

**Valdes Island Conservancy**  
*November 2016 Meeting Minutes*

**Date:** November 14, 2016

**Time:** 7pm

**Place:** Conference Call

**Present:** Alexandra de Jong Westman (Chair); Warren Warttig; Doug Campbell, Doug Cochran, Diane Burton, Julian Noel, Alan Doolittle, Marja de Jong Westman

**Regrets:** Dan White, Emrys Prussin; John Hurd

**Missing:** James Lang

**Recorder:** Marja de Jong Westman

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1. Routine Business

1.1 Call to Order: 7:05 pm

1.2 Approval of Agenda

- With the addition of Base Camp Tutorial under Old Business
- Doug Campbell moved; Warren Warttig seconded
- Approved

1.3 Approval of October minutes:

- Diane Burton moved; Warren Warttig seconded
- Approved with following revisions
  - Alan Doolittle was to be noted as a member of the FN committee
  - Bruce Livingston remained on the Legal Affairs Committee.

2. Officer's Reports:

2.1 President's Report: posted

Discussion points:

- Clarification about the Strategic Plan as guiding document for VIC
- Value of Strategic Plan realized
- Agenda articulates priorities for committees based on Strategic Plan
- Project work sheets which show projects; their links to the VIC mandate and expected timelines will be redistributed
- Committees expected to work toward priorities listed
- VIC is now a mature society and both board members and members need to realize the growth achieved
- Speakers: Alexandra de Jong Westman (Tait), Julian Noel, Doug Cochran, Doug Campbell; Julian Noel; Warren Warttig; Marja de Jong Westman

Motion to accept President's Report

- Warren Warttig moved; seconded by Diane Burton
- Approved

2.2 Treasurer's Report: posted

- \$4837.90 chequing account balance
- \$5000 GIC earning 1.05% (Diane will look into accessing better rates)
- Two Expenses:
  - Basecamp –July-October was \$107.31
  - Momentum conferencing \$36.15

**Motion** to accept: Doug Cochran moved; Julian Noel – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Passed

3. Committee Reports

### 3.1 Membership Committee (submitted by Diane Burton)

- 70 paid members
- 60 non-renewals
- Several new members (numbers to be confirmed)
- Membership forms will be emailed and/or mailed out to outstanding members with new information including e-transfer option of payment
- Diane asked to be a part of the membership committee.

### 3.2 Revenue Committee:

- TOR still outstanding -deferred
- Discussion about name change to Fund Raising and Grant Committee
- Doug Campbell suggested that VP and President solicit board members for this committee
- Discussion of auctions as effective fund-raising events:
  - live auction may have been more popular and more revenue generating
- Discussion: moving James Lang to this portfolio as Treasurer does much to manage membership

### 3.3 Lands and Trails:

- Warren reported that hunting signs received a positive response from Lyackson staff
- Julian is going to monitor sign placement at the south end and asks others to do the same in their own areas; a reminder that signs are to be put at junctions of crown and private property to inform people that they are about to enter on to private land
- Property access for some north properties needs to be researched further – Julian to follow up

### 3.4 Safety Committee: no report

### 3.5 First Nations Committee:

- Doug Campbell had a telephone call on October 17<sup>th</sup> with Pat MacKinnon; Doug will call again in January to set a meeting for February or March 2017
- Realize the importance of meeting with the lands manager Linda Aidnell and FN committee
- Doug suggested working toward a meeting with the band perhaps every 3 months; with a full board-Lyackson band meeting perhaps once per year
- Gathering of both communities on the island was also suggested
- Warren added his discussions with Linda re: Kendrick Island breakwater;
  - Lyackson are gathering information since the original environmental assessment was not thorough.
  - Marja to supply band and Warren with coastal waterbird survey lists.
- Warren spoke with Gary Drouillard, the fisheries biologist for the band, who asked that we inform him if we note hunting activities on FN land
- Warren to conduct a winter video of the bay between Kendrick and Valdes
- Doug Campbell suggested a meeting be arranged with WVYC board to inform them of the VIC and our activities.

### 3.6 Conservation and Education Committee:

- Newsletter planned for publication in January 2017
- Ideas for articles being solicited
- New members from each bay being solicited for committee

### 3.7 Legal Affairs Committee:

- Alan Doolittle spoke with Bruce Livingston and provided him with the residential address of new board members
- New directors are now registered
- Alan is working to have new bylaws officially registered
- Updates needed re:
  - Alan requires basecamp/administration access to this committee
- Committee will pursue charitable status
- TOR outstanding - deferred

**Motion** to approve all committee reports as submitted:

- Doug Cochran moved; Julian seconded
  - Approved

#### 4. Old Business:

- Alexandra: to set up Basecamp tutorial
- Outstanding board member expectations letters to be read and signed

#### **Motion to adjourn**

- Doug Cochran; seconded Julian Noel
- Passed

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm

#### **NB:**

- **REMINDER:** If you are going to be absent from a board meeting, you are expected to communicate your absence/reasons to the President prior to the meeting and provide a report or feedback/input on meeting items in your absence.

#### **Second Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm**

- **December 12**
- January 9
- February 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10

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#### ***Mission Statement***

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