

TIRRA General Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 2017

Chair and President Stu Downey convened the meeting in Forbes Hall shortly after 7:00pm (7:01pm if you want exact)

Also, present from the executive committee were: Rob Spencer, Vice President; Ernie Hunter, Treasurer; Claire Hess, Secretary; Steve Frankel, Solid Waste; Graeme Shelford, Transportation.

Stu welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the March 23, 2017 Annual General Meeting were approved, moved by Rob, seconded by Keith.

Keith gave the Ferry Advisory report. His outline is posted with the reports for this meeting. His report included that they had a good meeting with the Penelakut and that the work on the docks will take longer than scheduled.

Arising from the CVRD burning meeting, Keith has donated a best selling book, on managing your woodstove to the library: **Norwegian Wood**, author Lars Mytting.

Reporting for the Improvement District, Keith thanked Trustee Graeme Shelford for obtaining a grant from VIHA to assist with our First Responder costs.

For TICF, Nicole Chausson reported that Ellen Rush had retired, that Tim French was now serving as Vice President. She reported on supporting Life Line for Islanders, bursaries for graduates from both Thetis and Penelakut Islands and that TICF has arranged for Go Taxi and Best Western Plus Chemainus Inn to be a support for Islanders stranded by health transport and releases too late or early for the ferry service.

For Transportation, Graeme Shelford reported that Grant's baffle had prevented the beaver dam from flooding the new trail. Also, that Andy Newall and staff are still working with the safety review. A question was raised about water movement in the area of the slough and Graeme promised to investigate.

Vicki Walker, Trails, sent a report read by the Secretary, Claire, that the cost to date of the trail improvements was \$6,092.05 which includes fencing, posts, gates, locks hardware and honorarium to the project manager. Signage re dogs on leash for the protection of livestock is in an initial drafting process with Andrew Stewart, volunteer legal advisor and will be posted after review by the TIRRA executive. The Jollity Farm Trail is in planing stages with development to start in the summer months. Two more trail licences are pending.

Steve Frankel, Solid Waste, reported the completion of the Solid Waste Management Committee Terms of Reference. Discussion of the always continuing need for more education on recycling rather than trashing was helpful to the meeting. A request was made that all recycling be brought to the site clean since there is no options there for cleaning it.

Ernie Hunter, Finance, thanked all for support, that there have been reductions in our costs and that taxes for next year will be about \$80. The Auditor's review is still in progress.

Ernie moved and Steve seconded: That we accept \$26,000 budget for the 2018 tax year. Passed all in favour.

The cemetery report from Suzanne Sarioglu was read by the Secretary, Claire and will be found with reports on the website.

Steve also presented the Welcome Package concept and said a committee of Sue French, Suzanne Sarioglu and Steve supported by the three local real estate agents are preparing one.

New Business

Zdenek Brich spoke of a new group formed on Thetis: ACT: Anchorage Concerns Thetis. They hope to address the problem of freighters anchoring irresponsibly and close to Thetis in the Trincomali Channel. A commentator said that government is trying to address this problem.

Stu adjourned the meeting at 8:51, seconded by Rob.
Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hess, Secretary