



# MINUTES

## RPBO Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7 pm (19:00)

in-person at Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary

virtual meeting on Zoom

### Attendance:

- 56 people in person - 50 members and 6 non-members
- 21 people online - 20 members and 1 non-member

### 1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

*Given by Liam Seward-Ragan, First Nations Liaison*

Rocky Point Bird Observatory acknowledges with respect the Scia'new and T'Sou-ke First Nations on whose territory we work, as well as the many other Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ peoples of the region.

### 2. Approval of 2026 AGM Agenda

MOTION: Acceptance of the **2026 AGM Agenda**

*Brought by Andrew Harcombe. Seconded by Jannaca Chick. All in Favour, from the floor and online. None opposed, from either the floor or online. Motion carried.*

### 3. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

MOTION: Acceptance of the **2025 AGM Minutes**

*Brought by Ann Nightingale. Seconded by Kim Beardmore. All in Favour, from the floor and online. None opposed, from either the floor or online. Motion carried.*

### 4. President's Report

*Presentation given by Rosa Munzer*

1. Volunteer Appreciation
2. Panama Flats – Saanich protected as a Bird Sanctuary
3. A review of history and present day accomplishments
4. 2025 Board of Directors

Rosa Munzer - President

Terry Bird - Vice President

Jacqueline Staples - Secretary

Johnny Caron/ Gail Harcombe - Treasurer

Andrew Harcombe - Past President

Directors-at-Large: Mark Byrne, Robyn Byrne, Jannaca Chick, Dan Burgin, Simone Littledale, Ann Nightingale, Julian Dunster, Liam Seward-Ragan

Gaylia Lassner - Development Director

Leesa Watson - Administrator

Ashlea Veldhoen - Lead Educator

5. Recognition of the Monitoring Teams in 2025
  - **Fall Migration** Project Coordinator - Ann Nightingale  
Banders - Max Hellicar (BIC), Mara Hanneson, Sonja Futehally, Rebecca Reader-Lee, Megan Miller  
Assistant Banders - Gaelin Armstrong, Andrew Jacobs
  - **Nocturnal Owls** Project Coordinator - Mike Motek  
Banders - Jannaca Chick (BIC), Mark Byrne
  - **MAPS** Project Coordinator - Cathy Reader  
Bander - Jannaca Chick
  - **Hummingbirds** Project Coordinator - Alison Moran
  - **SeaWatch** Project Coordinator - Daniel Donnecke
6. Recognition of the Research and Collaboration in 2025:
  - Canadian Migration Monitoring Network member
  - The Bird Genoscape Project - feather sampling
  - Queen's University - blood sampling of Swainson's Thrushes
  - Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation grant to fund volunteer training to collect hummingbird data
  - Victoria Foundation grant to fund research using our 30+ years of collected data
  - Publication in The Journal of Raptor Research on Turkey Vultures
7. Recognition of the Avian Monitoring Projects in 2025
  - Fall Migration
  - MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity & Survivorship)
  - Nocturnal Owls
  - Hummingbirds
  - SeaWatch
8. Recognition of the monitoring project operating sites in 2025: Department of National Defence (Migration, Owls), Oak Bay Marine Group (Migration, Owls), Power to Be (MAPS), and The Capital Regional District (MAPS)
9. In 2025, BC Parks Foundation (BCPF) purchased 21 hectares of land in Metchosin to preserve it in perpetuity as a wildlife corridor and bird sanctuary. Over the course of the year, the RPBO collaborated with BCPF to secure a formal lease for the property.
10. Recognition of 2025 Grantors, Donations, and In-kind supporters

## 6. Treasurer's Report

*Report presentation given by Treasurer Gail Harcombe. (full report Appendix A)*

**MOTION: Acceptance of the 2025 Year-end Financial Report**

*Brought by Gail Harcombe. Seconded by Daniel Donnecke. All in Favour, from the floor and online. None opposed, from either the floor or online. Motion carried.*

## 7. Board of Directors Elections

Terry Bird, Mark Byrne, Robyn Byrn, Jannaca Chick, Andrew Harcombe and Ann Nightingale left the Board

***MOTION:** To elect Lauren Buckley, Julian Dunster, Skyler Freeman, Gail Harcombe, Simone Littledale, Sultana Majid, Alison Moran, Cathy Reader, Cassidy Robson, Jacqueline Staples and Kaitlin Vandervlugt as Directors of the Board.*

*Brought by Rosa Munzer. Presented to Membership. Seconded by Liam Seward-Ragan, member. All in Favour, from the floor and online. None opposed, from either the floor or online. Motion carried.*

*2026 Board of Directors will include Lauren Buckley, Dan Burgin, Julian Dunster, Skyler Freeman, Gail Harcombe, Simone Littledale, Sultana Majid, Alison Moran, Rosa Munzer, Cathy Reader, Cassidy Robson, Liam Seward-Ragan, Jacqueline Staples, and Kaitlin Vandervlugt.*

## 8. Distinguished Service Award

*Presentation made by President Rosa Munzer to Andrew Harcombe.*

## 9. Volunteer Awards

*Presentation of Volunteer Patches made by Volunteer Coordinator Robyn Byrne. Recipients were:*

***250+ Hours Patches:** Sultana Majid, Josh McCallum, Amber Billard, Julian Dunster, Skyler Freeman, Simone Littledale, Erin Haydl, Dallas MacNeil, Aiva Noringseth*

***500+ Hours Patches:** Sonja Futehally, Adam Ross, Emily Barnewall, Liam Seward-Ragan, Taemar Verbaarschot, Robert Gowan, Stephen Ross, Joachim Bertrands*

***1000+ Hours Patches:** Rebecca Reader-Lee, Acacia Spencer-Hills, Katie McCreesh, Megan Lyden, Emma Reader-Lee, Rosa Munzer*

***New Lifetime Members:** Rebecca Reader-Lee, Acacia Spencer-Hills, Katie McCreesh, Megan Lyden, Emma Reader-Lee*

--- Intermission - 15 minutes ----

**Presentation** “Whales and Birds of the Salish Sea” - by Liam Seward-Ragan (RPBO) and Tom Filipovic (Eagle Wing Tours)

**Adjournment** at 8:50 pm