

Cortes Island Museum and Archives Society

Annual General Meeting April 25, 2021 via Zoom

Board Members Present: Donna Collins (President), Nancy Kendel (Vice President), Carol London (Secretary), Nora Disney (Treasurer), Laurel Bohart, Debbie Dragseth, Donna Manson, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna McLaren, Jill Milton, Bruce Ellingsen

Board Members Absent: Rose Hanson, Ian Disney

Members, Staff and Guests Present: **Staff:** Jane Newman, Gina Trzesicka, **Members and Guests:** Ray Kendel, Brian Scott, Colleen Stewart, Bill Ophoff, Diana Safarik, Jurek Trzesicki, Barbara Todd, Chris Dragseth, Gordon Cyr (Presenter)

Welcome: Jane Newman opened the meeting at 1:40 and welcomed everyone to the Zoom Cortes Island Museum and Archives Annual General Meeting (AGM). Jane acknowledged the Klahoose, Tla'amin and Homalco Nations, upon whose territories the programs and activities of the Cortes Island Museum and Archives take place.

Introduction of Presenter: Jane introduced Gordon Cyr from Mason Bee Central (a family-run business on Vancouver Island). The choice of presenter complemented the new Bee Exhibit for 2021. Gordon gave an interesting and informative presentation about mason bees and the mason bee rental kit program. There were many questions for Gordon and extended discussion, at the end of which Jane thanked Gordon.

Business portion of the meeting: Jane moved on to business, reviewing how the voting by members was to take place on Zoom. She then turned the meeting over to Donna Collins, the President.

Adoption of the Agenda for Today's Meeting: Donna asked for Adoption of the Agenda **MOVED** by Bonnie MacDonald that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
SECONDED by Nancy Kendel.
CARRIED.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting: Donna asked for Adoption of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM held on October 25, 2020, via Zoom.

MOVED by Bruce Ellingsen that the minutes of the last AGM be adopted as written.

SECONDED by Donna McLaren

CARRIED

Financial Report for 2020: Nancy Kendel offered to give an overview of the financial statements that were input by Nora Disney, then prepared and reviewed by our accountant at Chan Nowosad Boates. Since most people in the room had already had an opportunity to review the report it was deemed unnecessary that she do so.

MOVED by Bruce Ellingsen that the financial reports be adopted as circulated and reviewed.

SECONDED by Laurel Bohart

CARRIED

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Election of Board of Directors: Bonnie MacDonald ran the election. Jane reported that she had reached all existing Board members and had confirmed that all were willing to stand for election in their current position. Bonnie called three times for nominations from the floor for each Board position and when none came forward, she presented the following Board, elected by acclamation:

<i>President:</i>	Donna Collins	<i>Vice President:</i>	Nancy Kendel
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Nora Disney	<i>Secretary:</i>	Carol London

Board Members at Large: Laurel Bohart, Ian Disney, Debbie Dragseth, Bruce Ellingsen, Rose Hanson, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna Manson, Donna McLaren, & Jill Milton

All were congratulated and Donna Collins returned to the Chair to run the rest of the meeting.

COVID-19 Impacts: Donna Collins opened the discussion of impacts of COVID-19, and discussion focused primarily on the Spring Bird Count coming up on May 8, 2021. The count is of species only, not numbers of individual birds, the same as last year. It was suggested that once again participants organize themselves, with no special coordination, but that a general attempt should be made to communicate such that all areas are covered. Gina reported that it worked out well that way last year. Nancy will advertise for individual participation and will also email the regular participants. Bruce suggested that people count in their own neighbourhoods. Bonnie suggested that some actual area designations be mentioned, but Nancy felt that might complicate things.

2020 Annual Report Highlights: The Annual Report for 2020 was available to all present – no discussion.

Addition to the Agenda: Nancy opened a brief discussion about “wording” when communicating with visitors about coming to Cortes. A “Visitor Info” button on Tideline will take people to the CIMAS website where we are listed as a Tourist/Visitor Information Booth. It was agreed that strong language should be used to discourage travel to Cortes Island at this time. Donna C. thanked Nancy and Gina for setting this link up.

Reports for 2020 and Plans for 2021/22

1. Exhibits

- ***The Big Three at Wild Cortes:*** Laurel spoke about the Exhibit, which opened very recently on Earth Day 2021. The plan is for Wild Cortes to be open on regular Fridays and Saturdays. More exhibit items will be added as the season goes on.
- ***Listening to Bees:*** It was suggested that we have Gordon Cyr come to do an “in person” presentation in the summer – to be determined.
- ***Behind the Scenes: A Photographers Workshop.*** Bonnie reported that it is a “work in progress” and that there is much to be done in its creation – that it is hard to know how to proceed during COVID and said that the committee would consider asking for help from Lydia from Campbell River post-COVID. Bruce said the work is ongoing and fun.

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2. **Public Archives and Information Files launched March 30, 2021.** Jill spoke about the benefits to everyone who would like to access the Archives from the comfort of their own homes. She reported that 85% of the photos are up. The plan is to start a social media campaign in June to advertise the availability of the Archives online, to raise awareness and to promote use of the website. Jane says that we are already getting feedback from the public, which is a great help in identifying unnamed people in the photos, and Jill feels that people will be inspired to donate more photos etc.

3. Public Programming

- ***Folk U Radio Shows***
- ***Literary Afternoons:*** A Zoom afternoon is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2021. Perhaps May and June events can be organized and held outside in the Heritage Garden...Carina will advertise.
- ***Gumbooting The Lagoon***
- ***Art in the Garden Summer Series*** – we hope to have *Art in the Garden* events in 2021.
- ***Misty Isles Trips:*** Jane reported that the May Mitlenatch Island trip was cancelled, with the hope that a trip can be planned for June 2021.

Jane asked if there were any further questions: There were none.

At **3:10 PM** there was a call for adjournment.

MOVED by Nancy Kendel to adjourn the meeting.

SECONDED by Donna Manson

CARRIED