

**Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society
General Membership Meeting, June 23, 2019**

1. President Michael Galizio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Executive members present were: John Walls, Bill Parkes, Bill Turner, Bonnie Arden, and Site Manager - Dominique Bernardet, in addition, there were **15** Society Members also in attendance.

Some announcements -

-Thanks for volunteer members support. Making lots of progress as the Society moves from saving to restoring, maintaining and operating a National Lighthouse Heritage Site recognizing a different kind of effort for the Society.

Member's active participation is sincerely appreciated

Society "Thank you" to:

1. Bill Parkes for arranging with Stephen Hendrichs LH photos/videos with using his drone. Will post them —amazing, etc. when seeing restoration from different angles

Shirley Delicious for monthly bottle deposits — Phil and Sheena are so supportive of the Society efforts.

Ted Jones and Diane Dieter for their commitment of \$5000 over 10 years. Recognizing the importance of sustaining contributions.

John and Elanie continuing to work with with Peter Westaway

Thanks Linda Bisque —granddaughter of Eustace Arden --- a beautiful schematic drawing of the light keeper's house.

Bill Parkes for his photos of all the historic items collected from the Museum and other sources. (Presently in storage)

We also now have more beautiful Tessa Peers art cards for sale \$5 a card plus working on a X-mas card to be marketed and sold by the Society

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

John Foweraker /Ted Jones CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the August 27, 2017 meeting.

Bill Parkes/Bill Turner CARRIED

4. Correspondence

- Letter from DFO - Noel Taylor "Thanks for update and photos on the restoration. Well done and congratulations. You are the sole success story in this region National Heritage Lighthouse.

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- Note from Chief Gordon Planes; A thank you for the update and photos. And thanks for staying in touch. Need to meet on invasive plant species and other issues.
 - Communications from Bruce Fogg (Premier John Horgan); Norman Shields (Parks Canada), Senator Bovey, and others thanking the Society for the report and photos.
 - John Walls read a congratulations email from Peter Westaway, the Society grantor for the restoration project
 - Westshore Voice News article about restoration update and posting for all Lighthouse Society meetings in their calendar.
 - Dr. Geddes with regrets and thanks for all the work of the volunteers
 - Other correspondence posted on website - in member's section
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- Susan Berggren from Lighthouse Point Road commented about low flying airplanes and the noise from drones. Society will alter the "rules" sign to include prohibition of drones and divers.
 - Terri announced another Lighthouse painting was given to the Society
 - Bill Parkes reported on the drone video and photos donated by Stephen Hendrichs. Mr. Hendrichs has been given a honorary membership as a thank you for the wonderful drone videos and stills. Some photos and videos will be posted.

5. Treasurer's Report

Review balance sheet as of June 19th, 2019

Balance sheet: assets, investments, cash situation. Two bank accounts — one is operating and one is gaming grant the Society received. Thanks to Ian's hard work on well done grant request

Two GICs — one is cashable and one non cashable comes due toward the end of 2019

Society has a need to raise the money to match the remaining \$50,000 of Westaway funds. Society will apply to donations we've gotten in the last few months.

Mentioned the \$500 check from an East Sooke donor - unexpected from a long time member.

Backside of report: first 6 months but not including the mailer not a lot of promo sales but Shirley Day is coming up.

General expenses for restoration — gaming grant dictates a lot of this within the grant's requirements

Need to fix the monthly storage fee and reallocate that

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John Walls wants to look at fresh ideas for promo items — Stoked Pizza in Shirley won't carry anything but books

Chair asked for Questions: none at this time

The Balance sheet for 2018 (full year) and 2019 (to date) was presented and discussed – see attached.

Motion to adopt the 2018 Balance Sheet.

Bill Parks/Ian Fawcett

CARRIED

The 2018 financial report through December 31, 2018 was presented and discussed – see attached.

Motion to adopt the financial report as presented.

