

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

DRAFT Minutes, Annual General Meeting

25 November 2017

Venue: Multipurpose Room, Bowen Island Community School

Chair: Owen Plowman.

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 am.

Announcements

Sue Ellen Fast – draft Parks Plan available to review

Draft Regional Conservation Plan from ITF available for review

30 years of recorded heron nesting, collecting data. SEF submitted to heron working group between 2 to 6 fledglings and 7 active nests.

Owen – Congratulations to Bob Turner and Everhard van Lidth de Jeude - awarded the Islands Trust Community Stewardship awards this year

Transition process to new Societies Act – have to take bylaws off Constitution and put them into the main document with Constitution and bylaws. Don't need a resolution if we are not changing anything.

Business Part of Meeting

- Agenda approved (Leo and Ellen)
- 2016 AGM minutes approved (Everhard and Holly)
- **Report from the Chair: 2017**
 - We manage the ITF nature reserves – Fairy Fen and Singing Woods and David Otter nature reserve - and host annual inspections with ITF person who comes over here.
 - We host other events, like the speaker series. Last month, Ric Careless who spoke about community forest woodlots.
 - Collaborate with other organizations
 - Forage fish project
 - Fairy Fen project
 - posted on Google maps, marker of Fairy Fen now on, easily findable
 - ATV activity – continue to monitor, basically shut down.
 - Current Project — Peter Drake Trail to the Fen - viewing platform - \$ from Islands Trust Fund to work with Alan Whitehead – this has been done and we have made the decision as to location. Cameron Rolfe has submitted a design for the platform. We need quotes to build it and schedule the work and manage the project. Showed photo of design and one of Camosun Bog visit last year.
 - Singing Woods

- Management Plan for SW has been approved – updated by Claudia Schaefer – on Conservancy website.
- David Otter Reserve
Some trees were planted – we don’t manage this but Everhard has done the planting.
- Public Education – great visit to hatchery last March
- UNESCO biosphere region initiative – Ruth Simons spoke about this at a speaker session.
- Whale Trail – we became part of the whale trail network – joint venture with BIM, Van Aquarium, interpretative sign at the CRC Pebbly beach.
- Conservation priorities workshop for IT region – Nerys and Allie attended workshop in Nanaimo
- Logging initiative – uproar about this – Conservancy wrote letters and helped with discussion with Defend Islands Forest group.
- NAPTEP covenant – Owen and Nerys visited a property on island – issue for small pieces is the cost of placing covenant, getting survey, etc.
- Letter to BIM about negative aspects of accepting \$ in lieu of granting beach access
We need the beach accesses.
- UNESCO biosphere discussion with other Howe Sound organizations in October

Outlook for 2018

- Plans for 2018 – we have a quote for viewing platform that seemed very high. We need more quotes. Singing Woods – posting to google maps and discouraging skid road trail use; Jessica Torode from Van Aqua on Jan.27, 2018; documentary “Unearthed” – possibly March 10th in evening – facetime with documentary producer who lives in SA.; engagement with Council when appropriate.

Financial Statements (attached**)**

- We need more money – running a deficit
- Owen emphasized donations and keeping up membership; expenses for speaker series
- Owen has some ideas for fundraising
- Question re. “undistributed” funds for Fairy Fen (almost \$12,000)
Financial statements approved (moved by Ann, 2nd by Bill)

Election of Board members

No nominations from the floor

Election of Proposed Nominees as Directors– list as below acclaimed

- Leo Chan
- Ellen Coburn
- Allie Drake
- Owen Plowman (President)
- Nerys Poole (Secretary)
- Bob Turner
- Adrian van Lidth de Jeude (Treasurer)
- Peter Williamson

To recognize Everhard's years of service and his stepping down, we are going to name the trail at Singing Woods "Everhard's trail"

The formal business portion of the meeting concluded at 1:40 pm

Guest Speaker: – Bob Turner and Tim Pardee

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bowen Island Conservancy
Nerys Poole, Secretary