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Valdes Island Conservancy

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May 14, 2018

**Date:** Monday, May 14, 2018 (Conference Call)

**Time:** 7:00 PM

Call-in: **1-866-512-0904**

Pass code: **1325642**

Present: Warren Warttig; Diane Burton; Doug Campbell; Janos Mate; Dan White; Anne Casselman; Doug Cochran

Missing: Bill McElhanney;

Regrets: Marja de Jong Westman; Alexandra de Jong Westman; Allan Doolittle

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**1. Routine Business**

1.1 Call to Order: 7:30 pm

1.2 Approval of the Agenda: moved by Diane Burton; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

1.3 Approval of the March 12, 2018 Minutes: moved by Dan White; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

**2. Officer's Reports**

2.1.1 Executive Report (Actions and Correspondence)

2.1.2 Warren reported a good response to the May 2, 2018 eBlast. (Attachments posted to General Board Business)

2.1.3 Dan reported extensive damage to the Spanish Hills dock due to winter storms and waves caused by a large military boat.

2.1.4 Legal Affairs Committee: Sent via email and posted to General Board Business during the course of the Meeting, Allan reported that the tax application for charitable status was sent to Ottawa on April 23; it generally take 4-6 months to process; and he will check in with the CRA in the late summer to confirm we are on schedule.

2.1.5 Treasurer's Report: Diane reported that as of April 30/18 there was \$1829.96 in the chequing account and \$2589.74 in the GIC for a Grand total of \$4419.71. Discussion



on the issue of more money being spent than is being brought in and the need for funds other than membership.

- 2.1.6 Approval of Treasurer's Report: moved by Doug Cochran; seconded by Dan White: Carried.
- 2.1.7 Approval of Other Reports: moved by Diane Burton; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **3.1 Membership Committee – Chair: Diane Burton**

Constitutional changes are proposed for new categories of membership. For example, providing for non-voting honorary memberships, and a voting limit of a specified number of votes for each owned or leased lot.

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug Cochran will speak to Allan about drafting proposed changes for Board consideration.

Approval: moved by Janos Mate; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

#### **3.2 Revenue Committee – Co-Chairs: Alexandra de Jong Westman/Bill McElhanney**

No report.

**ACTION ITEM:** For the next Board Meeting a request is made that the Revenue Committee report on income proposals.

#### **3.3 Trails and Lands Committee – Chair: Warren Warttig; Marja de Jong Westman**

Warren reported that rumour has it that Island Timberlands is planning to log behind Starvation Bay this year and Marja and he have been working to attain confirmation.

Marja and Warren have made efforts to contact the new Island Timberlands rep., but as yet have had no response.

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren and Marja to contact Island Timberlands.

Warren reported on the new Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan:

<http://www.islandstrustfund.bc.ca/initiatives/planning-for-conservation.aspx>

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren to post the Plan to General Board Business.

Approval: moved by Doug Cochran; seconded by Diane Burton: Carried.

#### **3.4 Safety Committee – Chair: Dan White**

Dan reported that if new date for the Fire Safety Workshop is set he would so advise.

Approval: moved by Doug Campbell; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

#### **3.5 First Nations Committee – Chair : Doug Campbell**



Doug reported that the plan to have a meeting with Chief and Council this spring has been replaced in favour of a fall meeting if, upon consultation, Chief and Council considers it to be necessary.

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug to consult with Chief and Council.

Doug reported that Warren and he would continue to arrange an early meeting with the Treaty Commissioner to discuss Treaty issues that may be of importance to the membership.

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren and Doug to contact Treaty Commissioner.

Doug and Warren advised that a treaty agreement has been reached by the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

**ACTION ITEM:** Doug to post the notice to General Board Business.

Approval: moved by Anne Casselman; seconded by Dan White: Carried.

### 3.6 **Conservation and Education Committee – Chair: Marja de Jong Westman**

No report

### 3.7 **Legal Affairs Committee – Chair: Allan Doolittle**

Allan reported as stated above under Officer's Reports: 2.1.4.

## 4. **Old Business**

### 4.1 Anchorage letter and press release:

Warren provided a summary of what was covered in his report.

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren and Anne to set up a call to discuss a press release.

### 4.2 Communications with Island Timberlands re: access; mounting of informational bat signs at Blackberry Point; hunting signs re: where it is legal to hunt; access to monitor bird boxes.

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren and Marja to continue to make contact with Island Timberlands.

### 4.3 Search for New Directors **ACTION ITEM:** All Directors

### 4.4 Membership Drive **ACTION ITEM:** ALL Directors

### 4.5 Create postcard-type brochure for e-blast distribution to all non-member islanders.

**ACTION ITEM:** All Directors

## 5 **New Business**

### 5.1 Bylaws referring to membership categories: **ACTION ITEM:** Allan to advise

### 5.2 Revenue Committee update: **ACTION ITEM:** Alexandra and Bill to advise.

### 5.3 Bioblitz – accommodation and Board support – boats, beds and tents:



**ACTION ITEM:** All Directors

5.4 Upcoming logging; road use agreement and overall issues re: Island Timberlands –

**ACTION ITEM:** Warren to contact Island Timberlands.

5.5 Slate of Directors for AGM on September 1st – Janos, Diane, Bill and Anne have another year to complete of their term. Warren, Doug Campbell, Doug Cochran, Marja, Allan, Alexandra, and Dan terms have been completed.

5.6 Review of meeting schedule:

**Next interim reporting date: June 11, 2018 – Committee Reports to be posted on Basecamp website. Next conference call meeting: July 9, 2018 at 7 pm.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting: moved by Diane Burton; seconded by Doug Cochran: Carried.

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### ***Mission Statement***

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