



Valdes Island Conservancy

June 2017 Minutes

Date: June 12, 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Conference Call

Present: Doug Cochran, Doug Campbell, Allan Doolittle, Diane Burton, Julian Noel, Alexandra de Jong Westman (Chair), James Lang, Marja de Jong Westman

Late attendees: Doug Cochran; Not in attendance for full meeting: Julian Noel

Regrets: Emrys Prussin, John Hurd, Dan White, Warren Warttig

1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to Order: 7:10pm

1.2 Approval of the Agenda – Diane Burton moved; seconded Julian Noel – carried

1.3 Approval of May minutes – Julian Noel moved; seconded Diane Burton – carried

2. Officer's Reports

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

Action Items arising:

- Notice to members re: Island Timberlands signage at Blackberry Point indicating restricted access and no camping and request from Lyackson First Nations to communicate with Gary Drouillard for permission to access IR lands on Valdes Island and to inform him of any activities of concern observed.
- VIC Website and Facebook page updates: Membership form showing new membership secretary and new membership renewal dates.
- Response re: Freighter traffic/anchorage in Gulf Islands
- Posting of minutes to VIC website and circulation to members

2.2 Treasurer's Report (posted) – Julian Noel moved; seconded Doug Campbell – carried ***NOTE: Island's Trust Alliance membership covers board member insurance and Bioblitz participants.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Membership Committee – Diane Burton reported that three new memberships were received.

3.2 Revenue Committee – Jamie Lang no report

3.3 Trails and Lands Committee – Julian Noel – no report

3.4 Safety Committee – no report

3.5 First Nations Committee (posted) – Doug Campbell reported on information item re: FN land access.



3.6 Conservation and Education Committee (posted) - Annual Bioblitz in preparation; June 23-25) letter to interested participants and resource personnel

3.7 Legal Affairs Committee (posted) – Al Doolittle reported on progress to gain charitable status. Motion to approve all committee reports: Doug Campbell; seconded Doug Cochran - carried

4. Old Business

4.1 **Action Item:** Lands and Trails chair to continue to pursue information on freighters at anchor.

4.2 Committee members need to be appointed by the board.

Motion to appoint Mika Livingston to the Revenue Committee; Michael Livingston and Geoff Burton to the Membership Committee and Pat McAlister to the Lands and Trails Committee. Moved by Doug Campbell; seconded Diane Burton. Carried.

4.3 **Action Item:** Pursuit of Charitable Status for VIC. Board members are to enquire about a CA who may be interested in assisting the VIC in completion of financial statements. Work is estimated to take 10-15 hours per year. Yearly audits can be waived given the size of the conservancy's budget.

5. New Business

5.1 Dates of Board meetings: Continue with conference calls on the second Monday of the month with the exception of the following dates which would allow for in person meetings:

Casual: August 6th – following Valdes Days

Formal and in-person:

Saturday, September 2nd following AGM

Saturday, September 16th 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 19th 3:00 pm

Saturday, January 13th 3:00 pm

NOTE: consider changing conference call October meeting to Monday, October 16th since our usual monthly meeting falls this year on Thanksgiving Monday, October 9th

Meeting adjourned: 9:10

Next meeting date: Monday, July 10, 2017 @ 7pm

Mission Statement

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