



Valdes Island Conservancy
June 29th 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: June 29, 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Conference Call

Present: Doug Cochran, Doug Campbell, Allan Doolittle, Diane Burton, Julian Noel, Alexandra de Jong Westman (Chair), Marja de Jong Westman, Warren Warttig (Chair), Dan White, John Hurd

Late attendees: Not in attendance for full meeting: Julian Noel; Dan White

Regrets: Emrys Prussin

Missing: James Lang

1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to Order: 7:06pm

1.2 Approval of the Agenda – Doug Campbell moved; seconded Diane Burton– carried

1.3 Approval of June 12th minutes – Doug Cochran moved; seconded Warren Warttig – carried

2. Officer's Reports

2.1 President's Report – Executive report (posted); motion to accept – Doug Cochran moved; seconded Diane Burton – carried.

Motion: Doug Cochran moved to change the AGM meeting date to Sunday, August 6th; 2:00; Starvation Bay. Seconded Diane Burton – carried.

2.2 Treasurer's Report – posted; motion to accept – Doug Cochran; seconded Doug Campbell - carried

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Membership Committee – presented Diane Burton; motion to accept – Doug Cochran; seconded John Hurd; carried.

3.2 Revenue Committee – Jamie Lang; not in attendance; no report posted

3.3 Trails and Lands Committee – posted Julian Noel; motion to accept Doug Campbell; seconded Doug Cochran; carried.

3.4 Safety Committee – no report

3.5 First Nations Committee – presented Doug Campbell reported on discussions with Lyackson band councillor Frank Conibear and staff, Linda Aidnell and Gary Drouillard which occurred during the Bioblitz weekend.

3.6 Conservation and Education Committee (posted) – review presented Marja de Jong Westman; marine and terrestrial surveys were conducted again this year; 9 biologists served as resources; 33 participants overall; Saturday's land group covered 20 km of roads, trails and seashores. Discussions during the Bioblitz included both the biological highlights of the island and the cabin community and



community trail networks and access. The participants became more informed about the issues of looting; poaching; grave and archaeological site desecration being experienced by the Lyackson FN. Motion to accept both the FN committee and Conservation and Education Committees' reports - Diane Burton; seconded Doug Cochran – carried.

3.7 Legal Affairs Committee– no report; Al Doolittle.

4. Old Business

4.1 **Action Item:** Freighter Anchorage: Alexandra reported on information gathered from professional biologists on Gabriola and Julian added information gathered thus far from Pacific Pilotage. Formal VIC response now to be developed.

5. New Business

5.1 AGM suggested change of date. Motion proposed and passed. (see 2.1)

Action items:

- Information Document for Members on how a non-profit Board-driven Conservancy works: Alan and Alexandra
- ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS – REMINDER to review the strategic plan document and goals for their committee. This document was created by the full board; voted on and passed unanimously. The goals and projects for each committee were to be worked on during the past year.
- Lands and Trails Committee: Community Garbage Day and Trail Management (requested by members during Bioblitz; see Conservation/Education Committee report posted for reference)
- Committee reports due to President **by July 15th** as word documents; unformatted (as a guide refer to reissue of package sent to members for 2016 AGM) Note: The July 15th date was the date requested for documents for the September AGM date so has not changed even though the AGM date has been moved to August 6th.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10; Motion to adjourn Doug Campbell; seconded Julian Noel - carried

Next meeting date: Sunday, August 6th; short board meeting to follow AGM

Mission Statement

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