

METCHOSIN FOUNDATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2013

Time: May 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Venue: St. Mary's Anglican Church (new) on Metchosin Road

Chair Chris Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm, welcoming all guests and members, and noting that this year marked the Metchosin Foundation's fourth AGM. He introduced members of the board that had served for the past year: Dan MacIsaac, Jo Mitchell, Moralea Milne, Carol Carman and Dan O'Connell (regrets). He outlined the format for the meeting:

- a brief summary of the year's activities
- A presentation by two leaders of the Ancient Forest Alliance, TJ Watts and Ken Wu.
- An intermission during which guests could socialize and meet the speakers, and enjoy wine and finger foods
- Resuming the business meeting with election of officers and questions from the floor.

The chair especially thanked retiring directors Jo Mitchell and Moralea Milne for their long and dedicated services. Both currently sit as elected members of the Metchosin Municipal Council and had recently tendered their resignations in order to avoid any perception of conflict of interest. He also welcomed newly appointed board members Kem Luther and Joel Ussery, thanking them for taking on these new responsibilities.

The Chair then outlined some of the Foundation's main events and achievements over the past year, including the recently held BioBlitz, the Apple Festival, the fund-raising Halloween Dance, and the contribution to the Seniors Information and Resource Centre (SIRC). He also drew attention to the Foundation's investment and participation in the Victoria Foundation's program of *Smart and Caring Community Funding*, through which the Victoria Foundation matched the Metchosin's investment of \$7,500 to establish an endowment fund.

The Chair then called upon Dr. Andy McKinnon to introduce guest speakers TJ Watts and Ken Wu, both of whom are effective as leaders of the Ancient Forest Alliance. The Alliance is a BC non-profit organization that works to protect endangered old-growth forests by ending logging in these areas. Currently, the team is campaigning in support of the proposed *Old Growth Protection Act*, a science-based plan recently

released by the University of Victoria's Environmental Law Centre. TJ's award-winning photography was a great feature of their presentation as they highlighted the importance of many rare trees and ecosystems in Metchosin and on Vancouver Island.

Intermission: 8:20

Recall to Order: At 8:50 pm Chair Chris Pratt recalled the meeting recalled to order. The Minutes from the 2012 AGM on March 24 were presented. Jo Mitchell moved that they be approved. Moralea Milne seconded the motion. Carried.

Nominations to the Board: As the Foundation's legal representative, Dan MacIsaac briefly recapped the history from its foundation in February 2008. He then presented a resolution to nominate the following individuals to the board: Chris Pratt, Dan O'Connell, Dan MacIsaac, Carol Carman, Kem Luther and Joel Ussery. Frank Mitchell moved that this resolution be accepted as read. Seconded by Kem Luther. Carried.

Finances: Bookkeeper Nicole Lalonde presented a summary of the Metchosin Foundation's bank accounts for the year 2012:

Income:	\$20,838.79 (largely through donations and fundraising)
Expenses:	\$15,896.65 (largely donations & gifts supporting community activities)

As of April 18 2013, the finances stood as follows:

Chequing:	\$16,993.40
Savings:	3,476.83
BioBlitz Account:	1,281.38

Nicole also informed the meeting that the required report to the Canada Revenue Agency had been completed and submitted.

The Victoria Foundation fund had grown from \$15,470 to \$16,360.

Conservation Covenants: Mac Elrod was in attendance at the meeting and told the group that he expected to have the legal details of is proposed 15-acre covenant finalized soon. Also, discussions were underway with Scott and Nitya Harris who were interested in establishing a covenant over parts of their property off Humpback Road, and which extends outside of Metchosin into Langford.

BioBlitz: This is the third annual event featured as part of the Metchosin BioDiversity Project. New director Kem Luther reported on this tremendously

successful 24-hour inventory of species held less than two weeks previous, on a rainy April 27. The special focus this year was on arthropods – i.e. spiders and insects, especially butterflies and moths. A total of 55 scientists assembled from all over the province, including experts on mosses and lichens. Birders spotted 102 different species. In total, about 1200 distinct species were identified, 250 more than the record set the previous year.

Motion for adjournment by Carol Carmen, second by Chris Pratt