
Cortes Island Museum & Archives Society

Annual General Meeting MINUTES May 6, 2023 1:00 p.m. Manson's Hall

Board Members Present: Nancy Kendel (President), Nora Disney (Treasurer), Laurel Bohart, Donna Collins, Ian Disney, Debbie Dragseth, Bruce Ellingsen, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna Manson, Donna McLaren

Board Members Absent: Carol London (Secretary), Rose Hanson, Jill Milton

Staff and Guests Present:

Staff: Melanie Boyle, Gina Trzesicka

Volunteer: Monika Hoffmann (standing in for Secretary, Carol London)

Guest Presenter: Jeanette Taylor

Members: 43 members were present.

Welcome: Nancy Kendel opened the meeting at 1:05 and welcomed everyone to the Cortes Island Museum and Archives Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nancy acknowledged the Klahoose, Tla'amin and Homalco Nations, upon whose territories the meeting was being held. She reminded attendees about the fundraising raffle to be held at the end of the meeting.

Introductions: Nancy introduced Melanie Boyle, the Managing Director/Curator. Melanie replied, thanking the members for attending and for their support of the Museum. Melanie introduced the Board and staff.

Adoption of the Agenda for Today's Meeting:

MOVED: Laurel Bohart – that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

SECONDED: Judith Williams

CARRIED: Unanimously

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting:

MOVED: Donna Collins – that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM be adopted as written.

SECONDED: George Lerchs

CARRIED: Unanimously

Financial Report for 2022: Nancy Kendel gave a brief overview of the financial statements that were prepared by Nora Disney, Treasurer, and the Museum's accountants in Campbell River. Nancy touched specifically on:

- Statement of Operations, pointing out that 2021 was during COVID
- Utilization of government-provided resiliency funds
- Implementation of the Museum's new programming model
- A review of grants as listed in Note 6, particularly ESDC, BC Arts Operating Assistance, and Resiliency Funds

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

SECONDED: Gerri Davis

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 Executive positions, and when none came forward, she presented the following executive, elected by acclamation:

President: *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, Donna Collins, Ian Disney, Debbie Dragseth, Bruce Ellingsen, Rose Hanson, Bonnie MacDonald, Donna Manson, Donna McLaren, Jill Milton

The question was asked how many directors are permitted to be on the Board; Bonnie replied with 13.

All were congratulated, and Nancy returned to the Chair to run the rest of the meeting.

2022 Annual Report Highlights: The Annual Report for 2022 was available to all present. Nancy mentioned several highlights:

- A new programming model that uses funds to support the community by offering honorariums for presenters. This honours the work and services provided with financial compensation. She mentioned Laura Balducci had been hired to run programs and events.
- The important and significant contribution of 99 volunteers
- Online Archives - many photos, as well as oral histories - in the collection are available online
- New website, and increased social media presence
- *Creative Spaces - Garden and Studio Tour* as one of the Museum's primary fundraisers
- New exhibits: At the Museum and Wild Cortes

There was no further discussion.

Plans for 2023/24: Melanie outlined the following:

1. Exhibits

- ***Wayfinding: Stories of Maps & Place***, Museum Gallery. It opened on March 26, 2023, and will run through 2023. Discussed community input and involvement, and the opportunity to display maps, charts, and artifacts from the archives that have not been seen before.
- ***Forest and Its Inhabitants, The Mother Tree, and more*** at Wild Cortes: Donna Collins spoke about the new exhibits, which opened on April 22, 2023 - Earth Day. The exhibit space has expanded significantly, with 39 exhibits and 10 interactive areas.

2. Spring Birding Event – May 7, 2023.

3. Public Programming

- Funding received for two summer hosts, one each for the Museum and Wild Cortes
- The posting for the 2023 Events Coordinator position
- Gumbooting the Lagoon, in partnership with FOCl
- Art in the Garden Summer Series
- Speaker Series

4. Fundraising

- Misty Isles Partnership: Three Historic Cruises during Summer 2023
- Creative Spaces - Garden and Studio Tour. Acknowledged Gerri Davis as organizer
- Museum Store: encouraged members to stop by and shop

Opportunity for questions; there were none.

Adjournment of the Business Meeting

MOVED: Donna Collins - to adjourn the business meeting.

SECONDED: George Lerchs

CARRIED: Unanimously

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Bruce Ellingsen introduced coastal historian Jeanette Taylor, author of *Sheltering in the Backrush: A History of Twin Islands*. Jeanette discussed the research and writing of her book, and shared many stories accompanied by a slide presentation. Afterwards, attendees shared many of their own Twin Islands stories with the group.

Nancy mentioned the volunteer opportunities detailed on the flipchart and reminded attendees of the raffle drawing after Jeanette Taylor's presentation.

Raffle Drawing: and the winner is...Dana Solomon

Closure: The AGM concluded at 2:40 p.m.

May 6, 2023, AGM Minutes: Monika Hoffmann