

Meeting: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Regular Meeting)
Date: November 28, 2009
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Vancouver, British Columbia

BOARD MINUTES

Action Items:

(1) Frances Pugh will follow up with TLC staff regarding the establishment of an Agriculture Committee.

In attendance: Alastair Craighead, Barry Glickman, Briony Penn, David Merner, Elspeth McVeigh, Frances Pugh, Ken Millard, Magnus Bein

Regrets: Carol Pickup, Cheryl Bryce, Todd Wong

Staff & guests: Bill Turner, Ian Fawcett, John Keller, Kathleen Sheppard

1. CALL TO ORDER:

At 1:50 pm, Alastair called the meeting to order. He recognized Richard Hankin, past board member of TLC, and thanked him for attending. He also recognized TLC staff and members in attendance: Lorraine Bell, Victoria Haynes, Linda Mallard, Mike Marriott, Emily Nelson, and Heather Skyte.

2. AGENDA

Moved (Frances Pugh) / Seconded (Magnus Bein) that the agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Alastair reported that:

- the big news this past month was the paying off the debt on the Sooke Potholes.
- the Capital Regional District Park Board voted to renew the Parks Levy of \$30 million. The CRD has indicated that it is very helpful TLC will continue as a partner to TLC. That puts pressure on us to raise the money.
- door-to-door canvassing for new members has started in Victoria.
- a new TLC newsletter, "The Cultivator", has been produced.
- Magnus Bein has submitted his resignation from the Board and will be moving to Montreal to take up a Fellowship at McGill University.

4. AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE:

Elsbeth suggested that TLC's Board create an Agriculture Committee, chaired by Fran.

Fran indicated that she would be glad to reach out to others, including people in government, in order to tap into their expertise. Bill suggested that Fran be briefed on TLC's partners in this area.

Moved (Elsbeth McVeigh) / Seconded (Briony Penn) that Frances Pugh be appointed as the point person for Agricultural Policy on the Board and that she meet with TLC staff to follow up. The motion carried.

5. ORIENTATION TO LOWER MAINLAND OPERATIONS

Tamsin Baker presented on TLC's lower mainland operations.

6. TLC'S PARTNERSHIP ENVIRONMENT

Ian Fawcett and Kathleen Sheppard presented on TLC's partnerships.

7. CARBON OFFSETS

Briony Penn presented on carbon offsets.

8. PROPERTY UPDATES

Bill reported that the Madrona Farm fundraising campaign has \$800,000 left to raise. We are currently involved in an online contest going on two more days. The 20 projects with the top quotes go into a next round, in the running for \$500,000 – go to www.conservancy.ca and click on the Madrona Farm icon to vote.

Bill indicated that TLC has registered a covenant on West Creek Regional Park land.

9. ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Bill reported that a new Chief Financial Officer, Laurelle Hausten, will be starting on Tuesday part time for December and then full time starting in January. Elspeth McVeigh (as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee), Carol Pickup (as Chair of the Human Resources Committee) and Bill Turner were unanimous in the selection and believe TLC has found an excellent CFO.

Bill indicated that the South Okanagan will now be the responsibility of one area person so we can invest more in the Lower Mainland.

10. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Briony, seconded by David, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.