will follow up on arrangements for this

Nerys and **Allie** intend to attend. DATE: May 1, 2017 (need to move next meeting to 2nd)

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

Next meeting: **2 May 2017 (Tuesday)** Need a venue. Ellen will skype in.

Dates for 2017:

- 2 May
- 3 July
- 2 October
- 5 June
- 5 September (a Tuesday)