

**METCHOSIN FOUNDATION  
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday May 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

**Venue:** St. Mary of the Incarnation Church, 41225 Metchosin Road, Victoria, BC

**Present:** Chris Pratt (Chair), Joel Ussery (Vice Chair), Carol Carman (Secretary-Treasurer), Kem Luther (Director), Dan MacIsaac (Director), Guest Speaker Jo-Ann Roberts, members and guests.

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order by Chair Chris Pratt**
- 2. Review of activities since the 2015 AGM (summary attached as Appendix A)**
- 3. Introduction of Guest Speaker Jo-Ann Roberts**, former journalist, host of CBC Radio programming, and environmental activist. Ms. Roberts spoke for a half hour supported by a Power Point presentation on the topic ***If Not Now, When?*** Questions followed. Chris Pratt thanked the speaker and presented her with tokens of appreciation: a ceramic plate from the *Fired Up* Ceramic show being held this week-end in Metchosin, Kem Luther's recently published book on *the Boundary Layer*, and a jar of locally produced honey from Derek Wulff.

As a surprise, a birthday cake was wheeled out for Chris Pratt and the audience sang their birthday wishes to him.

**4. Refreshment Break**

**5. Business Meeting:**

- Motion to Approve the Minutes of the 2015 AGM moved by Joel Ussery (with one spelling correction). Seconded by Kem Luther. Carried.
- New Directors: Joel Ussery recognized and thanked the two Directors who had come to the end of their six-year terms: Chris Pratt and Dan MacIsaac. He then introduced and offered a brief bio of each of the three people who were standing for nomination to the Metchosin Foundation Board. Bev Hall was able to attend in person, however, Mike Fisher and Jacqueline Clare had submitted their names in advance of this meeting to stand for nominations.
- Director's Resolutions: Dan MacIsaac served as Returning Officer and submitted an Omnibus Bill nominating the new slate of Directors and Officers:

Be it resolved that:

- 1) The following persons be elected Directors of the Society (year 1 of 1<sup>st</sup> term of 4 years) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:
  - Jacqueline Clare
  - Michael Fischer
  - Beverly Hall.
- 2) The following persons be re-elected as Directors of the Society (year 1 of 2<sup>nd</sup> term) until successors are appointed in accordance with the bylaws:
  - Kem Luther
  - Joel Ussery
- 3) Carol Jean Carman be re-elected as a Director of the Society (year 3 of 2<sup>nd</sup> term of 4 years) until a successor is appointed in accordance with the bylaws.
- 4) The following persons be appointed Officers of the Society for the ensuing year:  
PRESIDENT - Carol Jean Carman  
VICE-PRESIDENT - Joel Ussery  
TREASURER - Joel Ussery  
SECRETARY - Kem Luther
- 5) The appointment of an auditor be waived for the coming year.
- 6) The production and publication of financial statements by the directors of the Company be waived and tabled to the next meeting.
- 7) The Members of the Society hereby confirm February 12 (incorp. anniversary date) as the annual reference date for the Society.
- 8) The Solicitors for the coming year be MacIsaac & MacIsaac, 2227 Sooke Road, Victoria, B.C.
- 9) The annual membership fee for membership in the Society remain set at \$10.00.

Motion to approve Omnibus Bill by Chris Pratt. Seconded by Kem Luther. Carried.

- Thanks to Retiring Directors: Chris Pratt and Dan MacIsaac were presented with potted rare grasses from Metchosin, in thanks for their tireless and excellent leadership and service.
- Financial Report: Book keeper Nicole Lalonde was invited to present the Foundation's financial report to the meeting. Her report was to December 31 2016 and cited:

○ Chequing Account Balance	\$15,916.17
○ Savings Account Balance	\$ 3,554.59
○ BioBlitz Fund	\$ 1,389.80
○ Valerie Cochrane Memorial Fund	\$10,660.93

Full Report Attached as Appendix B.

- Potential Future Projects: brief outline by Carol Carman as 2016 – 2017 Chair
  - Ongoing commitment to establishing Nature Covenants on ecologic ally sensitive properties in partnership with owners and the Habitat Acquisition Trust.
  - Exploration of the possibility of Shoreline covenants where possible. Those discussion are already underway.
  - Outreach projects to school-aged youth in Metchosin to build awareness of the value of the natural environment in this region.
  - Working with the community to offer scholarships to high-school graduates who have demonstrated commitment to environmental protection and/or community support activates.
  - Invited those present and others in Metchosin to come forward with their ideas, to be integrated into future planning.
- Questions for the Membership:
- Other Business:
- Adjournment at 9:00 pm.

