



Valdes Island Conservancy
March 2017 Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2017

Time: 7pm

Place: Conference Call

Present: Diane Burton, Doug Campbell, Alexandra de Jong Westman, Marja de Jong Westman, Alan Doolittle, John Hurd, Julian Noel, Emrys Prussin, Warren Warttig

Missing: n/a

Regrets: James Lang; Doug Cochran; Dan White

1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to Order 7:10 pm

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

1.3 Approval of February minutes- Doug Campbell moved; Diane seconded- carried

2. Officer's Reports

2.1 President's Report – posted; motion to accept -Diane Burton, seconded - Julian Noel; carried

2.2 Treasurer's Report (posted March 6, 2017); motion to accept –Alex de Jong Westman; seconded - Marja de Jong Westman; carried

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Membership Committee – Committee work plan updates - Diane Burton

Memberships are due now at Valdes Days

Membership table will be set up at Valdes Days

Working to build up membership breadth from each bay when distributing Valdes Days flyers and VIC membership/constitution forms- motion to accept Doug Campbell, seconded -John Hurd; carried

3.2 Revenue Committee – James Lang – no report submitted; deferred to April meeting

3.3 Trails and Lands Committee – Committee work plan updates -Julian Noel

Now that the Lands and Trails committee has reviewed their work plan; meeting should be arranged with conservation and education committee to consider possible cooperative community projects:

ACTION: Julian

Second question posed re: whether lands and trails committee plans fall within the mandate of the VIC

Warren reported: As an executive committee, we chose not to address the question put forth by John Hurd for the following reasons:

a. The Chair of the Lands and Trails Committee is on record that he would accept the outcomes of



the Legal Affairs Committee in regard to two questions;

- b. The Chair of the Lands and Trails Committee reviewed and agreed to the wording of the two questions put forward to the legal Affairs Committee;
- c. The question put forward by John Hurd is not materially different than the previous two questions;
- and
- d. The Executive Committee feels that the Legal Affairs Committee should be used sparingly.

Motion to not consider question – John Hurd; seconded Alan Doolittle- carried

3.4 Safety Committee – deferred to April meeting

3.5 First Nations Committee – presented by Marja and Doug (see posted/as attached); motion to accept –Julian; seconded Diane Burton; carried

3.6 Conservation and Education Committee (as posted/attached) – presented by Marja; motion to accept Diane Burton, seconded Doug Campbell - carried

3.7 Legal Affairs Committee (as posted/attached)- reported by Alan Doolittle; Motion to accept – Doug Campbell; seconded Julian Noel - carried

4. Old Business

4.1 Status update: Committee Project Work Plans

work plans grew out of and are based on strategic plan and were formally passed by board)

To date the following have updated work plans have been received: Conservation and Education; Lands and Trails; Membership

4.2 Status update: Bylaw amendment registration – posted; report discussed; Alan Doolittle

4.3 Status update: TORs deferred from last meeting

4.4 Membership committee- Feb 10th; Membership committee members updated - James Lang and Diane Burton added; moved by Diane Burton; seconded by Marja - carried

4.5 Lands and Trails committee TOR

Points 1, 2 and 3 reviewed

Legal Affairs Committee indicated that Point 3 requires amendment to read as point 1 and 2 – re: wording of honouring constitutional parameters; discussion followed.

Motion: Diane Burton moved to have point 3 deleted from the Land and Trails Terms of Reference because it is in contravention of the VIC's constitutional mandate. Seconded by Doug Campbell – carried

5. New Business

5.1 TOR updates re: board motion: All committee terms of reference are to be changed to read – “Committees are to report directly to the board”. **ACTION:** all committee chairs to ensure the preceding statement is changed in their committee’s TOR and repost TOR to Basecamp for filing.

5.2 TOR – legal affairs committee; Alan Doolittle- **motion** to accept as posted –Doug Campbell; seconded Diane Burton – carried

ACTION committee chairs: one week prior to monthly meeting, Chairs are asked to update committee work plan tables and repost under general board business on Basecamp, bring points of discussion up



during active meeting for elaboration, overall purpose=>inform board members as to what committee has achieved between meetings and as it relates to the strategic plan of the VIC.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 pm; motion to adjourn - Diane Burton; carried

Next meeting date: Monday, April 10 @ 7pm

Mission Statement

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