

**Rocky Point Bird Observatory**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Horticultural Centre of the Pacific**

April 20, 2017

7:00 -7:30 pm

- 1) Approval of the Agenda. Moved by Andrew Harcombe. Seconded by Kim Beardmore.  
APPROVED.
  
- 2) Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes. Moved by Jannaca Chick. Seconded by Mike Motek.  
APPROVED.
  
- 3) Executive Director's Report by Jag Sekhon
  - a) **The Staff for 2016:**
    - i) MAPS Banders: Rick Schortinghuis and Wallis Moore Reid
    - ii) BICs: Avery Bartels and Rick Schortinghuis for Fall Migration
    - iii) Student Bander: Sharlene James
    - iv) Assistant Banders: Serena Johnson and Nancy Rajinsky
    - v) Owl Banders: Christian Kelly and Katie McCreesh
    - vi) Executive Director: Jag Sekhon
    - vii) Education Coordinator: Andrea Neumann
  
  - b) **Fall Migration:** 22<sup>nd</sup> season, 2 sites (Rocky Point and Pedder Bay), 181 species were recorded, 5,687 birds banded of 63 species, 1,046 recaptures of 38 species
  
  - c) **MAPS 2016:** 2 sites (Madrona Farm and Witty's Lagoon), 754 birds banded of 35 species, 151 recaptures. MAPS will continue at these locations in 2017.
  
  - d) **Northern Saw-whet Owls:** 297 banded at 2 sites (Rocky Point and Pedder Bay), a quarter of the birds banded in 2016. There were fewer visitors, likely due to bad weather and fewer birds.  
  
We have sufficient funds for all of our banding projects. These will be continued in 2017.
  
  - e) **Hummingbird Project:** The data from last year is being analyzed by Alison Moran. This year's banding for 2017 has already started.

f) **Education and Outreach**

Andrea Neumann has updated and expanded the curriculum and field trip program. We had a successful fall season in 2016 with more students visiting the Pedder Bay station than ever before. The spring program is well underway and is booking up quickly. We are also collaborating with Nature Kids BC Victoria, HCP and the FUN project.

- i) Community Events coming up in 2017 – Creatively United for the Planet at the Royal BC Museum, IMBD on May 13 at Fort Rodd Historic Monument, Metchosin Fair.
- ii) Ann Nightingale represented RPBO speaking at many events
- iii) Another successful Annual Banding Workshop was run in March. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered at the event.
- iv) Bird walks at Outerbridge Park continue on the second Sunday of every month.

g) **Volunteers:** We have 127 volunteers who contributed over 6700 hours in 2016. This does not include the Hummingbird Project or board hours.

4.) **Treasurer's Report** (attached)

Three statements provided: Financial Position (2016 compared to 2015), Revenue and Expenses, and Income and Expenses. Education Program costs have risen because we have more programs now. Membership fees are up. The highest cost incurred is for professional fees (banders). For Migration banding we have changed our model of hiring by contract to that of employees.

Our sponsors include the, the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Joan Outerbridge Charitable Fund, the Victoria Foundation, the Victoria Natural History Society, TD Friends of the Environment, Van City Community Foundation, the United Way, Sobey's Group Inc., Gosling Foundation, Canada Summer Jobs, Bird Studies Canada, Public Employees Community Service Fund, Canada Helps, the Department of National Defense, Pedder Bay Marina.

Please see the 2016 Financial Report for details.

Moved by Gail Harcombe. Seconded by Kim Beardmore. APPROVED by all.

5.) **The Board of Directors**

- i) Directors Leaving: none
- ii) Remaining Directors still standing: Andrew Harcombe, Kim Beardmore, Gail Harcombe, John Costello, Alison Moran, Mary Jo Motek, Michael Motek, Ann

Scarfe, Michael Simmons, Daniel Donnecke, Wallis Moore Reid, Mary Catherine Reader, Heather Crampton, Jannaca Chick

iii) New Director to the board: Jane Styles

## **6.) Election of Directors**

Jane Styles nominated Andrew Harcombe for President and all 14 current board members. Approved by acclamation.

7.) Call for Adjournment by Andrew Harcombe at 7:30 pm. APPROVED by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Break, followed by Andrew Harcombe's presentation "Birds of Bhutan".