

Notes for minutes of Transition Sooke meeting at public library June 11, 2025

At 6:39 pm Keith called the meeting to order.

Present were Lily, Keith (facilitator) David & Carol Mallett, John, Doris, Jo, and Paula (minutes)

Agenda accepted as circulated.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting. David moved & Jo seconded. Accepted.

2. Treasurer's report read by Lily, as attached with the agenda sent to members. No questions. Lily moved & Paula seconded. Accepted

Two new persons with signing authority: Diana Gallivan and Paula Johanson *will replace Alan Dolan and Susan Belford*. David Mallett and Lily Mah-Sen will continue in their roles as signers, to make a total of four. David moved and John seconded. Accepted

3. Sooke Radio: Susan B will write some pieces that can be recorded as podcast for Sooke Radio or on the website, Paula writing some humour. A member of TS will be interviewed on a show.

4. Steering Committee Report: Currently Lily is Treasurer, Jo is Secretary, Paula & David Merner are members at large. We need more people. Moved by John, Seconded by Carol: Add Keith Rimstad to Steering Committee. Lily Mah-Sen and Keith Rimstad will share the Coordinator position. Accepted.

5. Post office box is paid for \$212/year. 4 keys handed out to Jo, Paula, Lily, David Merner

6. Zoom: currently we use Lily's personal ZOOM account. We decided we could not afford the cost of subscribing to a TS business account which allows for multiple people to login and use.

7. Website design and maintenance was done by Alan. Claudia Friel looks after posting minutes and the newsletter, but she is not working on designing or changing features. We need a new person to take on website duties. Will put a note on newsletter for a volunteer or possibly offer \$25 or \$50 a month. Dave will approach EMCS for a student volunteer.

8. Zero Waste report by Jo. Make a bag event May 10 at EMCS had 5 people attend & make bags. Sports Equipment Swap at library May 25 had lots of nice gear left over that thrift store can't sell. School Supplies Swap planned for August, Costume Swap for October, Holiday Decorations Swap in December. Two crates with signs Take A Bag are in place at stores. Dishes Out! lending program have been put on hold during the library issues to be considerate of library workers. Repair Café successful. We plan to increase our advertising by setting out more signs.

9. Sustainable Food Security report sent from Levi. Their next meeting July 3 will be looking at plans for the next community garden. Looking forward to seeing the John Phillips Memorial Park Master Plan.

10. Decolonizing our Worldview. Lily & Susan B & Edith Newman attended lunch event at Victoria Native Friendship Centre, and were given a tour of the centre by the Coordinator.

11. Library issues: library workers tell us their hours will be cut and employees laid off and hours of service of Sooke Branch reduced with no evening hours. There was a newspaper article in Sooke News Mirror on Wednesday June 9 with quotes from councillor Al Beddows who is Sooke's trustee on the VIRL library board, quotes from an unnamed library worker, and quotes from Paula Johanson. Paula will speak with VIRL Executive Director tomorrow.

12. John moved to close the meeting at 7:50pm. Tea and conversation.