

Friends of Cortes Island Society
November 18, 2020
2020 AGM Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Ellingsen, Ralph Garrison, Maureen Williams, Maria Mackenty, Autumn Barrett-Morgan, Roy L Hayes, Angela Hayes, Brian Scott, Andrea Fisher, Heidi Gerrad, Cec Robinson, Christine Robinson, Chirstopher Cooke, Mike Manson, Donna Manson, Joel Solomon, Dana Solomon, Gina Grazyna

Directors/ Staff Present: Max Thaysen, Elizabeth Anderson, Helen Hall, Miranda Glover Cross

BUSINESS MEETING

Welcome Max Thaysen Acknowledgment of territories. Anthropocene, collapse of ecological systems due to human impacts, our hope that our work improves the situation of the ecologically and lessens our human impacts.

The meeting was conducted on the Zoom Platform. Motion: to vote by only using the raised hands function to oppose. Joel Solomon, Autumn Barrett-Morgan. Motion carried.

1. **Agenda additions and approval** – No additions, motion to approve: Maria McKenty, Elizabeth Anderson. Motion carried.
2. **2019 AGM minutes approval.** Motion to approve the 2019 AGM minutes. Autumn Barret-Morgan, Elizabeth Anderson. Motion Carried.
3. **Executive Director's Report** – Presented by Helen Hall. Helen ran through the highlights of the year as follows: Forage Fish-Project Watershed - Forage Fish spawning beaches are important part of the marine ecosystem and food chain. Pacific sand Lance spawning in Mansons Landing and Smelt Bay. Mansons Landing is very important site on East Coast of Vancouver Island. Lakes Monitoring Work - winter monitoring work over the winter. Intertidal monitoring work around Cortes - over the winter diving and recording marine life. Mansons Landing Provincial Park - erosion control and Broom Bash. Nature is Good for you – Folk U partnership radio program. Normal Educational Program not run because of COVID. Summer Student-Autumn Barrett-Morgan - Goshawk survey, website updates, sensitive ecosystems. Foreshore monitoring Data found a home - 25 years of data – at Strait of Georgia Data Centre. Park's Contract SRD - picked up Whale Town Commons – manage 9 different parks and trails undertaken by Ryan and Alex. Streamkeepers - Cec and Christine coordinated included James Creek 9000lbs of gravel for spawning and new signage for creeks in partnership with Klahoose. Wildlife Coexistence Project - Wolves, Bears - info and primers of how to be responsible. Mansons Spit rock moving - protect ecosystems from erosion. Wetland Restoration Dillon Creek - in response to algal blooms on the lake. Monitoring, Bioremediation, wetland restoration. Dillon Creek drains Gunflint

watershed-wetland will improve water quality and habitat, provide opportunity for community engagement. Thanks to all volunteers who took part during the year.

- 4. Presidents Report** – presented by Max Thaysen. Thank you to Helen for her great work. COVID challenges - changes dynamic. Trying to increase our capacity - healthy new practices - Human Resources Committee and Board governance resources - solidify our foundation as a team-cultural norms. Thank you to the board. Project Leaders-critical to FOCI – thank you to them and members at large.
- 5. Financial Report** – presented by Helen on behalf of Elizabeth Anderson, Treasurer. Expressed appreciation to Marilyn Fitzmaurice for assisting with bookkeeping. Helen explained revenue and expenditure items to the meeting including contract expenditure.
- 6. Board of Directors Elections** Board director membership is a 2-year term. Board members stepping down: Greg Osoba, Gerri Davis, Kate Maddigan and Morgan Tams. Elizabeth Anderson yet to complete 2 year term and staying on.

Nominees: Max Thaysen (returning director), Miranda Cross (returning director), Arlene Tompkins, Chris Cooke, Autumn Barrett Morgan and Kai Harvey. All were elected by Acclamation. Motion: Elect this slate of nominees to the board of directors. Maureen Williams, Elizabeth Anderson. Passed unanimously.

7. Jo-Anne Green Award

The 2020 Award winner is Sonya Friesen.

- 8. Meeting Adjourned** Motion to adjourn: Autumn Barrett-Morgan, seconded by Chris Cooke.

A Streamkeepers Video highlighting their work in 2020 was shown after the meeting.