

TIRRA General Meeting Thursday, June 20, 2019

Wendy Hinsperger, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Thetis Island School. Present from the executive were Ernie Hunter, Treasurer; Claire Hess, Secretary; Stu Downey, Transportation; Suzanne Sarioglu, St Margaret's Cemetery; Vicki Walker, Trails. 10 other members were present, including Keith Rush, Ferries and Improvement District and Jeannine Caldbeck, TIVFD chief. Reports, filed under Reports to the General Meeting, June 20th, 2019 are on line at: <http://www.thetisland.net/tica-tirra/tirra-reports.htm>

The minutes of TIRRA Annual General Meeting on Thursday March 21st, 2019 were approved as posted to the website; Keith moved, Vicki seconded.

President's report:

Review of Bylaws and Policies resulted in highlighting a few items missed at the AGM, which will be attended to at this meeting.

The Welcome Card is ready to be distributed. The information will be posted on the website with the links.

Treasurer:

Moved by Pat Mooney, seconded by Vicki: That we keep the TIRRA membership dues the same. Passed.

Moved by Veronica Shelford, seconded by Vicki: That we continue the rebate policy as stated. Passed.

Moved by Ernie, seconded by Vicki: That the 2020 recycle parcel tax to be set at \$32,550.00. Passed.

Ernie updated the meeting on the efforts to bring power to the Recycle Yard and the reasons for the difficulties with CVRD on setting last year's recycle parcel tax.

Chloe from CVRD is coming to the Recycle Yard on July 3rd to encourage reduction of waste and get some ideas about the Thetis Island system to help in her duties to educate other CVRD communities on proper recycle and garbage practices.

Jeannine thanked Recycle for allowing the paramedic to do her tests at the recycle yard while the Community Hall is closed; the visits are proving to be successful project.

Transportation:

Stu reported on some of the changes which will occur with Emcon replacing Mainroad as the contractor for Thetis. A number of questions were raised regarding this upcoming change. Stu will be meeting with MOTI Area Manager Jessica Learn to review. Full Transportation report online with TIRRA reports.

St Margaret's Cemetery:

Both the physical space and the financial situation are needing attention. The bank repair is holding and other work is planned. Bookkeeping is being brought up to Provincial standards under Consumer Protection oversight.

Moved by Vicki, seconded by Keith: That the Grant in Aid money CVRD is holding for Thetis Island be used to help St Margaret's Cemetery address these issues. Passed.

Wendy with liaise with CVRD for the money to flow through TIRRA to St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Trails:

Vicki reported on the wonderful progress with Trails. Donations have been made by visiting groups of walkers and hikers. Memorial Benches are being installed via donation by two families. There is a report at the link.

Keith updated as in the report separately posted as in the Reports link.

Jeannine also updated on Fire Hazard conditions in the worst ever drought in the area, at level 3 in June. The fire department needs volunteers that can commit to the work. The recent drill which included a workshop for LERN and ESS was a good forward step. Jeannine is posting an update containing this information on eSpokes, June 21st.

Both Jeannine and Keith stressed the importance of respecting the hazard levels.

Wendy committed to posting a Grants in Aid information piece on eSpokes.

Vicki announced that TINC has won an Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award.

Islands Trust website where the winners were announced:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-awards/>

Wendy adjourned the meeting at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Hess, Secretary