

Meeting Notes - Transition Sooke General Meeting – Feb 3, 2021

1. Opening

- a) Welcome, note-taker (Alan), introductions, agenda review
- b) President's remarks: Moki will make a presentation on behalf of Transition Sooke at the One Planet meeting on February 25, 2021
- c) Minutes of last meeting (Jan 6, 2021) - **Approved**

2. Treasurer's Report – Dave Mallett – Moki presented the report in David's absence (see end of notes) - **Accepted**

3. Board Meeting Report – Moki reviewed the results of a recent board meeting that discussed the role of the board, how to ensure all the communications and administrative "jobs" are done, who is stepping down and how to get more people on the board.

4. Action Items - all

- Lily to contact Sam at Wildwise to see if she wanted the letter from TS to District of Sooke (DOS) and whether there is still time to send it – Lily reported that Wildwise decided that TS should send letters to the waste management companies encouraging them to make bear-proof containers available for residents at a reduced cost. It was felt that it was not TS's role to write such letters, it was Wildwise's role. TS would be happy to support Wildwise's letters.

Action: Lily will go back to Wildwise with our decision

- Alan to set up first meeting of the Local Economy Working Group – **Done**. Alan reported that the group (Jo, Susan B, Anna, Alan and Diane) had its first meeting on January 18. Jo noted that she is trying to get information from DOS on businesses and the taxes they pay. The group will report on progress in the future
- Lily, Jack and Alan to prepare a one-pager on who we are and what we do – **Done**. Alan noted that the one-pager was sent around to everyone and some comments were received. Further comments were received at this meeting.

Action: Alan to ask Sam if Wildwise should continue to be a project of TS.

Action: Bernie to provide some new words for Zero Waste Sooke.

- Hester and Jill will take on the bylaw revision - **Carry forward to next meeting.**
- Alan- letter to active members re membership – **Done**. Four members did not reply after three email tries so they have been removed from the Active Members list. Alan noted that we need a membership person and Jo mentioned she had some interest. Paula said she could help.

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Action: Alan and Jo will talk about membership.

- Alan, Yvonne, Lily, Paula and Susan B will try to develop some guidelines for Facebook (FB) posting – **Done**. Susan B reported that we met and talked about how to balance the need to carry TS business with information from further afield that would be of interest to TS supporters. Yvonne is going to co-ordinate FB posts and Paula, Alan and Yvonne will be “posters.” Concern was expressed that individual emails should not be used on the FB page; instead the TS gmail address (sooketransition@gmail.com) could be used.

Action: All teams and initiatives should send FB ideas to Yvonne. They should be short in length, hopefully with a graphic or photo.

BC Can report - Lily and Yvonne attended. Lily noted that the purpose of the meeting was to bring together all the climate action groups and individuals working on climate crisis in BC to form a new network. 231 people, representing 175 climate action groups and initiatives participated.

The opening speakers were Guy Dauncey, Emma-Jane Burian, Tzeporah Berman, Seth Klein, Natalie Odd, and David Suzuki. Lily sent out a report on the meeting in an email on January 26. The next meeting is February 5. Robin expressed an interest in being involved.

5. **Support for letter concerning CRD Transportation Resolutions** – Further to various emails on the topic, Susan B
6. **Coldest Night of the Year** – Moki noted that he is setting up a team to do this event, which is hosted by the Sooke Shelter Society, and will take place on February 20, 2021.

Action: Moki will send out a notice on the Active Members list and Alan will try to put something in the newsletter.

7. **Report on Sooke Council meetings** – Hester asked volunteers who have recently attended Council meetings to comment. Alan has not transcribed the January 11 meeting yet. Susan B attended the January 25 meeting. Those notes will be sent out to everyone soon. All notes end up on the website (<https://transitionsooke.org/council-meeting-watchdog/>)
8. **OCP and Climate Action Team – Susan C**
 - a) Video Stars/Town Hall – We are trying to reach out to a broad range of citizens and find out what they think. We have a series of short questions and we are asking Sooke residents of all ages to make videos of their answers. What do you like about your neighborhood? What don't you like? What do think of the rate at which Sooke is growing? We will also be doing “on-the-street” interviews.

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Action – Bernie to provide sandwich board and Alan to provide a sign to do the “streeters.”

Anyone who shows an interest receives a guidelines infosheet and a video release form to fill out.

We are going to ramp up the promotion on the OCP Video Stars with a news release and some social media.

- b) Townhall - Transition Sooke will highlight some of the video results on social media and will use others to stimulate discussions at an online Town Hall meeting.
- c) “Climate First” – We are preparing a one-page on Climate First to help Council and others better understand this concept.

More information here: <https://transitionsooke.org/official-community-plan-and-climate-action-team/>

9. Climate Emergency Reports from other Action Teams - None

10. District of Sooke Climate Action Committee – Anna, Bernie and Moki, who are all members of the 2021 Climate Action Committee, talked about the first meeting

11. Other business

Newsletter – In the most recent newsletter, a request went out for volunteers, both for our action teams and for some of the communications and administrative functions of TS. One person responded that she could help with the newsletter and Bernie has also indicated that he could help, so with Alan, there is a team! The team will meet and discuss the best approach.

12. Announcements

Next meeting – Mar 3, 2021

TRANSITION SOOKE
TREASURER'S REPORT
Wednesday, February 03 2021

Current Account Balances:

Accounts

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$4,861.39
Wild Wise Sooke (101)	\$0.51
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,197.54
Special Events (103)	\$0.00

INCOME:

No income to report

EXPENSES:

I am delighted to report that we have accomplished the approved transfer of \$20 for the months of December, January and February. (February 1st as set up as routine transfers). The transfer of \$20 will occur on the 1st of each month through to December 2021. Transition Sooke will have to approve further transfers beyond this date. Thank you to Moki for providing the required second approval on line.

Please Note:

I will be stepping down from Board of Transition Sooke as of the AGM in February and therefore will NOT be continuing as Treasurer. I will assist in the transfer of records and required arrangement for our accounts at Coast Capital. We will also need to update those authorized as second signers and able to provide on-line second approvals. If you are a member of Transition Sooke and are confirmed as a Board Member at the AGM, and are willing to take on the responsibility of Treasurer, please advise Moki at your earliest convenience. You can direct any questions to my email at dlmallett@shaw.ca.