

TIRRA Executive Meeting

Thursday, September 29, 2022, 6:00PM

President Wendy Hinsperger called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the following also present:

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

Absent – Quentin Goodbody, Suzanne Sarioglu

Wendy Hinsperger welcomed everyone to the Regular Executive Meeting and thanked those who submitted reports in advance of the meeting. Each committee chair in attendance presented their report or gave a brief summary of their committee works both complete and pending.

Wendy requested the Minutes from the July 5th, 2022 Executive Meeting be accepted, moved by Claire Hess, seconded by Wendy, unanimous approval.

President: Wendy gave a quick update on the Welcome Packages. Some type of tracking system will be put in place so we have a record of the newcomers who have received a package.

Trails: Vicki's committee has decided to have a co-chair, mostly for meeting attendance if Vicki is unable to attend.

Espokes: Claire is experimenting with the times for posting eSPOKES to encourage possible volunteers to consider posting at times convenient to them. Claire has moved the timeline of Espokes so it is submitted in the evening.

Cemetery: No official report in Suzanne's absence: however she advises all is well.

Transportation: Update from Thetis Island LTC re appropriate stakeholders being invited to meet and work to establish a traffic improvement plan for Foster Point Rd stretching from the ferry terminal to the government dock. Concerns raised regarding pedestrian safety, parking, ferry unloading, and overall traffic congestion. Meeting now scheduled for 03 Oct 2022, further details to follow.
Update on angle parking at ferry, vehicles overhanging white line (fog line) can impede traffic flow. Thanks to Joe at Emcon for repainting white line.

Solid Waste: Nothing new, beyond the series of meetings the Executive have been undertaking to address the April and July voting regarding recycle operation, and non-compliance with the Society Act regarding notifications.

Financial: Ernie will provide an update statement to Vicki at her request for it.

Wendy asked that the September 8th and 12th meeting minute "draft" versions be reviewed and commented on by all members of the board as soon as possible so they can be posted before the October 6th General Member Meeting.

The Draft Bylaw Amendments were prepared by Wendy for the October 6th Meeting. Executive were asked to suggest edits.

Some felt the current Bylaws required a more in-depth review by the Board with better knowledge of the BC Societies Act.

Others agreed with Wendy that it was important to update as many Bylaws as possible at this time because all changes require filing with additional expense and workload. Wendy would like to present all appropriate amendments currently identified and then do a further review of the Bylaws this fall, and annually thereafter.

The proposed amendments:

- will bring us into compliance with the BC Societies Act by requiring written notice of meetings by email or Canada Post
- will allow for members to propose a motion requesting written ballots for voting at meetings
- will allow for notice and voting by mail on parcel tax which is the only issue which affects not only members but all property owners
- may be followed by more bylaw changes as we study the BC Societies Act

Vicki indicated there needs to be more clarity on eligibility to vote when it comes to family memberships and individuals of that family who do not reside on Thetis. Wendy will speak with Veronica to ensure mailings are appropriate.

Vicki also suggested that since we are suggesting a bylaw amendment to enable a member in attendance to make a motion at a meeting to have a written ballot on any issue, (versus voting by show of hand), that this be announced at the beginning of any future TIRRA member meeting, once bylaws approved.

Mail voting procedure was discussed; salient points covered in bylaw amendments with opportunity to add more specifics during the deeper review of all bylaws later this Fall. Clarification of the Returning Officer (RO) duties were discussed: ie: ballots received at RO post box, delivered to the in-person voting, checked against eligible voter list.

[NOTE: The BC Societies Act is specific to meeting notifications but not voting methodologies. The Act (Section 84/5/b) is as follows: The bylaws of a society may authorize voting by mail or another means of communication, including by fax, email or other electronic means and if the bylaws of a society authorize voting by a method referred to above, the bylaws must set out rules respecting how that voting is to occur.]

Special resolutions are meant to address the structure of the Society (bylaws, constitution, registration).

Wendy asked that the Board members review the Notification for the Special Resolution meeting (Oct 27th) and the bylaw amendments proposed and comment as soon as possible. The consensus on these items is critical to meet requirements on notification to every TIRRA member by email and mail.

Consensus was not reached during the meeting.

Wendy thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM.