

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Directors' Meeting

11 March 2018, 3:00 pm

Venue: Owen's house

Present: Nerys Poole, Owen Plowman, Ellen Coburn, Leo Chan, Peter Williamson

Regrets: Allie Drake, Bob Turner, Adrian van Lidth de Jeude,

1. **Approval of Agenda** approved
2. **Approval of prior minutes** approved
3. **Mapping initiative** Leo: Singing Woods map data – just needs uploading. Leo will name the trail Everhard's Trail when we get the interpretative sign.
Whale sighting map – will go on the map as well.
For Fairy Fen, need to go to BIC website and link to FF map.
4. **Nature reserves** Updates
Fairy Fen: need a second quote for viewing platform construction. Adrian was going to contact Bowenshire. Owen sent Adrian the platform plans on 16 January. No update from Adrian
Owen has provided Cameron Rolfe with an update on the need to obtain a second quotation.
Owen: Prepared grant application for \$5,000 for BI Community Foundation funding. Funds to be applied to Fairy Fen viewing Platform construction. At the same time, Owen found out that ITF Board has not yet approved the construction of the platform; he requested that this be expedited. ITF Board has had the information since August or Sept. Initially, BIM said it wouldn't be approved. ITF is working with BIM to ensure the environmental regs/zoning is followed and BIM allows this to go ahead. Alan Whitehead is working with ITF and BIM to explain that the whole purpose of the viewing platform is to stop people from walking around in a riparian zone.
Owen's concern: if we get grant \$ approved, not sure if we can accept until we know the construction platform is approved.
5. **Speaker Series** Documentary, "*Unearthed*".
Location: checking with Jacqui Massey about using Cove Commons.
Date: Sat. April 21, 2018
Ellen has communicated with JoLynn Minnaar, the producer, about

possible dates. Best time for her is the weekend of April 21st. We need posters up before Easter. Ellen had not heard back from an email she sent to Jacqui. Nerys sent email again to Jacqui, copied Ellen to request the April 21 date for this event. Leo is away on the evening of April 21st. **Owen** will assist with the technological stuff to facetime with JoLynn. **Peter** will do the poster and get 20 copies. Peter will tell Nerys and Ellen when ready to distribute posters. **Nerys and Ellen** to arrange for popcorn to sell at \$2/bag. **Owen** will do the ads in UC and on Forum; Leo will put it on FB. **Nerys** will send it to BIAC for inclusion in weekly newsletter.

6. T Shirts

No update

7. Items deferred/pending

- Apodaca Park visit: **May 27th 2018**; waiting for new government fiscal year start (April 1) to determine funding availability. BC Parks will let Owen know by April 1
- Hikers Trail funds – nothing further to do
- Public invitation to Fairy Fen (wait for signage and trails)

8. Other

Visit with Quest University students: Owen and Nerys were scheduled to go. Nerys was ill so Owen went on Feb.26 for an hour. 17 students were there. Owen explained what he did for a living – lot of questions about his work in the oil and gas business, which generated questions about the LNG project and how communities work. Lots of questions about what the Conservancy does. Discussion about logging initiative and how most everyone on island is against the logging of island, and how this makes it easier to oppose something successfully than if the community is divided.

Need to select dates for 2018 meetings: will be first Monday or second if holiday.

Next Meeting: **Monday, April 9, 2018** at 7:30 pm at Bob's house (to check with Bob)

Dates for 2018:

May 7

June 4

July 9

September 10

October 8

November 5

December 3