



## AGM

Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton St.

Thursday, March 13, 2014

### Minutes

Convened at 7 pm

1. **Introductions to RPBO Board, Executive Director, Intern and BIC.**
2. **Approval of the agenda** **MOVED:** by Cynthia Callahan-Maureen  
**SECONDED:** by Allison Moran. **APPROVED.**
3. **Approval of the minutes** of the 2013 AGM **MOVED:** by Cynthia Callahan-Maureen  
**SECONDED:** by Jessie Fanucchi. **APPROVED.**
4. **Review of Program Activities and Achievements** 2013 presented by Jessie Fanucchi.
5. **Presidents' Report** given by Michael Simmons:
  - i. RPBO has been a society for 14 years.
  - ii. We are grappling with growth.
  - iii. Strategic planning event held re: Social Enterprise.
  - iv. Currently we have 100 paid members.
  - v. Provided an educational program for grade 7 school children last fall and will continue this spring.
  - vi. **Recognition of Volunteers:** Michael Motek for work as Webmaster, Jesse Fanucchi for Fundraising and other support, Allison Moran for coordinating the humming bird projects across BC and Jo Motek for leading and coordinating MAPS.
  - vii. Four Board members will not be seeking re-election: Jeremy Gatten, Jeremy Kimm, Marilyn Lambert and Marianne Dawson. We thank them for their efforts.
  - viii. Our Treasurer Tom Gillespie has passed away and there was a commemorative event at the Forestry Centre which was well attended.
  - ix. Social Enterprise – being investigated as a way of funding our programs. The Strategic Planning event did not result in a clear mandate to move forward with this as quickly as we had wished.
  - x. BCNature AGM as a fundraiser for us is going well. It will be held May 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and is a packed program of activities and lectures. Ann Nightingale is

leading that planning and we are having a good response. We are wondering if this is the kind of thing we could do in the future as fundraiser.

**6. Executive Director's Report on Fundraising:** Judith Toms

- i. Priority is grant-writing – many grants now out for approval. Some have been successful but we need to do more. Anyone interested in learning the process, contact Judith for coaching.
- ii. Thrifty Foods Smile Card program is bringing in \$200-250 per month.
- iii. Membership numbers required for applications. The more members we have, the louder it speaks to the grantor.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Ann Nightingale

- i. End of the year balance is \$67,798.51
- ii. \$10,000 for educational program raised through grant.
- iii. \$6,140.00 overspent in 2013.

**MOVED:** Ann Nightingale moved the acceptance of the Financial Report.

**SECONDED:** by Allison Moran.      **APPROVED.**

**8. Motions to Amend Constitution:** Donna Ross

Be it RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the Rocky Point Bird Observatory Society Constitution and Bylaws:

Regarding Membership, add the following categories:

**Day Member** (\$5)

This category is currently necessary to comply with our current insurance policy. Membership is required for participation as a volunteer in RPBO activities. This category would not have voting privileges.

**Contributing:** (\$100)

Individual or family who wish to provide additional support to RPBO. Contributing members would have full membership privileges, including the right to vote at the annual general meeting.

**Sustaining:** (\$500)

Individual or family who wish to provide significant additional support to RPBO. Contributing members would have full membership privileges, including the right to vote at the annual general meeting.

Regarding communication, we wish to acknowledge the acceptable use of email for notifications with the following revisions:

51. A notice may be given to a member, either personally, *electronically*, or by mail to the member at the member's registered *postal* or *email* address.

52. A notice is deemed to have been given on the day on which the notice is posted or sent, and in providing that notice has been given, it is sufficient to prove the notice was properly addressed and put in a Canadian post office receptacle, delivered in person, or sent to the member's registered email address.

**MOVED:** Donna Ross moved that these amendments be approved.

**SECONDED:** by Carol Callahan-Maureen                   **APPROVED.**

**9. Elections to Board of Directors:** Michael Simmons

Current board members standing for re-election plus additional members:  
Wallis Reid, Andrew Harcombe, Gail Harcombe, Dave Robichaud, Acacia  
Spencer-Hills and Daniel Donnecke.

**APPROVED.**

**10. Adjournment of the Annual General Meeting at 8:02 pm.**

Break

Presentations on Antarctic Expeditions provided by Marilyn Lambert and Ann Nightingale.