

METCHOSIN FOUNDATION
SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, April 19 2015 at 7:00 pm

Venue: St. Mary of the Incarnation Church, 4125 Metchosin Road, Victoria, BC

Present: Chair Christ Pratt, Vice-Chair Joel Ussery, Secretary-Treasurer Carol Carman, Director Kem Luther, Director Dan Maclsaac

Regrets: Director Aileen McConnell

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Chair Chris Pratt.
2. Review of Activities in 2014 and plans for 2015 by Chair Chris Pratt.
 - Welcome to guests and thank-you to the Church for the facilities.
 - Introduction of six Board Members and bookkeeper: Chair, Chris Pratt; Vice-Chair, Joel Ussery; Secretary Treasurer, Carol Carman; Director, Kem Luther; Director, Dr. Aileen McConnell; Director and legal counsel, Dan Maclsaac; and Bookkeeper, Nicole Lalonde.
 - Mandate as a charitable organization is to promote awareness and take actions to keep Metchosin "a green and pleasant land in the midst of blue waters, to keep it ad a healthy and harmonious place to live, and to steer clear of politics." The emphases are preservation, education and social action.
 - Thanks to our donors.
 - Activities over the past year include:
 - Staged both a BioBlitz and a MycoBlitz in collaboration with the Victoria Natural History Society (VNHS), the South Vancouver Island Mycological Society, the District of Metchosin and CRD Parks. Identified at least 2000 forms of life, species - and counting.
 - Helping owners of a property rich in Douglas fir, "Garry oaks and rocky balds to place a covenant on their land.
 - Supported the Apple and Honey (AppleBee) festival held in the autumn of last year at the Metchosin Community House. (Royal Pomological Society Event).
 - Sponsored and led a Wills and Bequests discussion.
 - Continued support for the work of the Metchosin Seniors Association and SIRC.
 - Staged our main annual fundraiser - the Halloween Party and Dance.
 - Participated in Metchosin Day, where it was announced that MF is administering the Valerie Cochrane Memorial Fund in partnership with Pearson International College of the Pacific. Pearson College students

take our messages of healthy environment, healthy community around the world.

- Looking to the future:
 - Seeking a possible place for a bird observatory and environmental education centre.
 - Continuing to recognize and protect environmental treasures areas like Rocky Point, Mary Hill, William Head, Albert Head, the top of Mount Helmcken, the Hundred Acre Wood and Race Rocks.
3. Introduction of Dr. Andy McKinnon, research ecologist and Metchosin Councillor, to introduce guest speaker Dr, Briony Penn, author of several books and television credits:
- A Year on the Wild Side
 - Atlas of the Salish Sea
 - Columns in *Focus* and other magazines
- Subject of her address: Private Land Stewardship.

4. Refreshment Break.

5. Business Meeting at 8:04 pm:

- Minutes of AGM.
 - Motion to adopt by Dan Maclsaac
 - Seconded by Kem Luther
 - Carried
- Motion to Elect Slate of Directors

WE, Carol Carman, Christopher Gratrix Pratt, Aileen McConnell, Kem Luther, Joel Ussery and Angus Daniel Godwin Maclsaac, being a quorum of Directors of the Society CONSENT to the following business and adopt resolutions as put to a vote at the Annual General Meeting and carried unanimously, declaring and confirming it be RESOLVED that:

1. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected Directors of the Society (year 4 of 2nd term of 4 years) until successors are appointed in accordance with the by-laws:
 - Christopher Gratrix Pratt
 - Angus Daniel Godwin Maclsaac
2. Aileen McConnell is confirmed as a Director of the society (year 2 of 1st term of 4 years) until a successor is appointed in accordance with the by-laws:

3. The following persons are confirmed as re-elected Directors of the Society (year 4 of first term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the by-laws:
 - Kem Luther
 - Joel Ussery
 4. Carol Jean Carman is confirmed as re-elected as a Director of the Society for the ensuing year (year 2 of second term of 4 years) until a successor is appointed in accordance with the by-laws:
 5. The following persons are confirmed as appointed Officers of the Society for the ensuing year:
 - PRESIDENT - Christopher Gratrix Pratt
 - VICE-PRESIDENT - Joel Ussery
 - TREASURER - Carol Jean Carman
 - SECRETARY - Carol Jean Carman
 6. The appointment of an auditor is waived for the coming year.
 7. The production and publication of financial statements by the directors of the Company are hereby waived and tabled to the next meeting.
 8. The Members of the Society hereby confirm February 12 (incorp. Anniversary date) as the annual reference date for the Society.
 9. The Solicitors for the coming year shall be MacIsaac & MacIsaac, 2227 Sooke Road, Victoria, BC.
 10. The annual membership fee for membership in the Society remains at \$10.00.
- Financial Statement as of December 31 2014
 - Income \$9,797.50
 - Expenses \$9,885.36
 - Accounts:
 - Chequing \$13,769.12
 - Savings 4,142.83
 - BioBlitz 795.74

\$18,707.69
 - Valerie Cochrane Memorial Fund @ \$11,137.32

- Endowment with the Victoria Foundation @ \$23,298.00
- Discussions and Questions from Membership
 - Directors Insurance - Joel spoke to this subject
 - Ideas for future projects, including:
 - bird observatory and educational facility
 - Mary Hill, where a subdivision is being considered. Note that the Victoria Natural History Society surveyed this area some years ago.
 - Scholarships for youth
- Motion for adjournment at 8:53 pm by Kem Luther.

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