

Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society

Annual General Meeting MINUTES March 27, 2022 1:00 p.m. Manson's Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Kendel (President pro tempore), Carol London (Secretary), Nora Disney (Treasurer), Laurel Bohart, Donna Manson, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna McLaren, Bruce Ellingsen, Donna Collins, Ian Disney.

Board Members Absent: Rose Hanson, Debbie Dragseth, Jill Milton.

Staff and Guests Present:

Staff: Jane Newman, Gina Trzesicka, Melanie Boyle

Guest Presenter: David Ellingsen

Members: 54 members were present.

Welcome: Nancy Kendel opened the meeting at 1:10 and welcomed everyone to the Cortes Island Museum and Archives Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nancy then introduced the Board and staff, and acknowledged the Klahoose, Tla'amin and Homalco Nations, upon whose territories the programs and activities of the Cortes Island Museum and Archives take place.

Introductions: Nancy introduced Jane, the retiring Managing Director/Curator, who then in turn introduced Melanie Boyle, the incoming Managing Director/Curator, who has been training with Jane for several weeks. Melanie replied with thanks for the opportunity to serve the Museum and enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

Nancy expressed the Board's gratitude for Jane's extensive contributions to the Museum during her time as Managing Director/Curator and thanked her for her service.

Adoption of the Agenda for Today's Meeting:

MOVED: Bruce Ellingsen – that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

SECONDED: Judy Williams

CARRIED: Unanimously

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting:

MOVED: Martha Abelson – that the minutes of the 2020 AGM be adopted as written.

SECONDED: Amy Robertson

CARRIED: Unanimously

Financial Report for 2021: Nancy Kendel gave a brief overview of the financial statements that were prepared by Nora Disney, Treasurer, and our accountants at Chan Nowosad Boates. Nancy touched specifically on:

- an explanation of Deferred Revenue
- a review of Grants as listed in Note 6, particularly Gaming
- a quick review of Revenue and Expenditures
- a review of notes and explanation of Internally Restricted Funds

MOVED: Donna Collins – that the financial reports be adopted as circulated and reviewed.

SECONDED: Laurel Bohart

CARRIED: Unanimously

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Election of Board of Directors: Nancy turned the meeting over to Bonnie MacDonald to run the election. All existing executive Board members had confirmed that they 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 executive, elected by acclamation:

President pro tempore: Nancy Kendel
Treasurer: Nora Disney
Secretary: Carol London

All existing Board members at large had confirmed that they were willing to stand for election. Bonnie called three times for nominations from the floor and when none came forward, she presented the following Board members as elected by acclamation:

Laurel Bohart, Ian Disney, Debbie Dragseth, Bruce Ellingsen, Rose Hanson, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna Manson, Donna McLaren, Donna Collins, and Jill Milton

All were congratulated and Nancy returned to the Chair to run the rest of the meeting. Yvonne Kipp rose to compliment the Board for its work and to say thank you from the members.

2021 Annual Report Highlights: The Annual Report for 2021 was available to all present. Jane Newman made special mention of a couple of highlights:

- one was the completed porch and entryway renovation which has made the Museum more welcoming and more accessible to disabled visitors.
 - she also stressed the extraordinary support that the Museum received during Covid from the BC Arts Council (beyond the usual grants received), and from the public as well.
- There was no further discussion.

Plans for 2022/23: Jane outlined the following:

1. Exhibits

- ***Listening to Bees:*** this exhibit will stay up for another month or two. Jane noted that there are already mason bees active in the Heritage Garden. It is hoped to have Jenny Hartwick return with her demo hive.
- ***Reflecting Light:*** with photographer Annie Rosenberg and guest curator Laura Balducci – this new exhibit will open April 24 for about 2 months.
- ***Cascades at Wild Cortes:*** Donna Collins spoke about the new exhibit which will open April 22 on Earth Day 2022. The exhibit will reflect on how climate change is affecting our natural world and continue to focus on “the big three” (apex predators, that are affected by climate change) which has been such a popular “hands on” exhibit. As much as possible, the exhibits are “hands on” and interactive.

2. Events

- **Spring Bird Count** – May 7, 2022. Jane also mentioned spring bird walks with George Sirk in April, May, and June

3. Public Programming

- Folk U Radio Shows
- Literary Afternoons
- Gumbooting The Lagoon
- Art in the Garden Summer Series.
- Misty Isles Historic Cruises

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

Adjournment of the Business Meeting

MOVED: George Lerchs – to adjourn the business meeting.

SECONDED: Bruce Ellingsen

CARRIED: Unanimously

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Bruce Ellingsen proudly introduced his son, David Ellingsen, an internationally acclaimed photographer who proceeded with his presentation called “Falling Boundaries,” one of his projects that speaks to the relationship between humans and the natural world... in this case focusing on the history of forestry in the province. He also offered a glimpse of other recent and new projects. At the end, David answered many questions from the audience and was applauded for his excellent work

Closure: The AGM concluded at 2:30 p.m.

March 27, 2022, AGM Minutes: Carol London