

# BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

## Minutes, Directors' Meeting

### 06 November 2017, 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Nerys' house, 150 Bannister Road.

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

**Regrets:** Bob Turner

**Visitor Member:** Peter Williamson (invited by Owen)

1. **Approval of Agenda**                      Approved
  
2. **Approval of prior minutes**              Approved
  
3. **Mapping initiative**                      Leo – will add Singing Woods to the google maps
  
4. **Nature reserves**                      Everhard received a lovely card from Islands Trust Fund staff, thanking him for his work  
  
Owen commented on Singing Woods – even with a lot of rain this past while, and a lot coming down the hill, somewhere within about 12 feet it appears to be disappearing under ground, nothing in the pool area.  
  
Owen asked Everhard about Fairy Fen and his ongoing involvement with this project – as we are doing the platform next year and he will be off the board. Cameron Rolfe is going to give us a quote on this project. Everhard wants to be involved on this. We should get a second quote from someone - need to think of someone else.
  
5. **Speaker Series**                      **January 27, 2018:** Vancouver Aquarium, Jessica Torode  
  
**March:** Unearthed. Owen watched some of it and thinks it is quite fair. 90 minutes. Projection should be fine. Ellen will introduce the film. Producer lives in SA. Should show it in evening as she may be available to answer questions – from South Africa. **Ellen** will check on this as to whether we can link into her. **Ellen** will write to her and check on her availability for March 10 or 17.  
  
We need a place for this.  
  
New gallery? BICs has a new projector but it must be in the gym. Does BIAC or library have a projector and screen. **Allie** will check on this tomorrow.  
  
**Ellen** will request producer to send any artwork to use for our advertising.

## 6. Ric Careless

We want to be sure that he is in touch with the Defend Island Forests (“DIF”). He has asked for some emails. **Owen** will discuss with Bob and make sure he is in touch with DIF group. Two step process: 1) remove the lands from the timber harvest stock and 2) create a provincial park to ensure it is protected in perpetuity.

## 7. AGM

Date: **Saturday, November 25, 2017**

Speakers: Bob Turner and Tim Pardee.

**Leo** willing to create a poster if **Nerys** sends him the information. **Owen** will put an ad in UC, put it on forum and FB. **Nerys** will send it to BIAAC for inclusion in their newsletter. **Owen** will send out an email to members to remind them of the date and more info is coming. **Nerys** to check to make sure we can record their talk, and to check on the equipment that we need.

New Board members? **Owen** has explained about the tenure of board members. **Peter Williamson** is willing to come onto the board, subject to election at the AGM.

**Leo** has a friend who is interested, **Jay White**. He is an artist and uses animals and nature to teach lessons. Recently involved in a salmon farm film. He wants to be more connected to people on Bowen who are involved and care about conservation.

**Leo** will respond to **Jay** and ask if he is willing to come on Board. **Owen** thinks we should arrange a meeting with him before the AGM. **Leo** can arrange a coffee meeting. Monday is a good day or a Wednesday. **Leo** will try for 20<sup>th</sup>.

We need a new treasurer. **Adrian** agrees to take it on. (Thank you, **Adrian**!)

**Owen** will bring Waterscape booklets to the AGM.

**Owen** will check with library as to whether they have one.

**Everhard** alerted us to the fact that we need to focus on applying for grants. He is attending the Land Summit conference and one of the main topics will be applying for grants.

Suggestion from **Owen**: we need someone sitting at a table to encourage people to join and donate. We should do this at all speaker events.

## 8. T-Shirts

Update from **Adrian**. Still thinks a contest is a good way to promote our image.

**Leo** thinks there is an opportunity to use the momentum of BC Timber sales to keep people aware and to make change around this issue. Might be good to focus on a specific issue rather than a general Conservancy T shirt.

**Owen** will speak to **Murray** about what is going on at the municipal level. **Leo** wonders about getting a flag for Bowen?

**9. Apodaca Park visit: For 2018** Nerys suggests another visit instead of having a third speaker in 2018. We need to apply to BC Parks for \$. Last time we hiked in and boated in. We had Adam Taylor to show what was in the sea and Alan Whitehead talked about the park. We could encourage the kids and parents at BICS to come. We had 30 on the boat and 30 hiking. We had a waiting list last time. We would encourage people to bring their own water and food. Video of last outing is on our website. We will start organizing something for the new year. **Need to check with Alan** to be sure he is around that weekend as he is the warden.

- Date: **Sunday, May 27, 2018.**

**10. Items deferred/pending**

- Hikers Trail funds
- Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)

**11. Other**

Next meeting: January 8, 2018 (at Bob's house? TBC)

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