

Friends of Cortes Island Society
November 10, 2019
2019 AGM Minutes

Members Present: Fred Savage, Autumn Barrett Morgan, Brittany Baxter, Morgan Tams, Justine Staniforth, Chris Dragseth, Mike Manson, Diane Daly, Ray Grout, Ian Noble, Russel Haddow, Gorge Lerchs, Gerri Davis, Chris Napper, Brian Hayden, Gabriel Dinim, Leona Jensen, Gina Trzesicka, Arlene Tompkins, Lisa Ferentinos, Carol London, Murray Lovell, Tom Trebitt

Directors/ Staff Present: Max Thaysen, Kate Maddigan, Elizabeth Anderson, Helen Hall, Greg Osoba, Miranda Glover Cross

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **Agenda additions and approval** – motion to approve: Ray Grout, Autumn Barrett Morgan seconds. Motion carried.
2. **2018 AGM minutes approval.** Motion to approve the 2018 AGM minutes. Miranda Glover Cross moves, Elizabeth Anderson Seconds. Motion Carried.
3. **Executive Director's Report** – Presented by Helen Hall. Helen presented a review of the year. Highlights included: Great Blue Herons Come to School, Lake bioremediation study, work at Mansons Landing Provincial Park, Room for Rider, new FOCL enews, summer events program and summer assistant. Helen expressed appreciation to all the committee members and volunteers. She also highlighted the upcoming review of strategic plan and community survey and asked for member input.
4. **Presidents Report** – presented by Max Thaysen. Acknowledge and thanked the board and Executive Director for work undertaken.
5. **Financial Report** – presented by Helen. Expressed appreciation to Marilyn Fitzmaurice for assisting with bookkeeping. Helen explained revenue and expenditure items to the meeting including contract expenditure.
6. **Project Reports**
 - i. **Love the Lakes** – *presented by Miranda Glover Cross* Monthly monitoring program on the lake continues. FOCL undertook bioremediation feasibility study leading to wetland designs at Linnea Farm. Submitted new grant to build wetlands on Linnaea farm property, planned for next year.
 - ii. **Cortes Island School Garden** – *presented by Helen Hall on behalf of Brent Wilken and Laura Ellingsen* Cortes Island Elementary School garden program, funded by FOCL, continues to be very actively producing food by the children, which is used by the school's lunch program. Also installing webcam bird home so children can watch nesting and growth of fledglings.

- iii. **Stream Stewardship** - *presented by Chris Dragseth, Mike Manson, Leona Jensen and Chris Napper* who reported on the successful efforts of habitat restoration on Whaletown and Basil Creeks, along with efforts at counting returning spawners in various salmon streams, planting of native species with local youth and efforts at Chris's Lagoon to enable fish passage.
- iv. **Marine Stewardship & Species at Risk** - *presented by Sabina Leader Mense*. Marine stewardship efforts continue, including the on-going subtidal and foreshore monitoring program. Sabina has also recently initiated a forage fish egg sampling program during winter at Mansons Lagoon and Smelt Bay.
- v. **Parks and Trails** – *presented by Helen Hall on behalf of Ryan Harvey and Alex Bernier* Maintenance of trails continue under our contractors Ryan and Alex, who do outstanding job. Also undertook new board walk upgrades in Kw'as, and refurbished map sign. Parks and Trails committee are getting established and starting new initiatives to support parks and trails maintenance and development.
- vi. **Sustainable Transportation** – *presented by Kate Maddigan* Several initiatives are underway including planning with the transportation minister around regulatory and financing changes to enable community buses (an initiative of the Community Bus Coalition), EV Charger fundraising, and Room for Rider mirror tag program.

7. **Board of Directors Elections** Board director membership is a 2-year term. Two board members, Tamara McPhail and Charles Crossland, are no longer on the board. Max Thaysen and Miranda Cross have not yet completed their 2 year term and continue on the board. Three current board members agreed to be nominated for re-election, with two new nominees stepping forward to join the board, as outlined below.

Nominees: Greg Osoba (returning director), Kate Maddigan (returning director), Elizabeth Anderson (returning director), Gerri Davis (new member) Morgan Tams (new member). All were elected by Acclamation. Passed unanimously

8. **Jo-Anne Green Award**

The 2019 Award winner is Lynne Jordan for her tireless work at the Cortes Museum, and her infectious enthusiasm for natural history interpretation.

9. **Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm** Motion to adjourn: Elizabeth Anderson, seconded by Max Thaysen