

Notes, Transition Sooke Monthly Meeting of May 8, 2024

Members Present: Gord, John, Keith, David, Susan B, Doris, Alan, Jo(facilitator), Lily (notes)

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
- Agenda Review: no new items
- Treasurer's Report. Lily presented a corrected version of April 10, 2024 Treasurer's Report along with the May 8 report. Moved/Seconded: Lily/John: "to accept the corrected version of April 10, 2024 Treasurer's Report to replace for report previously accepted by the April 10, 2024 meeting; and to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 8, 2024." Carried. (reports attached)
- Action Items Arising from previous meeting:
 - Changing locale and dates for Transition Sooke Monthly meetings. We had previously agreed that we preferred meeting at Sooke Harbourside Co-Housing instead of the library. Unfortunately, Harbourside is not available on the second Wed. of each month. After a quick survey, we agreed to change our meeting date to 2nd Thursday for June and July. Our next meetings will be June 13 and July 11 at Harbourside. Transition Sooke will not be meeting in August. Fall dates will be confirmed at a later date. We will pass the hat around for donations at each meeting to cover the rental fees for Harbourside.
 - Speakers for monthly meetings. We developed a short list of potential speakers. The facilitator for each month's meeting will be responsible for liaising with the guest speaker.
 - Table at Earth Day. A successful event. Many people dropped by. Lots of signatures to our ZCSC petition (Doris did a stellar job getting people to sign!) Still some confusion about our name—people asking what we are "transitioning to". We need an "elevator speech" that will succinctly describe what we are about... eg transitioning from "x" to "x".
- **Action Group Reports**
 - Sustainable Food Security and Agriculture Group. Presentation by Sooke Community Garden group to the Committee of the Whole (Sooke District Council) was well-received. The Council asked District staff to work on a report to present to a future Council meeting for decision (hopefully in June). Sooke News Mirror wrote an article on the community garden. We are not sure why the newspaper chose a photo of Councillor Kevin Pearson to illustrate their article! The article ended with Pearson's assertion that it would be better to look for private land to build the community garden. Susan B offered to write a letter to the editor to rebut Pearson's suggestion.

- Zero Waste Sooke. The offer to set up a “dishes loan cupboard” for dishes to be made available for groups meeting in the library will be taken by the library staff to their management for decision. Gardening supplies, plants and tool Swap will be held this coming Sunday. Date for next Repair Café to be set. Updated website will be up and running soon. (ZWS website postings will be forwarded to Alan for posting on TS’s website.)
- Climate Strategy Group. Petitions are being signed. Bookings made for pop-up table at both shopping malls. Work underway to set up an on-line petition. EMCS Principle on-side, will take petition to future staff meeting. Keifer is working on an article to explain the deeper connections and implications of Sooke’s goal of lowering GHGs and the ZCSC. Anyone interested in joining this group? Please contact Susan Clarke.

- **Community Group Reports**

- WE-CAN. WE-CAN’s next CAPA (Climate Action Provincial Assembly) will be a joint effort by WE-CAN, Dogwood, Wilderness Committee and Stand.earth on ending fracking for oil and gas in BC. Via ZOOM. May 23. 6 PM

Lily is leaving the WE-CAN Board of Directors, but is willing to remain as Transition Sooke’s rep to WE-CAN. WE-CAN AGM is set for Tuesday June 4 by ZOOM. There are 6 Board vacancies. Interested in running for the Board? (Talk to Lily for more info.)

- **New Business**

- Request from Kai Montford, MA student at U. of Victoria. Kai’s Master’s Thesis will be on Sooke’s OCP. He is looking for individuals from Sooke (including members of Transition Sooke) to be part of a focus group discussing Sooke’s OCP (meeting in July). If you are interested in getting involved, contact Kai at kaimontfort@uvic.ca
- Lunch and Learn at EMCS’s Eco Academy. June 4. Patrick Gale has invited Transition Sooke to do a repeat of last year’s Lunch and Learn with his Eco Academy’s students. Many of last year’s presenters are not able to repeat their session this year. David Merner and Jo Phillips will work together to coordinate the Lunch and Learn.

Potential workshops include: 606 Water Group, Green Washing (Keifer and Gord), Environmental Justice (David), Steve Unger (solar but can also talk about future careers in the industry), What is Recyclable (Shauna). Lily will talk to Fireweed Group about a session. David Evans will talk to a prof who has been working on Environmental Racism.

- Meeting adjourned.

Appendix:

CORRECTED VERSION
TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT
For April 10, 2024 meeting

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Transition Sooke Core Funds (100)	\$1,274.84
Sooke Community Garden (101)	\$3,500.00
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$3,299.78
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Transition Sooke Core Funds (Account #100)

Opening Balance \$ 1,415.36

Income:

Donation Jar: AGM \$ 88.00 +
88.00

Expenses:

Room Rental Sooke Harbourside Co-housing \$ 25.00
Renewal, Domain Name \$ 29.12
Word Press Yearly Fee (website) \$134.40
Donation to Compost Education Centre \$ 20.00
Membership WE-CAN \$ 20.00
\$228.52 - \$228.52

TOTAL \$1,274.84

***Accounts Payable:**

\$100.00 set aside in the bank account, only to be used for a future "Youth Activity."
Amount available to spend: \$1,174.24 (\$1,274.84 currently in the bank minus
\$100.00 set aside for Youth Activity).

Sooke Community Garden (Account #101):

Opening Balance: No income or expenditures in Feb.
\$3,500.00

Zero Waste Sooke (Account #102)

Opening Balance \$2,788.99

Income:

Reimbursement from CRD Earth Day 2023 \$516.64 +
516.64

Expenses:

Fax and Copying: \$ 5.85 - 5.85

Balance:

\$3,299.78

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT
For May 8, 2024 meeting

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Transition Sooke Core Funds (100)	\$1,378.84
Sooke Community Garden (101)	\$3,500.00
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$3,328.08
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Transition Sooke Core Funds (Account #100)

Opening Balance	\$1,274.84
Income: Donation \$250.00	+
250.00	
Expenses:	
Bank Service Charges: \$ 6.00	
Refund to Donor: \$100.00	
BC Societies Annual Reg. \$ 40.00	
Total Expenses: \$ 146.00	-
\$146.00	

TOTAL

\$1378.84

Sooke Community Garden (Account #101):

Opening Balance: No income or expenditures in Feb.
\$3,500.00

Zero Waste Sooke (Account #102)

Opening Balance	\$3,399.78
Income:	
Donation from March Repair Café \$19.80	
Donation from OPSRRA \$10.00	
Total Donation: \$29.80	
+\$ 29.80	

Expenses:

Bank Charge	\$1.50	-\$ 1.50
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Balance:

\$3,328.08

Account Payable: \$500.00 for Web Design