

Minutes of Transition Sooke General Meeting

Wed Oct 7, 2020 by Zoom

Members present (19):

Alan Dolan (chair), Cheryl Travis, Oliver Hockenhull, Chris and Lynn Moss, Susan Clarke, Dave Mallett, Jo Phillips, Lily Mah-Sen, Jill and Paul Marchand, Sue Lidster, Samantha Webb, Susan Belford, Moki and Bev, Hester and Jack, Robin Zabloski

1. Opening
 - a. Territorial Acknowledgement
 - b. Introductions
 - c. President's Comments - Moki
 - d. Agenda Approval
 - e. Minutes of Sept 2, 2020 Approval moved by Susan B, seconded by Lynn Moss. Passed.
2. Treasurer's Report (see below)
3. Cleaning up unfinished and in process business – Alan
 - a. The Decision-Making and Financial Polices now posted TS Website
 - b. The previous motion on decision making by the Board for financial matters was presented at the March 26, 2019 but no motion was passed.
 - c. There is now a place on TS website where reports on Sooke Council Meetings can be posted
 - d. Summary of last Sooke Council Meeting to be sent out to members (Alan and Susan)
4. Standby funds for Sooke Multi-Belief Initiative for All-Candidates Forum October 15, 2020. Moki suggested that we make available \$100 to cover any expenses for this event. It was felt that, since we now have a new policy on financing projects, this request should be denied and proper procedures be followed. Moki agreed and will inform the organizing group accordingly. He will forward them a copy of the policy.
5. Report on Sooke Council meetings (Hester) Susan B did a stellar presentation about the OCP being developed through lens of the climate emergency. The response from Council was underwhelming although the matter was sent to staff and the OCP steering committee for their considerations. The Council meetings for September 14 (Alan D) and 28 (Jo) were monitored with notes being made available soon.
6. OCP and Climate Action Team – (Susan C) The goal is to create a 10-year plan for how Sooke will grow. Currently the push for growth and “business as usual” is in full sway. This orientation is at odds with our intention to reduce the speed and intensity of growth as a dominant value along with a ramping up of the engagement to deal with what the Climate Emergency requires of us for the sake of our children and grandchildren. The September 30 meeting of the OCP steering committee emphasized the importance of public engagement and sent out a survey for people to respond to. We need to get copies of this survey immediately. Another document was mentioned: “What municipalities can do to address climate disruption.” Again we need to familiarize ourselves with this and other relevant resources.

7. West Coast Environmental Law / The Climate Doctor – (Oliver and Jo) After some information about WCEL and about Dr. Silvie Harder (The Climate Doctor) was shared, the group was keen to explore how we can take advantage of this unique opportunity. Jo will send off a letter to Dr. Harder right away.
8. Climate Emergency Reports from other Action Teams - NONE
9. District of Sooke Climate Action Committee (Susan C)

Meeting adjourned

Next Zoom meeting November 4, 2020

TRANSITION SOOKE - TREASURER'S REPORT

Wednesday, September 7, 2020

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	CA\$4,904.39
Wild Wise Sooke (101)	CA\$0.51
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	CA\$1,197.54
Special Events (103)	CA\$0.00

INCOME:

NO INCOME IN SEPTEMBER

EXPENSES:

A request was made by Alan Dolan for reimbursement of \$50.00 payment to riseup.net Transition Sooke's Listserve provider. Reimbursement payment was made cheque #000127.