

**THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
St. Stephen's Hall, 7921 St. Stephens Lane, Saanichton**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm.  
Alastair Craighead in the Chair.  
There were 202 Members and Guests present.

**1. Call to Order**

Alastair Craighead called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

**2. Agenda**

Moved (Briony ) / Seconded (David Merner) that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved (David Merner)/ Seconded (Briony Penn) that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be approved as circulated. Carried.

**4. Overview of Activities and Accomplishments**

Bill Turner reviewed the accomplishments of the past year, including the increase in membership, the retirement of the Sooke Potholes mortgage, the acquisition of Madrona Farm, and the Wild Hills and Beaches campaign.

**5. Guest Speaker: Ronald Wright**

Author Ronald Wright spoke about the inhabitants of Easter Island, and their relationship to the landscape.

**6. Chair's Report**

Alastair Craighead provided a verbal report outlining the Board's activities relating to due diligence, risk assessment and governance. He thanked the staff and volunteers, as well as his board colleagues, and welcomed new directors Fred Newhouse, Mary Sanseverino, Mel Lehan and Nitya Harris.

**7. By-law Amendments**

Ian Fawcett and Alastair Craighead reported that written notice of the bylaw amendments had been provided, as required, to all members. A copy of the notice detailing all proposed amendments was circulated to all present. It was requested that each amendment be dealt with separately.

Moved (Briony Penn)/Seconded (Mary Sanseverino) that amendment 1 proposing that gender neutral language be used through the bylaws be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Julie Pearce)/Seconded (Joan Olson-Stewart) that amendment 2 clarifying the definition of a member in good standing be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Briony Penn) / Seconded (Linda Carlson) that amendment 3 specifying the number of directors be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Ray Rice)/Seconded (Briony Penn) that amendment 4 clarifying voting rights and membership privileges be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Carol Pickup)/Seconded (Barbara Hoffman) that amendment 5 clarifying committee membership be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Briony Penn)/ Seconded (Linda Carlson) that amendment 6 permitting Directors to vote on resolutions by email if necessary be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Briony Penn)/Seconded (Mary Sanseverino) that amendment 7 permitting Board Minutes to be approved by email if necessary be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Jan Brent)/Seconded (Briony Penn) that amendment 8 clarifying the information to be included in the Register of Members be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (John Hasell)/Seconded (Fred Newhouse) that amendment 9 clarifying that the Board's responsibility for disposition of funds applies to all TLC funds be approved as circulated. Carried.

Moved (Briony Penn)/Seconded (Nitya Harris) that amendment 10 clarifying access to the society's records be approved as circulated. Carried.

The Board was asked by the members to review the operation of Bylaw 2.02(c).

Moved (John Hasell)/Seconded (Carol Pickup) that the Board review the operation of By-law 2.02(c) relating to business/non-profit society memberships. Carried.

Moved (John Hasell)/Seconded (Carol Pickup) that no more business or non-profit members be admitted under provision 2.02(c) until the Board returns to the membership at the 2011 AGM. Defeated.

#### **8. TLC "Culture of Conservation" Awards**

Awards were presented to:

Mountain Equipment Co-op – for its partnership on numerous conservation projects, including Skaha Bluffs and the Malamute.

Heather Pritchard – for her work leading and developing the community farm program.

David and Nathalie Chambers – for their contributions to farming and the acquisition of Madrona Farm

#### **9. Staff Recognition**

Kathleen Sheppard thanked the staff for the hard work and dedication to TLC.

#### **10. Treasurer's Report**

In the Treasurer's absence, Gary Holman, as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, circulated financial statements to all members present, and provided a verbal overview of the current financial circumstances. He reviewed the Consolidated Statement of Operations and the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Barry Mungham (TLC Auditor) joined Gary to answer members' questions.

Moved (Gary Holman) / Seconded (Nick Russell) that the Treasurer's Report and the audited financial statements presented to the AGM be accepted. Carried.

#### **11. Appointment of Auditor**

Moved (Linda Carlson) / Seconded (Nitya Harris) that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as TLC's auditor for the coming year. Carried.

#### **12. Executive Director's Report**

Bill Turner referred to the printed Annual Report and outlined priorities for further action, focusing on fundraising activities. He encouraged "annual members" to become "monthly members" and to consider increasing the monthly amount.

#### **13. New / Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **14. Adjournment**

Moved (Briony Penn) / Seconded (Julie Pearce) that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.