

Draft Minutes – Transition Sooke General Meeting – June 3, 2020, 7 pm (Virtual meeting via Zoom)

Approximately 19 in attendance

1 a) Welcome

b) Introductions including 4 new guests. Danneau hails from Port Alberni representing their Transition Town group active since 2010 and invites TS Sooke members to attend their meeting June 16.

c) President's remarks – Moki – Acknowledging Stephen Hindrichs' leadership with the Backyard Food Growing Program in Sooke

d) Agenda Review– No additions

e) Active Member's List – new members need to have attended 2 General Meetings to be added to this list

f) Minutes of last meeting (May 6, 2020) were corrected and approved by a motion moved by Susan C and seconded by Lynn.

2 Treasurer's report presented by David Mallett (see attached financial statement) David M moved a motion, seconded by Paula. Motion passed.

Alan requested that we approve payment of a service fee for the riseup.net group who administer our email lists. Moved by Alan, seconded by David.
Approved

3 Climate Emergency Reports from Action Teams

Lily convened a meeting of the Green Energy Team, The Transportation Team and the Sooke Climate Action Committee to invite everyone to work together. Susan B reported that they had a very productive meeting with more to follow.

The Backyard Food Growing Program, is a collaboration with the Sooke Region Food Chi (\$1,000), Sooke Rotary Club (\$2,000), and the Sooke Garden Club (\$500).

Robin mentioned that deliveries have been made for twenty+ homes, with more still waiting for soil bags and for seeds. Once the current requests have been fulfilled the shift will then focus on Fall planting. We need to recognize the assistance and cooperation of the Sooke Baptist Church and Pastor Rick Eby where we have assembled the soil and the bags and prepared bags of soil for delivery to the homes on the list. Two loads of soil were delivered free of charge by Sooke Soil and Landscape.

4 Financial Procedures Policy

Alan D. Presented the ad hoc committee's (Chris, Sam and Alan with comments from Susan B) proposed policy and explained how it came together. There was a

good discussion with excellent suggestions which Alan took into account. He decided to delay the approval of the policy until the next meeting.

5 District of Sooke Climate Action Committee

Susan Clarke explained that they are working on four bold steps to recommend to Council at a meeting to be held on June 23. The four areas under consideration are: Transportation, Food Security, Land Use, and Education and Engagement. Susan is requesting that as many of us as possible show up at the Council Meeting. She said that one week before June 23 we will have more details available.

6 South Island Climate Action Network – Susan B and Susan C

SICAN member Jane Devonshire wrote a letter to local MLAs urging that BC Transit's Victoria Regional Transit System be electrified using COVID recovery funds. The letter will be going to our MLA, Premier John Horgan, and to relevant authorities. Transition Sooke membership endorsed this letter by an email vote and Transition Sooke was added as a signatory to the letter. The letter has been well received by the MLAs.

7 Zero Waste Sooke – Bernie

Bernie had nothing to report other than he came across some general information about how wide-spread the Repair Cafe Model is working and contributing to the wellbeing of communities. Once we are experiencing the economic recovery with the reduction of Covid – 19 activities, we can return to continue the work of dealing with waste properly along with more Repair Cafes.

8 Announcements

- a) Sooke Awareness Film Screening on-line of the movie, 'The Need To Grow'. Jo P mentioned that we have a link to the movie which is good for four days, June 3 – 6.
- b) Starhawk Webinar, 5–30 pm, June 8, 2020. See link in newsletter
- c) Wildwise Summer Course – Samantha Webb is putting on a whole series of one-hour sessions about living with various wildlife. For details, check our website and coming newsletter.
- d) Deb Wood has proposed an event marking the United Nations World Oceans Day on Monday, June 8 to feature the ORCA Signs and other props promoting the protection of our coastal home. Gather on the median outside Edward Milne Community School along towards the Tim Horton's at 4 p.m. Check our newsletter and look for an interview with Deb in the Sooke News Mirror.

9. Lessons Learned from the Covid-19 experience

There was discussion about holding a dialogue about the meaning of and lessons learned from Covid-19, for us in Transition Sooke, and for people in our community. Using the For Life-Long Learning series was proposed, but it is

unclear when Sea-Parc will re-open. Hester Vair has offered to take the lead and propose how we can do this.

10. Monitoring Sooke Council

We need to develop a roster of people willing to monitor Municipal District of Sooke Council Meetings. You are invited to sign up for this with Hester and Alan.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting: 7pm on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 on ZOOM

Thanks to Bev and Moki