

## **TIRRA General Meeting Thursday, October 18, 2018**

Wendy welcomed all at 7:00 PM. The following were present: Acting President Wendy Hinsperger, Vice President Quentin Goodbody, Secretary Claire Hess, Treasurer and Solid Waste Ernie Hunter, Transportation Graeme Shelford and Welcome and St Margaret's Cemetery Suzanne Sarioglu; Trails Vicki Walker was on the ferry. The minutes of the June 21, 2018 General Meeting were approved unanimously. Attendees included 19 members and 2 non-members for a total of 21.

### TIRRA Executive Committee Reports

Vice President Quentin: Urged the meeting to vote in the upcoming Local Government Voting on Saturday, October 20, 2018.

Secretary Claire: No correspondence. Gratitude for the inclusion of eSPOKES as an ad hoc committee of TIRRA with a stated purpose and mandate and for willing volunteers helping.

Treasurer and Solid Waste Ernie: Treasurer's interim financial report reported an increase in membership and in required insurance. Update on Solid Waste committee included gratitude for the staff and volunteers including Lynne Smith present as CVRD area G candidate for Director, and Haarsma who hauls the trash. The five year recycle yard lease from Highways is being renewed. Hydro has begun work on an estimate for electricity to the Recycle Yard without requiring payment for the estimate.

Transportation Graeme: Not too much activity but Andy Newall will help with signage to deal with cars parking so close to the entry to the community dock that the Fire Department can not safely turn onto it. Graeme stated that he will be resigning at the end of his current term after 20 years of serving TIRRA in several offices.

Trails Committee Vicki: Update summarized by Claire as continuing to work on trails and signage. See below.

Suzanne: Cemetery Committee: Suzanne reminded us that the weekend of October 26-28, 31 volunteers from Saturna, Mayne, Pender, Salt Spring, Gabriola, Lasqueti, Comox, Ladysmith, Sechelt, Vancouver and Victoria will join with 9 Thetis Islanders at The Portal to learn about shoreline restoration from master bioengineer, Dave Polster of Polster Environmental Services. On Sunday, the group will be giving Thetis a huge gift by restoring the collapsing bank at St Margaret's Cemetery. This is a joint project with SeaChange Marine Conservation Society, the Thetis Island Nature Conservancy and St Margaret's Cemetery Society under the umbrella of the Salish Sea Nearshore Habitat Recovery Project. Help is needed on Sunday with the planting on the bank, intercept ditch and rainwater garden areas.

Suzanne resigned the Welcome Committee and stated that the materials only need someone to assemble and distribute them. Tatiana Nemchin volunteered to look into the work.

#### Other Community Member Updates

Patrick Mooney TIPC, Thetis Island Port Commission, responsible for the Community Dock and Boat Ramp, reported on the rise in taxes necessary to maintain the dock. He was assisted by Sean Jonas, CVRD area G alternate director and candidate for Director.

Keith Rush, Ferry Advisory Committee, graciously fielded the angst expressed over the current ferry fiasco. He also, as Thetis Island Improvement District chair, updated the meeting on the progress in the building of the fire hall.

With no other issues arising, President Wendy moved adjournment 8:18 PM, unanimously accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Hess, Secretary