

## Transition Sooke 2019 AGM Draft Notes

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement was given by Alan Dolan  
Minutes for 2018 AGM, Feb 27, 2019

Moved acceptance of minutes: Michael Tacon

Second: Steve Unger

Carried

### Reports

The following reports were presented:

1. President's report

Moved acceptance of report: Lynn Moss,

Second: Samantha Webb

Carried

2. Treasurer's report: David Mallett

Moved acceptance of report: David Mallett

Second: Bernie Klassen

Carried

3. Ad Hoc Committee re TS sponsorships: Lily Mah Sen, David Mallett, Paula Johansen

The report was presented verbally, it will be posted to the TS website and newsletter and will be discussed in full at the next General Meeting, March 4, 2020

Moved acceptance of report: Ann Clement

Second: Alan Dolan

Carried

### Election

It was noted that all members of the current Board of Directors had stepped down. Those former members wishing to stand for election included:

Michael Tacon, David Mallett, Bernie Klassen, Jo Ann Phillips, Alan Dolan and Samantha Webb.

A Call was made for further nominations. Lily Mah Sen and Susan Belford were nominated and accepted the nomination. The total nominated candidates is 8, while a maximum number of Directors allowed is 11. Therefore, all nominated candidates were elected by acclamation.

Refreshments: The meeting broke for a brief refreshment break.

Break-out Groups: Where We've Been and Where We're Going

Four dialogue tables reported back to the group, as follows. Notes from each group are included in the back as an appendix.

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### Report back/ Discussion

Most groups noted they included a mix of long-term and short-term members

#### Group #

- Individuals acting together: Strength
- Organic decision-making: (organizational “octopus”)
- How can TS support other voluntary groups in Sooke?
  - Specific useful actions needed.
- How do we recognize and support different age groups in the community?

#### Group #

- TS has grown a lot, in reputation and connection.
- TS is taking on more than in the beginning
- Opportunity to put money where one’s mouth is
- A chance to act
- However, there is MUCH to do, and some feel overwhelmed
- We need to engage the community in service to the youth

#### Group #

- Sometimes orienting proposals toward “disaster” can help with funding
- Group has loads of talent and is a caring group
- There is great importance in becoming well versed in the existing Official Community Plan and in contributing to changes to it over coming months.

#### Group# 4

- When the group began, when many of us as individuals began, much was theoretical—now it is reality.
- There is greater inclusion
- Hoping for positive actions, considering our grandchildren
- How perceived? There is a new cohesiveness, TS has a good reputation
- TS is open to new ideas, organic development
- Lots of connections possible (small town)
- TS is making an impact (Sooke Council)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03

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### Appendix 1- Table Discussion Notes

#### Table 1

Long term members:

- Experience over last 8-9 years:
  - TS has grown; has a good reputation in Greater Victoria; is more connected now with the politicians with two active members on Council
  - Is taking on way more since the Green New Deal
- How does Transition Sooke Fit into your life?
  - To put money where mouth is and DO something
  - Found my tribe
  - Better to do something rather than nothing
  - Still need to do more (e.g., help teens get to and from Victoria safely and in a green friendly way
- How are you feeling as we embark on new activities?
  - Overwhelmed
  - Need to be careful not to get overtired
- Organizational Improvement?
  - Involve community more
  - Work/serve younger people
  - Change community norms
  - Build social connections to take care of ourselves and have fun in process
  - Disaster prep may be easiest way to sell (and fund) some initiatives.

New members:

- Inspiration to join
  - Concern about climate change
  - Desire to “do something” practical
  - Desire to be more involved in community
- How does Transition Sooke Fit into your life?
  - As with longer term members
  - Wants it to fit perfectly, but it doesn't yet. Easy to get overwhelmed/ burned out if focus is too broad.
  - Exponential explosion with Green New Deal
  - Transition Town model has many working groups as well as the core
- How are you feeling as we embark on new activities?
  - Easy to become overwhelmed/burnt out, but glad to be part of this!
  - Getting older. Focusing to the amount of energy
  - Need more young people with enthusiasm/energy to pursue
  - Remind to take care of selves and others (pacing)
  - Important to have fun together and to speak up if not working
  - Problem overwhelming, often feel hopeless—reason for being overwhelmed.

