

Draft Transition Sooke Notes
November 8, 2023
In-person (library)/Zoom

Attendees: Jo (facilitator), Alan (note-taker), Levi, Paula, Susan B, Susan C, Brian (guest of Susan B), Lily, Anthony, Gord, Doris, Diana

Greeting, territorial acknowledgement, check-in

Note taker – Alan

Approve Minutes of Oct 11, 2023 meeting. Moved – Alan; Seconded- Lily Approved with addition of We-Can write-up.

Treasurer's report – Lily (see end of minutes) – Approve report Moved-Lily; Seconded – Alan. Approved.

Steering Committee report – Alan encouraged everyone to consider nominating someone (or themselves) to be on the Steering Committee. The Committee, which is not a decision-making body, needs more energy!

Action items from Sept. and Oct.

1. Due to the nature of the grant funding (Pacific Institute for Climate Solution) we have decided to focus on an event with author Dahr Jamail speaking on his recent book "We are the Middle of Forever." We will explore co-sponsoring or a letter of support from the Sooke Truth for Reconciliation group. We will also explore connecting with the T'Sou-ke Nation, possibly getting Elder Shirley Alphonse to do a welcoming prayer.

Motion: That Transition Sooke form a committee to put together a grant proposal to PICS for an event featuring Dahr Jamail. Moved - Alan; Seconded – Lily Passed.

Committee consists of: Susan B, Diana, Anthony, Jo and Paula

Motion: If we are unable to get the grant, consider inviting Dahr and holding the event. Moved – Lily; Seconded – Susan B. Passed.

2. **Motion:** Alan will buy a microphone for Transition Sooke to use in Zoom meetings. Moved – Susan B; Seconded – Gord. Passed
3. Paula reported on her attending the Rotary Club meeting and talking about Transition Sooke and Zero Waste Sooke. Rotary Club would like us to join and consider working together.

Action: Gord and Paula to attend next few Rotary Club meetings and report back to Transition Sooke Monthly Meetings.

Action Group Reports:

1. Zero Waste Sooke – Paula reported on the success of Sunday's Repair Café. Thirty-nine people attended and it resulted in 30 successful "fixes." There were 10 "fixers." Donations totalled \$210. Community Hall is an excellent location for the Repair Cafés. Next Swap meeting is on Sunday November 26. It is a holiday decorations swap.
Action: Paula to send a holiday card to April at the library thanking her for all her help
Action: Everyone to think of people or organizations Transition Sooke should thank at this time of year.
2. Sustainable Food Security and Agriculture (SFSA) – Levi summarized two main initiatives: 1) South Island Farming Hub, which provides a mechanism for local farms to participate 2) Sooke Community Gardens – Have met with staff at DoS to discuss Site Assessment Criteria. A number of volunteers are supporting this process. DoS encouraging use of private land, but public land is more sustainable in the long-term. Next meeting of SFSA is at the library on Wednesday November 15 at 7 pm. It will also be virtual on Teams.

We-Can – Lily – No report

Si-Can – Susan C. – Si-Can (reps from Sooke, Metchosin, Colwood, View Royal, Oak Bay, Saanich, North Saanich, Central Saanich, and Esquimalt) has been focused on the zero-carbon step code including encouraging municipalities to go to Level 4 now, because they will be forced to by the Province in 2030.

New Business

Local government Action Group – There is a nucleus of people who are interested in this group: Lily, Paula, Susan B, Susan C and Alan.

Action: Susan B will arrange a meeting of this fledgling Action Group

Alternative Energy Event at EMCS, likely in Jan or Feb. – Jo will be the liaison with Ashley at EMCS, but we need a co-ordinator from Transition Sooke.

Action: Jo will email Ashley to find out where things are at.

Film ideas: "Once You Know" film screening as well as sharing the EMCS subscription to Criterion films – on hold for now.

Santa Claus Parade on December 10 Gord is unavailable but will lend Kermit to Alan and team. Decorating team consists of Susan B, Paula, Susan C and Alan.

Seasonal party. **Motion** – hold a seasonal party in December. Moved by Alan; Seconded – Susan B. Passed. Pot-luck. Organizing team consists of Alan, Jo, Susan B. Tentatively **afternoon** of Sunday December 17. Location?

Fireweed Educational Foundation is conducting a Climate Education Survey. See latest DoS newsletter. This is part of the implementation of Sooke's Climate Action Plan.

Announcement: Stop the Noise and Destruction – demonstration on Tuesday November 14 at 3 pm at the roundabout in downtown Sooke

Next meeting Dec. 13. Facilitator – Alan

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT

For Nov.8 2023 meeting

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Transition Sooke Core Funds (100)	*\$ 881.21
Sooke Community Garden (101)	\$3,500.00
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$4,130.77
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Transition Sooke Core Funds (Account #100)

Opening Balance \$ 1,281.21

No income or expenditures in Sept.

***Accounts Payable:**

\$300.00 set aside in the bank account, only to be used for next year's Art Contest.

\$100.00 set aside in the bank account, only to be used for a future "Youth Activity."

Amount available for expenditures: **\$881.21** (\$1,281.21 currently in the bank minus \$400.00 set aside for Art Contest and Youth Activity).

Sooke Community Garden (Account #101):

Opening Balance: \$3,500.00

No income or expenditures in Sept.

Zero Waste Sooke (Account #102)

Opening Balance \$4,105.77

Donations (\$15 from Tool Swap) 25.00

Balance: \$4,130.77