

Venue: Computer Room (Room 18), Bowen Island Community School

Chair: Owen Plowman

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm

Business Part of Meeting

- Agenda approved
- 2018 AGM minutes approved (moved by Bob Turner and seconded by Anne Ferrière)

Report from the Chair

- We manage the ITF (now the Islands Trust Conservancy, or ITC) nature reserves: Fairy Fen and Singing Woods. We review the short and long term objectives with the ITC person (Doug Hopwood) who comes over here annually to inspect. This year, a lot of burdock was found in Singing Woods, and work has been done to remove this. Doug Hopwood is retiring, and being replaced by someone else who will be doing the inspections.
- We host other events, like the speaker series and public education events. Forest walks are still to come
- We collaborate with other organizations as necessary
- We launched a project for a Marine Atlas, thanks to \$5,000 from Community Foundation and several private donations. Sitka Foundation giving us \$5,000 to carry Marine Atlas through to completion
- We received a \$5,000 grant for BI Food Sovereignty group which the Conservancy, as a registered charity, held in trust for the BIFS who reported to us, and we issued payments as required
- We received a grant from Knick Knack Nook to help with costs on speaker series
- We have a plan in place for building a viewing platform for Fairy Fen; still waiting approval from ITC Board. Need permits from BIM, also someone in ITC was on a leave – overdue to get on with building this.

Speaker Series

- January: Bob Turner presented *The Orcas of Howe Sound*
- March: we had Devon Page from Ecojustice who did a presentation on Marine Habitat Protection
- May: Sue Ellen Fast did a talk on Birds of Bowen Island.
- Unearthed screening will happen in January 2020 (date to be confirmed)
- February 2020: Vicky Husband will speak about environmental activism
- Will Husby to be confirmed for March 2020, to speak about bugs.
- Owen will try to get Forest Walks going in late spring 2020; will invite Minister of Forests to come with us through potential logging territory.

Marine Atlas Project

- Has taken off like wildfire. Grant Scott came over from Hornby Island and presented to a group at Bob Turner's house about the Hornby Island Atlas and what to think about and emphasized importance of this being a community based project.
- October – Open House at BICS– lots of energy and people attending – different stations for people to put down their sightings; table with Will Husby; Fish and Wildlife Club table; Adam Taylor talking about his diving experiences - very successful event.
- Plan to publish in May or June of 2020.
- Bob commented – 4 people working on the atlas – Bob, Will Husby, Len Gilday, Susan Munro (overall editor) and a group of about 15 doing all kinds of tasks.
- There will be a phase 2 project to build a website for the Atlas – will need further funding for this (phase 1 is the printed Atlas).

Financial Statements (attached**)

- Statement of Income and Expenses (up to June 30, 2019)– Adrian van Lidth de Jeude, Treasurer
 - Liability insurance is \$2300 – we need it especially for outside activities and it covers directors
- Adrian mentioned Leo Chan's DJ night at the Pub – which brought in about \$570 in donations to Conservancy.
- Financial statements approved (moved by Leo Chan, 2nd by Peter).

Election of Board members

Directors whose term is up have agreed to carry on.

Two additional people nominated to the Board – John Rich and Louise Loik

No nominations from the floor. (Owen asked 3 times)

Full Board is as follows:

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

Tamsin Miley moved and Adrian 2nd approval of the above board. Approved.

Other Business

BITRA and trails on Mount Gardner – BITRA are the motorized dirt bike people. Helpful in stopping incursions into Fairy Fen. They are planning to take Easy Street to top of Mt. Gardner as a dirt bike trail. Owen spoke with Chuck Van Huisen who is chair of the 3 partners (BITS and BIHORA are other two) – apparently it is not a done deal. Has not been made public. The 3 organizations have to agree on any proposal going forward. Owen quoted email from Chuck – founding document which states all 3

agreement holders must agree – hopes that Conservancy will fortify opposition to a dirt bike trail to the top. All 3 groups are having a meeting on Monday. Owen has asked Kevan Bernards (BITR) to meet with him. Owen does not believe it will have public support.

Report from a BIHORA member, Christina – BITRA proposal is still at the proposal stage and has not been approved by the 3 groups.

The formal business portion of the meeting concluded at 1:45 pm

Guest speaker

Owen introduced;

Guest Speaker: – Jon Chiang, Director of Sound Water – who did a Q and A after screening of Sound Water

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bowen Island Conservancy
Nerys Poole, Secretary