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- Are there things TS can do for us? Missing- in service to youth
- Organizational Improvement?
  - Need to harness the energy of youth
  - Too new to know
  - Microloans for new businesses

### Table 2

#### Long Term Members

- Long build-up over the years when Andrew Moore and Margaret Critchlow went to California to learn about Co-Housing, Jess signed Cohousing papers in Sooke. Moki 9 years, Alan 2.5 years, Kimberly 65 minutes...
- Looking for a home for activism, found shared values in TS. TS people inviting new people; collaborative, organic decisions. How to attract more people
- Areas for improvement: “what IS a member?” Mostly Consensus vs Roberts Rules of Order?

### Table 3

- **Different focuses:** Don- Sooke Multi-Faith group, Paula- Zero Waste, Heather-Transportation, Jeff- Core team with founders (Margaret Critchlow, Andrew Moore, John Boquist) New wave “formalize”
- **418 people listed (newsletter list):** how many active? Remain flexible; sub-committees
- How to attract more people to be involved? (attracts new volunteers, attract younger volunteers) Learn from each other – i.e., sustainable habits such as gift wrappings.
- **Gallopig Goose:** is not useful before Langford (no direct connection between Langford and Sooke. Hwy 14 shoulders repaired and widened; concrete barriers
  - Don will identify the narrow points of shoulder (width for 3 wheelers is 1.5 meters)
  - MOTI sees it all as a road bed.
  - More raised places along Hwy 14
- **Newsletter** – Alan excellent:
  - seems to be working well with hub and independent committees
  - sharing volunteers
- **Coldest Night of the Year**
  - Diverse, young families, good start- \$1600
  - Effective advertising – social media
  - To get younger families – busy people- into volunteer and do project
  - Celebrations bring people together
  - Recognize “age sets” in the community and their responsibilities.
    - How to meet their needs
    - How to activate them
  - Support the schools (ex Patrick Gale; gardens and school; EV chargers Youth for change)
- **Working in a group makes time more powerful than individuals alone;**
  - Compassionate action

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### Table 4

#### New Members

- **Grandchildren:** Hoping for positive action around reducing carbon footprint (GHG emissions); social events, finding friends of like mind
- **How are we perceived by people outside our network?** There is a new cohesiveness around climate change and we are a bit part of it. It's organic—you aren't "married" to projects and events and if someone has an idea it can be brought into life. Its Challenging but lots of initiatives re happening – ups and downs. Small town, lots of connections so easier to get things done.
- **Are we having an impact?**
  - Plugged into Sooke Council; relations with municipal government
  - Sooke is ground zero for lots of concerns: trees, orcas...

#### Long Term Members

- **Reflect...** Things have changed a lot – in TS and in the world. AT the start it was a "theory" We need to prepare. Now it is becoming a reality.
- **From** a few people to lots of people, a few projects to big variety of projects



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

This is the Annual Financial Report of Transition Sooke (Sooke Transition Town Society) for the Financial Year February 26, 2019 to February 26, 2020.

Coast Capital Accounts:

		February 26, 2019	February 26, 2020
Chequing Account	100	\$5,946.36	\$4,939.15
Wild Wise	101	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.51
Zero Waste Sooke	102	\$1,190.10	\$1,197.52
Special Events	103	\$1,314.28	\$1,314.41

Our Financial situation remains good. Over the past year income has been in the form of donations and sale of small items. No major grants were applied for or received. The Transition Sooke chequing account has been reduced by \$1007.21 in small amounts in support of a variety of events and projects promoting the purposes of Transition Sooke. Details can be found in the monthly Transition Sooke Treasurer's Reports.

Zero Waste Sooke participated actively in a variety of events such as repair cafe's. Through donations and the sale of member hand made items ZWS increased their fund by \$7.42 after expenses.

Special Events, aka the Earth Day 2018 Legacy Fund, remained the same. The increase of \$.13 is the result of interest earned over the year. This fund will be used to cover the basic expenses of the 2020 Earth Day event and activities planned for April 2020. The Community Clean-Up Project in April will require major funding through grant applications to the District of Sooke, and Juan de Fuca CRD. The Community Clean-Up Organizers will make grant applications and be responsible.

Respectfully Submitted

David Mallett, Treasurer