

TIRRA October General Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017

Chair: Stu Downey convened the meeting in Forbes Hall shortly after 7:00pm. Present from the executive committee were: Stu Downey, Chair; Ernie Hunter, Treasurer and Bylaws Chair; Claire Hess, Secretary; Vicki Walker, Trails; Steve FRankel, Solid Waste and Welcome Package; Suzanne Sarioglu, St Margaret's Cemetery. 22 members of the community attended, with another one arriving late.

Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2017 GM was moved by Ellen Rush, seconded by Vicki Walker and unanimously accepted.

FAC Update – Keith Rush

TIID/TIVFD Update – Keith Rush

All of the reports by Keith Rush are posted. Stu thanked Keith for providing updates on these important community committees and their activities.

Community Fund Update – Nicole Chiasson

Nicole spoke of the committee's successful early October fundraising and pointed out that they are open for donations at all times. The delightful Family Day was also reported with a promise to work on it for next year. Students from Penelakut were aided; there were no graduating Thetis Islanders this year.

Transportation Report – Graeme Shelford

Graeme's report is posted.

Trails Report – Vicki Walker

Vicki reported that Andrew Stewart had been working *pro bono* with the committee. His work has included advising on the signs describing the trail protocols. They include respect for the landowners. The committee wants them to be simple and brief, easily for posting and very readable. Comments and ideas may be shared with the committee.

Vicki thanked participants again for help on the Lawrence trail, both in maintaining it and in acting as wardens. There are now 15 Trail Wardens regularly walking the trail to check on it.

Two off-Island groups have been given tours and made donations. Islanders may bring guests on the trail, but if groups come, they need to be escorted by Trail volunteers and donations are requested. The use of the Trail is for the Island.

The Historical and Cultural Group of Thetis Island has donated some of the proceeds from their maps for Local Fauna signage on the trails. The committee is grateful for the support.

Vicki has been approached by people concerned with removal of greenery from Thetis Island. Stu followed up with Ladysmith and the individuals have been warned to desist. Vicki has also heard concerns about the increasing deer population.

Work has begun on the Jollity Trail but is encountering difficulties, which Vicki outlined.

Solid Waste Report – Steve Frankel
Both Steve’s reports are posted.

Finance – Ernie Hunter
Ernie reported that the annual audit was finally completed and the books declared in balance. The Solid Waste rebates have been offered but not all the eligible owners have accepted them as, like the tax, they are only \$64 this year.

As has been the case in recent years, TIRRA is in good financial shape.

Cemetery Report – Suzanne Sarioglu
Suzanne’s report is on file. Peter Luckham commented in support of the work on the sea bank of the property.

Welcome Committee – Steve Frankel
Both Steve’s reports are posted.

New Business - Bylaws

TIRRA may amend its Constitution or Bylaws by special resolution provided Notice of Motion has been given at the previous regular meeting of TIRRA. TIRRA Bylaws are currently under review and revised bylaws will be presented and voted on at our next AGM dated March 22, 2018.

Ernie Hunter, Bylaws Chair, introduced the document:

Final draft of the proposed changes to the T.I.R.R.A. Bylaws, dated October 26, 2017

The link below will be published so all may read them before the March meeting. Comments should be sent to Ernie.

<http://www.thetisisland.net/tica-tirra/tirra%20documents/TIRRA%20Bylaws%20Final%20dr%20oct%2026,17.pdf>

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.