## **Appendix A: Annual Report from Chair Chris Pratt**

**April 1 2015 – May 1 2016**

- Welcome to MF members, guests and to our eminent speaker JoAnn Roberts.
- Introduce the Board of Directors for the past year: Joel Ussery, Kem Luther, Dan MacIsaac and (yourself, of course)
- The Metchosin Foundation was incorporated February 12, 2008. Last AGM was April 19, 2016. Since that time much has happened.
- With so much building and development across the Westshore, Metchosin plays an increasingly important role in protecting and safeguarding the extraordinary range of species from all living Phyla, Orders and Classes that live with us here.
- Over the past year, the Metchosin Foundation has continued to work with the Habitat Acquisition Trust to undertake the establishment of nature covenants on lands in the region that are ecologically intact and unique to this region. The process involves hard work and is often lengthy, requiring inventorying of species, approvals, fund-raising and legal agreements between owners and HAT.
- The most current project involves lands that straddle the Metchosin-Langford border on Humpback Road. We are hopeful that an announcement about this project can be made before fall.
- The Halloween Dance fundraiser was held October 24 and was well-supported. Unfortunately, this annual event will not be repeated this year as the October date was booked rapidly last October. The new Board will be tasked with developing other fund-raising events.
- In March, we invited Metchosinians to convene a meeting to review the formation, constitution and past and current activities of the Foundation to help plan projects and future directions. Many great ideas came forward.
- The Metchosin Foundation BioBlitz and BioDiversity events are proving more and more successful.
- This year the inventory work was split into a public celebration (Metchosin Biodiversity Day) and a number of targeted inventories (4 so far) with just taxonomy experts.
- Metchosin Biodiversity Day, held on April 30 at the teaching shelter in Witty's Lagoon, attracted over a hundred people to its walks and displays. The 2016 targeted inventories, held at Matheson Lake, Albert Head DND property, and William Head Institution lands have so far added about 120 new species to the Metchosin species database. That data base now records more than 2300 species.
- CRD Regional Parks supported and participated in the event by providing three staff, displays and activities for children.

- This kind of event fits in well with the Metchosin Foundation's educational mandate, and we anticipate that this is the first of annual events well into the future.
- On Monday May 9 a Bio-Blitz inventory was undertaken.
- For the first time, scientists were granted access to the William Head Penitentiary and lands as well as the DND properties at Albert Head.
- Now in the sixth year of its biodiversity work, Metchosin now holds the 2nd longest-running BioBlitz in BC.
- We have begun a dialogue with Metchosinites on the subject of Shoreline Covenants.
- Via our website and through other means, we asked if there is interest from residents with shoreline properties in establishing shoreline covenants on environmentally sensitive ecologies.
- Recently, Conversations with the Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) (*is there someone attending from HA who should be introduced?*) suggest that potential may exist for a partnership between the Metchosin Foundation, HAT and Metchosin Council to make progress in this area.
- It is with regret that many of us recall the loss of strong residents of Metchosin: Valerie Cochrane and Charles Priester, both of whom were closely involved with Pearson College.
- After Valerie's passing, Charles established a fund in her honour to assist Pearson students faced with family crises to fly home.
- It is modelled after a similar program operating for many years at McGill University in Montreal.
- The Metchosin Foundation is managing that fund for the benefit of Pearson students: Charles Priester agreed to match every amount donated.
- The fund is now nearly \$10,000 and already two students have been able to address their family crises in person due to that fund's existence. You may have taken the opportunity to read one of these thank-you letters that has been published on our website and in the Muse. Most of these loans are repaid generously at some point, when the student is able.
- Personal words of thanks from the outgoing Chair, and encouragement for the year 2016.
- Introduction of guest speaker, journalist and environmental activist JoAnn Roberts.

## Appendix B: Financial Report

### Financial Statement @ Dec 31, 2015

#### Income

Membership	470.00
Donations	2469.86
VCMF donations	1517.65
Bank Interests	97.02
Fundraising	4493.21 <i>Halloween</i>
VCMF Payback	<u>2058.00</u> <i>Transfer back from VCMF re flight to Panama</i>
	<b>\$11,105.74</b>

#### Expenses

Office Expenses	921.40 <i>AGM Expenses/Director's Insurance</i>
Fundraising	1120.60 <i>Halloween Dance, AGM &amp; Bioblitz Expenses</i>
Gift & Donations	2500.00 <i>Victoria Foundation Endowment Fund</i>
Valerie Cochrane Memorial	
Fund Payout	<u>2058.00</u> <i>Student Emergency flight to Panama</i>
	<b>\$ 6,600.00</b>

### Bank Accounts @ Dec 31/15

Chequing	15,916.17
Savings	3,554.59
BioBlitz	1,389.80
VCMF	<u>10,660.93</u>
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