



Valdes Island Conservancy
February 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20, 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Conference Call

Present: Doug Cochran, Emrys Prussin, Doug Campbell, John Hurd, Allan Doolittle, Diane Burton, Julian Noel, Warren Warttig (Chair), Marja de Jong Westman, James Lang, Alexandra Tait

Missing:

Regrets: Dan White

1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to Order 7:09 pm

1.2 Approval of the Agenda – **motion** to approve- Doug Cochran; seconded by Doug Campbell - carried

1.3 Approval of January minutes – **motion** to approve Diane Burton; Julian Noel seconded - carried

2. Officer's Reports

2.1 President's Report – **motion** to accept as read - Marja de Jong Westman, seconded by Doug Cochran - carried

2.2 Treasurer's Report – **motion** to accept as circulated- Doug Cochran; seconded by Doug Campbell- carried.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Membership Committee –membership form as been updated; mailing lists have been updated- John Hurd moved to accept report; Doug Cochran seconded- carried

3.2 Revenue Committee – James Lang reported he was working on the cabin owners list and making updates; Julian moved to accept report; John Hurd seconded - carried

3.3 Trails and Lands Committee – mention of concern about weed pulling on private land; John Hurd moved; Doug Cochran seconded; carried

3.4 Safety Committee – deferred

3.5 First Nations Committee – March 5th meeting set with the Lyackson First Nation; Doug Campbell moved to accept report; Diane Burton seconded - carried

3.6 Conservation and Education Committee – discussion of conservation of cultural and biological sites; status of newsletter reported; decision to run Bioblitz annually. Doug Campbell moved to accept report; Julian Noel seconded- carried

3.7 Legal Affairs Committee- Alan Doolittle reported that bylaw amendments and changes to documents for societies can now be done online. **Motion:** charitable status application to be



pursued within 2 months and brought to the board for approval; Doug Campbell moved to accept report; James Lang seconded - carried

4. Old Business

4.1 Status update: Committee work plans – Conservation and Education committee’s report was posted and reviewed. ACTION: Other committee chairs are to report at the March meeting.

4.2 Status update: Bylaw amendment registration in progress; updates can be completed via new on line society registration system along with any changes to Board of Directors. ACTION: Alan Doolittle

4.3 Status update: Legal Affairs committee report on whether or not the development of a right of way is within the mandate of the VIC. Question was read. Discussion followed. Doug Cochran moved to accept the Legal Affairs committee’s report which indicated that the development of a right of way was not within the mandate of the VIC; Alexandra Tait seconded; carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Committee TORs

James Land- Revenue Committee; moved Doug Cochran; seconded Diane Burton – carried

Julian Noel - Lands and Trails committee; deferred to March meeting; Doug Cochran moved; seconded Doug Campbell- carried

Doug Campbell – First Nations Committee; motion to approve- Doug Campbell; Doug Cochran seconded -carried

Legal affairs – Alan Doolittle reported; Julian Noel moved; Doug Cochran seconded - carried

Conservation and Education committee- Marja de Jong Westman moved; Doug Campbell seconded- carried

Board **motion**: All committee terms of reference are to be changed to read – “Committees are to report directly to the Board”. Doug Campbell moved; Doug Cochran seconded – carried. **ACTION**: committee chairs

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Next meeting date: Monday, March 13 @ 7pm

Mission Statement

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