John Walls/Bill Turner

CARRIED

6. Old Business

President's Report -

A. Review Site Status, restoration, trail, fence, access road

First: The Society's extensive restoration project is moving to Phase 3 at full pace. With the generous support provided by local resident Dr. Marvin Caruthers and the Westaway Foundation (led by Peter and Brigitte Westaway), as well as a host of other donors, the Society has been able to proceed with the efforts to ensure that the Lighthouse will be fully restored and protected for generations to come. Also support from the Province from a capital outlay gaming grant.

Causeway rehabilitation and strengthening - completed

Solar Array/Electrical - completed.

Solar Array Fencing - completed

Interpretive Area - completed.

National Cost Sharing Grant - completed. Signs need to be installed on the public access road once the road work is completed.

Tower/Lantern Room evaluation/repair/painting:

Completed

Further restoration report:

Chair asks Ian Fawcett, Restoration Manager, for report and visual re: restoration

Slide report on progress of restoration and phase 3 implementation.

Bill Parkes asks about green light beacon — Ian says it has a sequence for pilots, etc.

Windows are leaking — Sooke glass needs to come back and improve the seal

DFO having problems with their weather station so they replaced antennae

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Bill Parkes questions on a handrail Ian says working on it.

Re-concrete pad re painted areas inside along with electrical and baseboard heaters — wires cleaned up, put wire cages over lights

Outside fully painted —no scaffolding, no crane,

Engine room painted in and out —small leak in roof of engine room — need some caulking and some spot painting remains

Put new chain on handrails and moved stanchions for safety to help the handicapped and others

Items not yet done: still need to insert cables for safety back side —looking for connectors

John asks what dome was made of —copper — had to paint it for historic reasons

Next steps from Ian's presentation — new front gate/fence; security; complete Jennie's trail on LH property.

Other restoration items:

Elanie mentioned that Les Eve wants to purchase one or two benches on the trail and other location.

Elanie — DFO ID'd two plants that are rare but live at the site —need to find out what they are— Ian mentioned that he walked the site with Botanist Nancy Turner and did a site ID of all plants

Michael will send an email to Noel Taylor re: plants there that need to be protected and ID that DFO might have accomplished

Rosemary — we just leave the Broom on site — information from Chief Planes: He will take the broom and put it on the wood lot owned by the T'Sou-ke Nation located above Stoked Pizza.

John Foweraker asked who will look after all of this especially the landscaping in the future? Easy maintenance is important but the Society needs to keep history in mind.

Michael mentioned the need for additional funds for ongoing Society costs and ongoing site maintenance — need to reach out to potential supporters — people such as Jim Pattison, Chip Wilson, Dennis Washington and others.

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B. Lighthouse History Book - New edition.

Rebecca has completed the new book. Adding photos and other recent items. Michael completing the Society section. Terri and Elanie have reviewed and one final review will be scheduled. Noella has completed most of the lay-out. Printing has been bid, with Digital Direct having the best price with the best service and most elaborate bidding and paper used. No date for completion although the late fall is expected.

C. Public Access Road.

Sheringham Pt Road has always been the publicly owned access road which ended at the lighthouse site. That road was altered during the recent subdivision process. From the turn around down to the parking area is now a strata road. Society owns a right of way on the road. Working with CRD to get road re chip sealed together cover costs to make road safer for all. Appears the contractor will be available (Rumsby) to repair and then this summer the road will be improved by Shades' Tanker's (Paul Shades). Susan asked about improved signage to say where the Lighthouse parking is.

Ian mentioned getting new signs for parking and along the route with directional notice and signs at Shirley Delicious and at Sunny Brae as well as the split to the subdivision.

MVG asks Susan Breggren to see what she thinks of the new signs and if she thinks they are sufficient.

Susan is from the LH Site neighbours on Lighthouse Point Road and we've been going back and forth with them on access and road issues. Society needs to make sure gate and site monitors can go through their gates. Neighbours have indicated that some people have abused having the codes. Susan mentioned that the strata council is happy to provide clickers and codes.

MVG asked that they help us by keeping the Seaside gate closed as per the original agreement and it would help with both illegal Lighthouse access and parking as well as site and neighbourhood security.

