

# BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

## Minutes, Annual General Meeting

### 17 November 2012

**Venue:** Collins Hall

Chair of meeting: Owen Plowman.

Meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm.

Announcements –

After AGM, Dr. Andrew Wright will present “Emeralds at the Edge: a multimedia journey through the Great Bear Rainforest of BC and Haida Gwaii” and he will show a screening of “Groundswell”

A Special Recognition Plaque was presented to Josephine Riley in appreciation for her service and work for the Conservancy

Peter Drake: Owen asked those present to remember Peter and his work for the Conservancy. There are plans to do something in memory of Peter at Fairy Fen. Would be announced in near future. The Peter Drake Fund is now \$2, 150.

Owen showed photos of Fairy Fen, Singing Woods and a video of Apodaca Provincial Park during Conservancy’s guided tour there on September 16, 2012

1. **Approval of AGM Agenda**            The 2012 AGM Agenda was approved. (Owen/Everhard)
2. **Approval of Minutes/2011 AGM**            Minutes of the 2011 AGM were accepted. (Ann/Nerys)
3. **Report from the Chair**            Activities undertaken, completed, and on-going in the past twelve months:
  - CRC Trust Society:** Moved all the CRCTS material to the BIC website
  - Fairy Fen Nature Reserve:**  
Signed management plan in January with Islands Trust Fund; two visits from ITF staff; reviewed a checklist of things with them; installed 18 signs (signs displayed on screen)
  - Singing Woods**  
Restoration project completed. Everhard and helpers put up over 100 trees with cages to protect the trees. Unfortunately some vandalism immediately after – cages ripped out and thrown down hill – signs made by ITF have been erected
  - CRC water lots** approved by ILMB on November 15 – BIC wrote a letter opposing the applications this year (to no avail)
  - Greenways Committee** – letter in support of continuing with this

Committee sent to BIM (to no avail)

**Thompson Road extension** – letter to BIM expressing BIC's interest if there is any work being planned here because of concerns about effect on Fairy Fen

**CRC** – tried to engage with BIM on CRC activities and offering monitoring assistance (to no avail)

**Bowfest table** – will continue to do this – shared with Nature Club

**Article in UC** about Fairy Fen ATV damage – we need to think about this damage and find out ways to address it.

Outing to **Apodaca Provincial Park** on Sept.16/12– cost split 50/50 between BIC and BC Parks. Over 60 people attended with a wait list of 17.

### **Outlook for 2013**

**Fairy Fen** – to mitigate ATV damage and putting up interpretative sign – need an easement from Quarry Park – can walk in on Crown land but no official access – thinking of a boardwalk

**Singing Woods** – nothing specific happening

**Land Stewardship program** – to try to drive home to people the importance of maintaining a natural environment in their gardens and not draining everything that is boggy etc. – could give out a plaque to people – lot of work – not off the ground yet

### Speaker series for 2013

- January 19: 4:30 – OCP: why it is important
- February 9: 4:30 pm –BI Fish and Wildlife
- March 16: 4:30 pm – Islands Trust: why it remains important
- April 20: 4:30 pm – Aldo Leopold movie showing

**Financial Report** – Everhard van Lidth de Jeude (**attached??**)  
Approved (Dave/Allan)

### **Other Business**

Pam Dicer – on behalf of Nature Club, Pam organizes the Xmas Bird Count – will be on January 5, 2013 – please contact Pam if interested in helping with bird count. 2:00 pm at Pam's house, November 24, 2012 – discussion of bird count and tips on how to do it.

### **NAPTEP:**

- Nerys Poole provided an update on this program (the Natural Area Protection Tax Exemption Program). This Program is available to residents of other Gulf Islands, and Council has agreed in principle to bring it to Bowen Island.
- Asked for anyone who might suggest a landowner who is interested in helping to advocate for this program and to encourage Council to adopt it on Bowen, now that the legislation has made it available to our island.

### **Election of Board members**

Owen stepped in as President this past year when Peter Drake became sick last spring. Laura Koch resigned during the year. and was thanked for her participation. Alan Whitehead is not going on the Board again and was thanked for all his contributions. He will continue to be involved in Fairy Fen.

### **Election of Proposed Nominees (moved by Alan) – list as below acclaimed - all in favour**

- Ellen Coburn
- Sharon Haggerty
- Andrea Kaufman
- Owen Plowman, President
- Nerys Poole, Secretary
- Adrian van Lidth de Jeude
- Everhard van Lidth de Jeude, Treasurer
- Dennis Vetter
- Dave Witty

### **Officers elected:**

**Owen Plowman, President – moved by Nerys/Dave**

**Nerys Poole, Secretary – moved by Allie/Dave**

All in favour

At 4:20 pm, the formal business portion of the meeting concluded. It was followed by the screening of the movie, Groundswell, and Andrew Wright's presentation of Emeralds at the Edge. Questions followed.

Potluck dinner at 5:30 – very successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Bowen Island Conservancy  
Nerys Poole, Secretary