



Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Society

Board Meeting, Thursday, July 30 2020

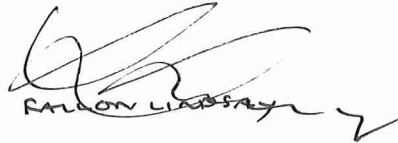
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams 5:30pm

1. Call to Order 5:35pm by Leanna Hill
2. Territorial Acknowledgement: Leanna acknowledged that we work together on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen Peoples.
3. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
4. Adoption of Minutes: Claudia Copley moved and Robert seconded. Adopted by all.
5. Chair's Remarks: Fallon Lindsay is on holidays. In her place, Leanna thanked and appreciated Renée Cenerini who is leaving the Nature Sanctuary, and acknowledged her leadership, especially over the past five months.
6. Executive Director's Report: Program Reports are included in the Board package. Renée highlighted the reopening of schools in September but we don't know what educational requests will come to us. Staff have received general inquiries regarding the date of the AGM and the status of the South Wharf.
7. Executive Committee Report: Leanna reported that the Board has offered the top candidate the position of Executive Director but they have not accepted to date. Robert Dick reported that a grant has been offered to the Nature Sanctuary (\$60,000, on-going, without conditions) from "All One Fund", the founders of Shopify.
8. Treasurer's Report: Hugh Carruthers reported that we're still not in a good financial position. But if we use \$5000 per month from the \$60,000, we'll look better by year end. The Board agreed to forward discussion of the \$60,000 grant to the Executive Committee and Finance Committee for recommendations on how to proceed. Meanwhile Hugh has finalized the financial statements for 2019 with the Auditor, to be approved by Board, then to members at the AGM. Hugh moved that the 2019 financial statements audited by KPMG be approved by the Board. Robert seconded. Approved.
9. Governance Committee Report: Christine Morissette recommended the AGM be held on October 8, with a virtual event being safest at this point. Christine will arrange a Save the Date e-



mail to the Society's membership which will include asking if a virtual meeting presents a problem for anyone. Christine will e-mail the Board to confirm returning Board members.

10. Ecosystems and Facilities Committee Report: 840 Swan is ready for rental. Grounds and trail work are going well.
11. Donor Relations Committee Report: No report.
12. Other Business: None.
13. Adjournment Regular Meeting: 6:30pm
14. In Camera: Leanna facilitated a general discussion about the on-boarding of the new Executive Director. Board members emphasized recognition of what we do well even as we look to future changes.
15. Adjournment in Camera: 7:05pm.
16. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 27, 2020.



FALLON LINDSAY