



Valdes Island Conservancy

Minutes December 13, 2018

Date: December 13, 2018

Present: Marja de Jong Westman (CHAIR); Jason Camp; Doug Campbell; Doug Cochran; Bruce Livingston, Bill McElhanney, Warren Warttig

Delayed: Diane Burton, Anne Casselman, Doug Cochran

Missing: Dan White

1. Routine Business

1.1. Call to Order: 7:06pm

1.2. Approval of the Agenda with additions: moved by Jason Camp; seconded by Doug Campbell. Carried. November meeting minutes: moved by Bruce Livingston; seconded by Jason Camp. Carried

2. Officer's Reports:

2.1. Executive Report:

- Membership eblast sent; positive feedback received
- Warren, Alan and Marja - conference call to discuss re: approach to application received from Island Timberlands
- Warren and Marja – conference call with Jimmy Hodgson of Island Timberlands (see summary of communication attached)
- Executive members – conference call
 - to set priorities for December VIC board meeting
- Executive members plus Alan Doolittle – conference call
 - to discuss details required for charitable status application
- Conference call: Marja and Doug Campbell –
 - to discuss agenda of VIC meeting with the Chief and Council of the Lyackson First Nation
- Correspondence included:
 - Thank you communication to the Chief and Council (see attached)
 - Communication with Gailano Conservancy re: eel grass and kelp bed monitoring
 - Communication with Andrew Simon re: climate data gathering in meadows of Valdes Island.
 - Summary document of conversation points arising from call with Jimmie Hodgson of Island Timberlands.

2.2. Treasurer's Report: posted to Basecamp; Diane Burton

2.2.1. Chequing Account:

Balance forward November 1, 2018. \$1441.94



Revenue:
Memberships. 165.00
Interest. 0.02
Expenses:
Basecamp (Nov 17-Dec 17). 27.04
Momentum Conferencing (October). 104.83
Balance Chequing Account. \$1475.09
GIC. \$2589.74
GRAND TOTAL. \$4064.83

3. Committee Reports:

3.1. Risk Assessment: Salish Sea

- Anne has prepared a summary to accompany Warren's full report. It will be circulated to executive prior to distribution. **ACTION: Anne and Warren.**
- Doug Campbell acknowledged his submission of a memorandum to the VIC Board and his need to abstain from participating in any Board discussion regarding taking action on a stance regarding actions arising from the Risk Assessment document.

3.2. First Nation Committee Report: Doug Campbell

- 3.2.1. VIC and Lyackson meeting was held on December 2nd in Chemanius. It was attended by Chief Thomas and Councillors - Frank Conibear, Brenna Robinson, and Jennifer Jones and Marja, Warren, Doug Campbell, Doug Cochran, Jason Camp, Diane Burton, and Dan White. Discussions were open and productive.
ACTION: Invitation to a meeting on the island.

3.3. Charitable status application update: Alan Doolittle

- 3.3.1. Second component of application for the Society's charitable status has been prepared and will be sent into the CRA on December 14th.

3.4. Revenue Committee: Bill McElhanney

- 3.4.1. **ACTION:** Points listed under "Direct Solicitation: in CRA application can help inform direction and activities of Revenue Committee
- 3.4.2. Community Book project will be a significant project

3.5. Safety committee: Jason Camp

- 3.5.1. Safety report posted to Basecamp was discussed.
- 3.5.2. **ACTION:** List of equipment and costs will be developed and brought forward in New Year.

3.6. Conservation and Education Committee: Marja et al

- 3.6.1. Bioblitz dates: Potential dates - June 29, 30, July 1, 2019; dependent on availability of resource biologists **ACTION: Marja**
- 3.6.2. VIC support for Gailano Conservancy application to map/monitor kelp and eel grass beds.
- 3.6.3. Andrew Simon will be continuing his data collection of climate factors on Valdes.



3.7. Membership Committee: Diane Burton

3.7.1. Two new members have signed on: Ann Fahrni Hiley and David Hiley. Elena Orrego has renewed. Total voting members now stands at 86.

4. Other Business

4.1. Committee Annual Restart:

4.1.1. Chairs to review committee goals and mandates (see strategic plan and document circulated); set of priorities for 2019; invite active members to join committees. **ACTION: Committee Chairs (membership and revenue of particular importance)** Due: February, 2019.

4.1.2. **Revenue Committee Chair - Position open? : ACTION: Executive**

4.2. VIC Communication:

4.2.1. Review of website: **ACTION:** Jason Camp and Bruce Livingston

4.2.2. Eblast to members : **ACTION:** Marja

5. Outstanding Business

5.1.1. Determine status of present available properties **ACTION: Bruce Livingston to recontact Brad Ney.**

6. New Business

6.1.1. Setting of meeting dates for new year – Discussion resulted in decision to have meetings on Wednesday, January 9th and first Wednesdays of months following.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 9th @ 7:00 pm

Mission Statement

To conserve and protect the existing biological and cultural communities of Valdes Island and its environs.