

Texada Island Chamber Of Commerce Dinner Meeting – November 30, 2018

~ 27 Attending

Speaker(s) – Shannon Hoyle and Peter Stiles Jr re Mountain Biking on Texada

Called to Order: 7:07 pm

New Members: Shannon Hoyle, Peter Stiles Jr, Ben Reimer, Jan Armstrong
Guests: Terry & John Hollo, Mike Gagne, Candy Little, Fran Garner, Denise Hoyle

Presidents Report:

1. Thanks to Sid Boloten for laying the Remembrance Day Wreath at the Legion
2. Thanks to Elayne Boloten for registering us with the Extraprovincial Non-Share Corporation
3. Wrote a letter of congratulations to Regional Directors on their election
4. Thanks to Tom Read for touring Stan Gisborne (QRD Director) around Texada
5. Would like to update our bylaws (hasn't ever been done) Elayne and Cindy will look at – would like help from others too

Treasurer's Report: Trevor Morrison

1. Balance \$1847.05 Motion to Accept: O Dobrostanski; 2nd: Karen May – carried
2. Website costs \$182.95 USD (\$245 CAD) Motion: Approve expense on an ongoing basis: Al Davis; 2nd: Peter Stiles – carried
3. FYI – Ashleigh Rairie has stepped down from the board and the website, so Joseph Scott is now doing it.

New Business:

1. Presentation by Terry Hollo re Objection to Northeast Shellfish Application
 - a. Application to farm shellfish (oysters, gooey ducks, etc) in Northeast Bay
 - b. There are currently multiple hiking trails in the area and it is already designated as a park. If they get their licence, it will limit access to the beach
 - c. QRD has already opposed the licence. Asking the COC to write a letter of opposition to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources and the DFO
 - d. **Motion:** COC write a letter of opposition to the establishment of a shellfish farm in Northeast Bay ; 2nd: Bob Timms – carried (Cindy to write)

Reports

1. Texada Agriculture Group: Tom Read
 - a. After 6 years, the Food Hub opened on September 29
 - b. There will be a 2nd Open House on November 24
 - c. It is a direct result of the 2012 Economic Development Plan
 - d. Food Preservation Kitchen – set up for canning, blast freezing, dehydrating
 - e. Mostly for locals

2. Ferries – Al Davis
 - a. Triangle run has been delayed due to the cost for wing walls
 - b. Will start in the fall
 - c. TAN is holding a public meeting re: run times (specifically a 3:15 or 7:15 return)
3. VAID – Bob Timms
 - a. Water Upgrades are underway
 - b. September 19 completion date
4. GBID – Audrey Atkins
 - a. Doug Paton has retired from the VFD. Rob McWilliam has stepped in. Recruitment drive in 2019
 - b. Water: 77 meters are in place, to be finished in 2019
5. Economic Development – Joseph Scott
 - a. 40+ ideas for moving forward with Economic Development
 - b. Survey asking for priorities
 - c. In the new year will hold a community discussion meeting
6. Aerospace – O Dobrostanski
 - a. Air cadets from PR coming over
 - b. FlyIn and Aerospace camp after Sandcastle in 2019
 - c. Airbuzz already booked for 4 events – selling signs for advertising
 - d. Radio Centre to open up this year
7. TACT – Bob Timms
 - a. Event Planning has started
 - b. Discover PR, Vancouver Outdoor Show, etc for advertising
 - c. Maps on Saltery Bay and Comox ferries
 - d. Boler trailer from Tourism PR will be back
8. QRD – Sandy McCormick
 - a. Next discussion night will be December 5
 - b. Draft OCP will be out in March 2019
9. Emergency Preparation – Tony Stetner
 - a. Open house attendance was low. Will try again in Spring
 - b. Emergency Supply Container at the Community Hall
10. Museum – Peter Stiles Sr
 - a. Old school and teacher display is pretty much done
 - b. Refurbishing the washrooms, adding LED lighting
 - c. All Volunteer!!
11. Refuge Sponsorship – Karen May
 - a. Settling in, getting English tutoring

Announcements:

1. Saggitarius Party on December 8 – 7 pm, fundraiser
2. UCW Bake Sale on December 8
3. Christmas Concert on December 9

Next Dinner Meeting January 25

Adjourned: 8:55 pm