

**Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society  
Annual General Meeting, November 22, 2015**

1. President Michael Galizio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., and welcomed everyone. There were 16 people in attendance, including 7 members of the Board: Michael, Robert Vanveen, Terri Alcock, Elanie Bruton, Bill Parkes, Bill Turner and John Walls.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Bill Turner/Jill Foweraker**

**CARRIED**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2015 meeting.**

**Dominique Bernardet/Bill Turner**

**CARRIED**

4. **Treasurer's Report**

A financial statement for January 1 - November 19, 2015 was presented and discussed

**Motion to approve and adopt the financial statement.**

**John Walls/Elanie Bruton**

**CARRIED**

5. **President's Report**

A. Title to the Lighthouse - Thanks to all members and to the Board, we now have title to the lighthouse. The keys changed hands November 21, 2015.

B. Heritage Status - as you know the Society was notified the LH Site was given Federal Heritage Status in May of 2015, and now Bill Parkes is working on Provincial designation. He has compiled a disk as required and is ready to send it as soon as he adds the transfer of the land to the Society.

C. Changing of Public Access - there has been movement in the CRD's position - There is a proposal for by the CRD of the Society using and managing the access for 5 years. It will be discussed at a meeting of the Juan de Fuca Parks and Rec Commission at 3 pm on November 24th.

D. Two Remainder Parcels - The two parcels west of the lighthouse land have been set aside for Treaty negotiations with the T'Sou-Ke Nation. We hope to work closely with them if the lands are transferred, if or when a treaty is agreed upon.

E. Federal Grant - The Society will be receiving a federal grant of \$28,000 to assist with refurbishment of the lighthouse. The grant was negotiated as a part of the land transfer.

F. Public Access - under the provisions of the land transfer the Society is required to open the property to the public for a certain number of days each year. Our plan at this time is to have it open each day from 9 am to 4 pm, but the hours will be increased as we get into late spring/early summer and there is more light in the evening. A combination of Volunteers and paid local residents will staff the lighthouse site at opening and closing times as well as to check on the property during the day.

G. John Dam who completed a preservation review for the Society of the lighthouse will now complete the review and make recommendations and a priority list of items that need to be completed to properly maintain the structures and the site. The new report outlines

H. The Society has received a grant from Fidelity Trust of \$121,000 (Dr. Marv Caruthers) to help with acquisition and maintenance of the Lighthouse and property. Thanks to Dr. Caruthers for this generous gift. Dr. Caruthers will be awarded the 2015 Heritage Preservation Award from the Society for his consistent and generous support since the inception of the Society.

I. The new Lighthouse Guide Book, "To the Lighthouse" was published and released. According to BC BookWorld is #5 in sales in BC. Many thanks to John Walls and the Heritage Group, as well as author Peter Johnson and photographer Richard Paddle for an excellent book. Thanks also for Elanie for her leadership, editing and guidance and to Gary Geddes for the wonderful forward.

J. Oral History - nothing new to report at this time. The Society still needs a volunteer member to chair the Oral History project. There are lots of additional stories to be told from keepers, families, and others involved with the lighthouse. The Society need to record, catalog and then share with the public these interesting stories of the lighthouse and lighthouse families.

K. LH Website - Ian Fawcett reports that all is working well, no news.

L. Adjacent Landholder - no news at this time. We continue to monitor tree cutting in the remainder parcel as it is covered by a no tree cutting covenant with strict limits on cutting.

M. Trail Stewardship - the CRD is standing firm on their decision to take over the maintenance of the trail, despite the fact that we handled it very well with no complaints for 5 years, and paid the cost of maintenance from volunteer contributions to the Society. There needs to be a plan of action to had the CRD recognize the trail management agreement and to re-instate the Society..

N. Flea Beach - we continue to hold the lease on Flea Beach Highways Right of Way. We have had to remove some dangerous trees, and fix the drainage as well as do clean-up when needed. We do need to replant the upper portion when we can.

O. It was noted that we really need to have a book launch and celebration of the heritage designation in Sooke, as well as one in Shirley for the community. It would be good to combine the Shirley one with a dedication ceremony on site, once we receive the Heritage Plaque.

6. Elections - Ian Fawcett volunteered to chair the meeting and to run the elections. The following people were elected by acclamation:

President - Michael Galizio

V. Pres. Robert Vanveen

Sec/Treas. Terri Alcock

Directors: Elanie Bruton, John Walls, Bill Turner, Bill Parkes

Director and Chair of Board of Advisors - Gary Geddes

7. New Business

a. LH Park - we need to come up with a date for a work party on the LH property. Dominique Bernardet will organize this event.

b. Reminder that the JDF Parks and Rec Commission Meeting is Nov 24, at 3:00 pm, and members are urged to attend and support the Society in its submission to the Commission.

c. **Motion to adopt the same membership fee as in 2015 for the coming year.**

**Bill Turner/Jill Foweraker**

**CARRIED**

d. We have received a donation from the Westaway Foundation, with a proposal that we work on a plan for ongoing support over the next 10 years. More on this as it progresses.

e. Sitka Foundation - we are putting together a proposal for funding from this foundation.

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

**Bill Turner**

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.