



Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Sargeant Bay Society held at Cooper's Green Hall May 20, 2015.

Call to Order

After proper notice being given to the membership, and a quorum being present, the 38th Annual General Meeting was called to order at 0705 hours by President Rand Rudland.

Guest:

Rod Dalziel, BC Parks

Agenda:

M/S Elise R./Bob Sitter to adopt Agenda as modified with addition by Heather of the Face Book site and Green Cones as a fundraiser options- all in favour.

Prior Year's Minutes

M/S Heather N./Lexi H. Receipt of 2014 AGM minutes – all in favour

Rand R. reported that the agreement with BC Parks has been signed by the SBS today and will go to BC Parks management for official signing by BC Parks.

President's Report

Rand Rudland presented his President's Report on the ecological aspects of the Colvin Lake area. Early concerns about the potentially invasive species *Phragmites* (Common Reed) were allayed when specimens were reported by genetic testing in Victoria to be the native species. St. John's Wort is under continuing attack by volunteers. The beaver dam and its impediment to salmon spawning has resulted in discussions with Dave Stiles in an effort to obtain input from a fisheries biologist with expertise in the issue. The issue of stocking the Colvin lake system with hatchery fish has been effectively ended with comments by BC Parks and DFO on regulations and restrictions of introducing hatchery stock into the natural system. Maggie M. made the point that she was under the impression that the original stocks were from hatchery stock after completion of the fish ladder. Further discussions will be held to see if this alters the equation in any way.

Educational program details discussed for the summer, including a 25th anniversary of the Park celebration on July 4th in conjunction with the intertidal exploration event with the iris Griffith Centre staff. The Spring Birdwalk was held Monday past with 35 birders in attendance. The Botanical Walk to Triangle Lake will be held on June 28th.

Repairs to the trail near the waterfall will be done once BC Parks has reviewed and accepted the proposed budget. The stairs and railings repairs are now in the mandate of the Park contractor and will be done this year according to Rod D. The viewing platform project was put to a vote and there was no clear winner so the project is now shelved.

7777 Kenyon, the "Rock" property, is now up for sale. Rand R. has met with the listing agent to apprise him of the Society's concerns about the Rock, the public access pathway between the Rock and the house property, and the potential for any buyer to obtain a tax receipt for any donation of the property as an ecological reserve and addition to the Park. Heather reported that the 25-year moratorium on any development of the Rock has long passed. Bob Sitter suggested speaking to the Nature Trust Conservancy about purchasing the property. Elise will inquire at the SCR D about riparian setback and road allowance issues. The Society could apply to Dept. of Highways to become the stewards of the dedicated public pathway that is presently occupied by fences and equipment put there by the present property owner.

See addendum for complete Report.

Treasurer's Report

Maggie Marsh presented the financial statements for the Society – see attached. **M/S Elise R./Heather N.** to accept the Treasurer's Report – all in favour.

Membership

Rand R. reported that the membership sits at 44 as of May 20, 2015, nearly the same as it was at the last AGM.

Election of Directors

The existing Directors have agreed to stand for re-election. No nominations were forthcoming from the floor.

M/S Bob Sitter/Heather N. to confirm all the Directors put forward for the coming year - all in favour.

The following are the Directors for 2015: Tony Greenfield, Elise Rudland, Maggie Marsh, Katie Caple, Rand Rudland, Jeff Muckle, Alexis Harrington, Garry Paulsen and Heather Newman

New Business.

Heather N. has set up the Society's Facebook page and encourages all members to contribute to the social media promotion of the Park, in the hope of increasing awareness, and ultimately membership.

Heather spoke to the Green Cone composting units that are available for fundraisers for non-profit organisations such as the SBS. These apparently compost faster, are

more bear-proof, and come in at a cost of about \$100 with a profit to the organisation of approximately \$25/unit. Elise R. will see if the SCR D has a demonstration unit to use at any fund raising event we may undertake.

Rod Dalziel spoke to the new bear-proof garbage bins recently installed near the lower parking lot.

Elise R. raised the issue of ongoing encroachment by the Nootka Rose onto the pathways and in particular the expansion on the ocean side of the berm trail. The concern is that, over the years, their continued growth will eventually reduce or eliminate any ocean views from the berm trail. BC Parks will consider this issue. BC Parks has stated that the Society may trim the rose bushes restricting vision from the double bench into the marsh, but only after the nesting season for birds is completed.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:39 pm. – Jeff Muckle

Rand Rudland, President