

Transition Sooke

Meeting notes for April, 12, 2023

Members: Bernie (facilitating), Susan B, Jo, Diana, Paula, Alan, Chris (notes), Lynn, Lily, Patrick (guest), Doris

1. **Agenda review.** Additional items – several items were added to the agenda. Revised agenda, moved: Susan B, second: Lynn , accepted
2. **Review of last meeting notes:** Revised by Alan: moved: Susan B second: Carol, accepted
3. **Treasurer’s report** – Lily- revised report. moved: Lynn second: Susan B, accepted
4. **Action from last meeting**
 - AGM report was attached to the agenda. Susan B finalizing, but almost completed.
 - Working groups (water – no report) (council advocacy – no follow up yet) (climate anxiety- has had a meeting to follow up with participants) (Zero Waste Sooke – had a meeting about grants for the community clean up program. CRD grant has been approved; Repair Cafe – planning for a second Cafe later this year, puzzle and board games swap in May . Noted that Mechosin will offer a repair cafe at the end of April.)
 - Steering committee – Alan – Coordinator; Jo – Secretary; Lily – Treasurer; Paula and Susan B – Communications
 - a. Paula says that they are working on fundraising ideas. Any project ideas please forward to the steering committee. Currently working on adding a request for donation and a “donation” page to the website. (check out the SRCHN website for a slick version of this)
 - b. Diana – fundraising asked Lily to propose an idea. Lily has registered TS with the “Return-it” center on Idlemore road. When you drop off wine and beer bottles, milk containers, beer and pop cans for recycle say it is for Transition Sooke. They will record the refund and later cut a cheque for Transition Sooke.
 - c. Lily has added the name of Transition Town Sooke to an open letter to the BC Gov. dealing with “transportation” needs. Transition Sooke had been requested to sign on to an open letter (initiated by BC Climate Emergency) for the BC Government to develop a Clean Transportation Action Plan. Lily sent out request to Active Transition Sooke members for an on-line vote to approve Transition Sooke signing onto the letter. We received 21 responses from our active members; all said “yes”. Lily added Transition Sooke’s name to the open letter. The open letter will be sent to the government this week. (Over 65 organizations have signed onto the letter).
5. **WE-Can** province wide zoom conference Sat April 15, at 10am, details and links on the We-Can website.
6. **Patrick Gale** – update on the progress of the EMCS Eco Academy, the gardening plans including the solar panel project, the fencing. The garden is operating year round. The school lunch programs in the district, and upcoming Eco Fair May 24, 2023.
 - a. His “ask” to Transition Sooke was for participation in his “Lunch to Learn” idea which would place six tables in the school lobby over lunch time (1pm to 3pm). The tables would have

“elders”, if you like, that have knowledge which students might wish to access. Information on topics such as “water, EV cars and solar power, zero waste, climate information”. More details to come from Patrick once he has dates then TS can gather forces and fill the tables. He also had a plug for a school society program which provides various ethnic meals and discussion, recipes, etc. Next one is April 24 from 5pm to 8pm Contact the EMCS school for details and to register a place.

7. **Earth Day** – April 22, 2023 at the farmers market on Otter Point Road from 10am to 2pm by the Firehall. Susan B will set up at 9:30am with help from Chris on site, Jo will take over the table for the afternoon. All TS’ers are welcome to help out at the table and talk to passers-by. Paula will bring a stamp tattoo for the kids, Carol will make a couple of signs for her and David’s presentation at the Sooke Library at 1pm.
8. **Cowichan Bay Nature School** – Apr 16th there is a screening of “10,000 gifts” at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre. Go to the Q’shintul school website for info.
9. **The Stick** Bernie – The Stick is closing down in July. Bernie wonders if there is interest in forming a Co-op group to buy the business. A great many more details need to be discussed.
10. **TS/SRLL** Chris – If TS wants a venue for the discussion of topics (ie like the forum topics, or focus groups, or general outreach education) then SRLL would be happy to host them through the SRLL system. The offer is out there for future discussion. Final programs would have to confirm by late July for the Fall 2023 semester.
11. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

TRANSITION SOOKE TREASURER'S REPORT

April 12, 2023

Current Account Balances:

Account Name	Balance
Coast Community Chequing (100)	\$1,277.47
Zero Waste Sooke (102)	\$1,338.35
Special Events (103)	\$0

Details:

Coast Community Chequing (Account #100)

Opening Balance (Mar. 1, 2023): \$ 1591.76

Income:

Donations at Public Forum: \$ 321.00

Donation from Gord Wallace for EMCS Art Contest \$ 200.00

Total Income: \$521.00 +\$ 521.00

Expenses

1. Public Forum:

Westside Instaprint (posters and flyers) \$ 23.41

Long +McQuade Musicail(sound system rental) 118.72

Sooke News Mirror (ad) 262.76

Honoraria (Elder Shirley Alphonse, Gord Baird) 200.00

Community Hall Rental	56.00	
Total Expenses Public Forum	\$660.89	-660.89
2. Word Press (web hosting)	\$134.40	-134.40
3. BC Registry (annual filing fee)	\$ 40.00	- 40.00

Total **\$1277.47**

Zero Waste Sooke (Account #102) No Change

Accounts Payable: Expenses Payable in April

Poster Contest (\$200 from G. Wallace, \$200 from Transition Sooke):	\$400.00	Coast
Capital cheques for Bank Account	\$ 96.26	

Projected Balance in Transition Sooke Main Account by end of April: **\$781.21**