

BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Minutes, Annual General Meeting

28 November 2015

Venue: Multipurpose Room, Bowen Island Community School

Chair: Owen Plowman.

Call to Order: 10:10 am.

Announcements

Andrea Kaufmann is leaving the Board. Owen expressed appreciation for her 8 years of service to the Conservancy.

Business portion of meeting

- Agenda approved
- 2014 AGM minutes approved
- **Report from the Chair: 2015**
 - Fairy Fen
 - ATV activity low/ceased (for now). ATV group has been helpful
 - New trail to the Reserve across Crown Land
 - New trail inside Reserve, avoiding boggy area
 - New trail work led by Everhard van Lidth de Jeude
 - Islands Trust Fund
 - We hosted Island Trust Fund inspection visits to Fairy Fen, Singing Woods, and David Otter Nature
 - Reserves: No issues found
 - ITF paid for portion of new trail at Fairy Fen
 - Forage Fish Program
 - Goals: Document and Protect
 - Forage fish are foundational for marine food webs
 - Sampling is ongoing
 - Participated In November 2015 Workshop
 - Rennison Lands
 - Conservation priorities
 - Multiple walkabouts (Board and members); independently and with John Reid
 - Commissioned environmental assessment report on the area
 - Created by Nick Page and Claudia Schaefer
 - Shared with John Reid and available on our website
 - Conservation Covenants
 - Project started by Josephine Riley several years ago
 - Much work done by Brian Buckingham and Margaret Underhill, working with BIM
 - Halted during last Council's term
 - How to proceed? Contacted other organizations ...
 - Education vs. enforcement is preferred approach (privacy issues, costs)
 - Public Education
 - Quest University Q&A about National Park process (February)

- Speaker Series: “Garibaldi Park: Alpine Jewel of Howe Sound” (April) – Bob Turner; notable for attendance by younger people
 - Elders Council for BC Parks: visited in July for Killarney Lake hike
 - Collaboration with Municipality
 - Beach/marina/dock signage: BIC paying for signs, BIM paying for installation
 - Rezoning referral: opinion sought on significant ecological features of lands
 - Planning meeting: “dock bylaw”, shoreline issues
 - EDC Branding Working Group activities
 - Public Hearing on “dock bylaw”
 - BC Hydro Pole Treatment Program
 - Other activities
 - Letter to Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations concerning new dock applications at CRC
 - Letter to Transport Canada concerning storm damage to existing dock at CRC
 - QR code trial at Sandy Beach and Quarry Park; collaboration with Rotary Club and BIM
 - Outlook for 2016
 - Fairy Fen
 - The Peter Drake Trail
 - Interpretive sign
 - Viewing platform and bench
 - Rennison Lands
 - Continued engagement with John Reid
 - NAPTEP collaboration: TBD
 - Education activities
 - TBD
 - BC Parks program: Apodaca Park (deferred from this year)
 - “Inner city” school visit
 - Engagement with Council and Municipality (when appropriate)
 - Membership Goal – add 50 new members this year
- **Financial Statements** (attached)
 - No questions
 - Financial statements approved (moved by Tamsin , 2nd by Andre)
- **Election of Board members**
 - No nominations from the floor
 - Election of Proposed Nominees as Directors: list as below acclaimed (moved by Sue Ellen Fast, 2nd by Tamsin Miley). All in favour
 - Leo Chan
 - Ellen Coburn
 - Allie Drake
 - Leonardo Frid
 - Owen Plowman (President)
 - Nerys Poole (Secretary)
 - Bob Turner
 - Adrian van Lidth de Jeude
 - Everhard van Lidth de Jeude (Treasurer)
- **Other Business**

- Concern raised by Andre Chollat about other new docks being proposed (end of Arbutus Rd. and King Edward Bay). Sue Ellen Fast indicated Council not opposed to these as they are existing structures and just renewals of permits.
- Question re. remainder of Docks Bylaw and what Council is doing.
 - MOVED that the Chair write a letter asking council about the status of the next phase of the docks bylaw and timeline
- Comment and Request from Jeremy Howe, chair of BIM Parks and Greenways Committee
 - Asks members to let him or his Committee know of any old growth stands or trees as Committee is hoping to identify and catalogue these. Members may direct this information to Conservancy who can then pass it on to the Committee

The formal business portion of the meeting concluded at 11:05 pm

Guest Speaker: – Richard Wiefelspuett, Executive Director, Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping

- **“Safe and Sustainable Shipping–What does it Take?”**

Meeting adjourned at noon

Respectfully submitted,

Bowen Island Conservancy
Nerys Poole, Secretary