

Transition Sooke Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Sooke Library/Zoom 6:45 – 8:45 pm

In attendance, live & on ZOOM: Bernie Klassen (facilitator), Paula Johansen, Lily Mah-Sen, Alysha Jones, Susan Belford, Chris & Lynn Moss, Jo Phillips, Gord (William) Wallace, Hester Vair, Kief Elliott, Carol & David Mallett.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:
Bernie welcomed all the Transition Sooke members attending this meeting, both in the Sooke Library and on ZOOM. He expressed gratitude for being able to meet here on the unceded territories of the T'Sou-ke Nation.
2. Note-takers for this meeting: David & Carol Mallett
3. Agenda Review:
 - Carol asked to add to new business (11.2) Sooke's 2022 "EV Extravaganza".
 - Agenda was accepted as amended.
4. Review and accept notes for May 4, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting:
ACTION: Lily asked that the minutes of the last meeting include the fact that two financial resolutions were made and PASSED (1) to reimburse Alan for the sign for the TS tent (\$37.63) and (2) to pay the Eco Academy program costs of \$170.
Moved by Paula, seconded by David, the minutes were accepted as amended.
5. Treasurer's Report (document sent out with agenda) for Wednesday, June 1, 2022:

Account Name	Current Balance
Coast Community (#100)	\$2,442.20
SMBI (#101)	\$0
Zero Waste Sooke (#102)	\$962.55
Special Events (#103)	\$0

Details:

Coast Community Chequing (Account #100)

Balance on May 4, 2022 (date of last meeting) \$2,481.33

Expenses:

Reimburse Alan Dolan for sign for Transition Sooke Tent \$ 37.63
Service Charge \$1.50

Balance in Coast Community Chequing (#100) \$2,442.20

No changes in Accounts #101, #102, or #103

Moved by Gord, seconded by Jo, the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

6. Report from Steering Committee

6.1 Officers duties and responsibilities (document sent out with agenda):

- Hester expressed concern over the split in responsibility for taking care of records for Transition Sooke. According to the BC Societies' Act, someone in the organization must keep custody of and be responsible for records of the Society. As outlined in the list of duties of officers in Transition Sooke, the Coordinator, the Secretary and the Treasurer are all required to keep records while having no central person/place to keep records.

Several suggestions for storing records were discussed:

- a) maintain records digitally on a Google drive: safely store and share files in the Cloud. The first 15 GB of storage are free with a Google account - which TS has because it has a gmail email account.
 - b) keep records in a FREE Dropbox account. Access and share photos, documents and files from any device. Dropbox offers up to 2 Gigabytes (GB) of storage. (Hester, Bernie & David have had some experience with Dropbox.)
 - c) have records kept digitally available on the Transition Sooke website
 - d) have the Secretary responsible for keeping all physical records as back-up for digital storage, and including Steering Committee records, notes on general meetings, events, finances.
- No decision was made as to which system for storing data to use for TS.

Hester also mentioned concern over a TS "Communication Officer" being responsible for "ensuring Transition Sooke members put out consistent messages and have a recognizable 'look and feel' to the TS Society". The Communications' Officer would decide on what is "right" - a concept not in line with Transition Sooke emphasis on internal cooperation and achieving consensus within the group. Someone added that this person's position might even block change. This makes TS hierarchical.

- After much discussion, the Report on Officers' duties and responsibilities was passed ... moved by Jo, seconded by David.

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7. Report on West Coast Climate Action Network (**WE-CAN**):

Lily reported on WE-CAN and added that she is still on the Board. On June 18, 2022, the organization will be holding its AGM.

Their focus now is on electing climate champions to School Boards and

Municipal Councils in the fall. To assist candidates, they are developing a resource and support “10-point plan” that municipalities can use to find such folks to run for office.

WE-CAN has also developed a resource database of 212 members, separated into various interest groups (e.g. people interested in Food Security, solar energy, etc) to refer to as resources.

8. Report on South Island Climate Action Network (SICAN):
No report because Susan Clarke was not at the meeting.
9. Transition Sooke Group Reports
 - 9.1 OCP and Climate Group - No report as Alan & Susan were not at the meeting.
 - 9.2 Water 606 Group
Lynn reported that they are continuing with fundraising efforts to buy a property for “Admiral’s Forest” parkland. CRD Board is meeting June 8, 2022 and will vote on the matter. Lynn encouraged everyone to write letters of support. Lynn is willing to share her letter to the CRD with TS.
 - 9.3 Zero Waste Sooke
Bernie was delighted to report that the Plastic Bag BAN is finally in place.
He was also very pleased to see continued use of Zak’s bring-your-own-bag artwork being used in signage.
The wonderful success of the Repair Café in May bears repeating.
 - 9.4 Economic Development Group
Jo had no report.
 - 9.5 Sooke Multi-Belief Initiative
No report as Moonfist was not at the meeting.
10. Alysha Jones on Environment and health projects:
Alysha introduced herself as a nurse, a member of the Canadian Association of Nurses for the Environment (CANE), with a large interest in Environmental Justice and Health. She is a member of the Environmental Justice Committee and is searching for a way to prevent groups of people from being disproportionately affected by climate change here in Sooke. She is also hoping to work with the staff of EMCS (Edward Milne Community School) to address the mental health effects of current climate news on local youth. She will be going to a meeting at EMCS tomorrow.
11. New Business
 - 11.1 Formation of a new working group: “Sooke Solar Cooperative”
Gord is working on a Solar Garden at EMCS with Patrick Gauley-Gale and Steve Unger. He will need \$7,000 - \$10,000 to complete the project with the students. Jo asked that Gord present a proposal to explain his project so that Transition Sooke can better understand and support this initiative - possibly with a TS team to work with him (Gord), Patrick, and Steve.

- 11.2 Carol reported that EMOTIVE is going to host and fund a second EV Extravaganza here in Sooke in the fall.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Jo reported:

- SRCHN is hosting a **Community Non-Profit Forum** in the Sooke Community Hall on June 22, 2022 at which Transition Sooke can have representatives as well as brochures for an information table.
 - Sooke's Saturday Morning Market is open to having tables for non-profits again this year.
 - Jo is going to contact the Sooke Canada Day Committee to find out whether Transition Sooke can participate.
 - Paula, Anna, and Jo are the start of a TS film night working group to facilitate any film screenings TS decides to present. Possible venues would include the EMCS theatre during the school year and the new Library meeting room (50 participants). More members for this working group are always invited.
- * The film about the whale in EMCS rotunda is to be shown on June 10 in the EMCS theatre by the EMCS Society. Cost of admission: \$20 donation.

12. Call for Adjournment at 8:55 pm by David Mallett

Next Meeting*:

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Place: Sooke Library or on ZOOM
Time: 7 - 9 pm

*For next meeting, the group agreed that we should have a break in the middle of the meeting with some goodies.

So, volunteers to bring GOODIES for the next meeting are:

- Hester - milk, sugar and a treat
- Carol - tea and coffee and a treat

People are asked to Bring-Their-Own mug!