

TIRRA Executive Meeting
Saturday, June 19, 2021, 4:10PM before June AGM

President Wendy Hinsperger called the meeting to order at 4:10PM with the following also present:

- Treasurer and Solid Waste Chairperson, Ernie Hunter
- Trails Chairperson, Vicki Walker
- Espokes Chairperson, Claire Hess
- Secretary, Lisa Vernon

Wendy requested the Minutes from the last Executive Meeting being accepted as posted and were approved by Vicki and seconded by Claire, unanimous approval.

TIRRA Executive Committee Reports to be found online, brief discussions were held on reports as submitted.

President's Report: Wendy

Community Dock still not suitable for Ambulance Emergency Usage. There was a tax increase for anticipated dock repairs, in 2019/2020, managed via our TIPC community partners. An opportunity for an infrastructure grant, through the Federal Government in the amount of \$250,000 became available for application in 2020.

Wendy sent a letter of support on behalf of TIRRA for this grant. No approval yet received.

Stu is looking into the BC Road Safety Strategy 2025 provincial initiative. There is a possibility that once our LTC is able to coordinate a meeting with ferries, highways and CVRD regarding ferry terminal/CVRD wharf traffic issues, and a subsequent plan is approved, we will then be in a better position to make applications for available funding.

There were 3 motions which were finalized and carried forward into this meeting:

Nov 8, 2020 Motion by Vicki Walker to purchase a Weedwacker for TIRRA (discussed previously).
Seconded by Wendy Hinsperger. Motion passed by majority board (all in favor)
(The amount approved was \$705.28 which included an extra battery).
Subsequent to the motion and purchase Suzanne wrote a thank you letter to TIRRA as the Weedwacker is popular and much appreciated.

Dec 3, 2020 Motion by Wendy Hinsperger to renominate Chris Pegg and Peter Thereault as TIRRA representatives on TIPC. Seconded by Ernie Hunter. Motion passed (all in favor).

Jan 31, 2021 Motion by Wendy Hinsperger that TIRRA prepare a letter of support for any and all "fully funded" (not out of pocket costs to Thetis Islanders) applications for the Universal Broadband Funding opportunity. This motion is specific to fiber optic infrastructure and 50/10 internet service to Thetis Island. Seconded by Claire Hess. Motion passed by majority board (one abstain) six yes via email, one yes via verbal. A generic letter of support to the CVRD for their use in assisting Thetis Island in infrastructure funding for internet as stated in the motion.

Espokes Chairperson Claire commented there are some issues, but the decision has been made to stick with the current Espokes guidelines.

Trail Chairperson Vicki said her report on the trails is good. Tasteful Private Path Signs are being placed on adjoining private pathways. Some signs and blockades have been pushed aside by trail users, requiring replacement by volunteers.

Cyclists are still not allowed as a different foundation must be laid otherwise the paths get chewed up.

Although most easement paperwork has been fulfilled there is an important one that has been elusive. Ernie offered to pursue the signature.

Vicki has also compiled all the historical trail data which was a large endeavor and suggested all Volunteer Hours be recorded including committee chairs.

Vicki suggested a raise in membership fees be brought forward at the AGM, but Wendy tabled it for a fall executive meeting and Ernie agreed.

Treasurer/Solid Waste Chairperson Ernie said there is not much change in the financial picture which is still good, and his report will be available shortly.

New Business:

1. The Welcome Committee is still Wendy since a volunteer(s) has not been located. Claire suggested the LERN Captains be asked until a designated committee could be established.
2. Ernie made a Motion that TIRRA should pay all the Costs of Director Insurance, including for the St. Margaret's Cemetery. Seconded by Wendy, all in favour.
3. Wendy discussed the ThINC email from Ann Eriksson which has a request that the TIRRA board support funding \$3,500 for the composting project. The amount is more than the board can approve so a member motion is expected at the AGM.
4. Vicki asked when the Recycling will commence and Ernie suggested that it will be after the COVID 19 restrictions allow it to be done safely. Not only is it individually physically challenging but traffic congestion is also a consideration.

Wendy thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 5:17PM.