D. Social Media

Society needs to expand the Social Media effort - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and YouTube, over the summer. Currently spending \$100 USD per month with Uptown Studios to manage the \$10,000 per month Google Grant for the Society. The grant allows the Society to advertise through google "ad words" the site, lighthouse, the Society and activities of the Society like Orca Monitoring. This program needs to be expanded and more funds need to be spent to expose the Society and the site to more people on the internet. Thus acquiring more members as well as donations and interest in the Society.

Need to work on and expand the oral history project on the site and YouTube.

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Society Website — new landing pages and orca monitoring. Shaw wifi to be installed and Dom received a donation of \$500 (thank you Dominique) for the wi fi paid this year . DFO also helping with cost up to \$840.00. Will connect whale sounds to Society website John asked if we can combine with a camera — need to work on camera and more donations to pay for camera, wifi and connections.

Michael thinks Shaw should be donating cameras, etc.

No questions on website / social media report -

Further Social media announcement: Society has acquired, at no cost, a new site called Lighthouse Memories and is now on our servers and currently working to update the website. The new site has loads of historic and bio information about Canadian Lighthouses and light keepers. Thank you to John Caldwell for his generous donation of the site to the Society.

E. Artifacts and Storage.

Michael thanked Bill & John for their help with the Sooke museum (Montana Stanley & Lee Boyko) — lighthouse site artifacts are currently in storage. The Society is paying \$62.43 per month to West Coast Storage for all the artifacts except the compressor tank which is stored at the site. This is a work in progress. Need to continue trying to get the final piece of the Sheringham Lens (the base) from the Triangle Island display at the Sooke Region Museum.

F. School Ambassador Program.

Ian Fawcett reviewed the Lighthouse Society School Ambassador program and the recently received national award. Completed the program with John Muir and Sooke elementary. Ian described how the program works — ie teaching about Lighthouses. Then go by bus to the site and the program begins. Then back to the classroom, pick out best photos, and then kids write an original story about the Lighthouse —fact or fiction — all the stories and photos are put together into a commemorative online book.

Ian showed the award the Society got from international Heritage Trust and read the citation

Ambassador program includes school kids 6-12 years old — a Society certificate — and the on-line book for the kids and their parents. The Society is trying to find a grant to keep the program going.

Ian screened a video outlining the kids educational program and the kids at the site and the classroom.

G. By-Laws/Constitution Review

New ByLaws and Constitution are posted on the website.

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H. Insurance/Preservation and Maintenance

Two insurance policies, liability insurance and site insurance. One policy by Volunteer Canada via AON Insurance and the site insurance is underwritten by Ecclesiastical and the agents are Megson/FitzPatrick. More details passed out and made available at the meeting.

Note the attached President's report for further information on restoration, and other details on various items presented at the meeting.

7. New Business

Restoration: Phase 3 begins - trail, security, gate, and landscape restoration.

Flea Beach Report: Driveway Repairs needed. Trees need to be trimmed. Clean-up and habitat restoration in progress.

Public Event to Celebrate Restoration: John Walls announced the plan for some type of public celebration for the completion of the Restoration. Peter and Brigette Westaway would like to participate in some type of event. Maybe plan for Spring/Summer of 2020.

Extending Social Media: Need help with guest bloggers, etc. Need help posting photos on site and Instagram etc.

Shirley Day Effort: Need help with covering the table at Shirley Day this year. Thanks for Ted and Diane for the tables and Chairs.

Grants and Fundraising: Short discussion on grants and fundraising activities.

Event Planned: Ian announced on July 27 morning date for Pilgrim ride — motorcycle club on a tour of south Vancouver Island —one stop they want is the Lighthouse. Ian met with them and agreed to do it. Asked for volunteers just to take them to see the Lighthouse from the outside. 60-100 people over a period of 2 hours. Ian thinks maybe donations from some of these people

Other New Business Items:

Linda Anderson came in to the meeting to donate a box of her note/art cards which usually sell for \$5 — she thought we may be able to use them for fundraising. Thank you to Linda for her generous support.

Monument between the 2 buildings — that indicates the angles of borders. Ian wrote item on the history - Michael suggested to add to the LH site.

John Walls discussed Bill Turner's email about the board meeting more often now that we're in this phase of restoration and site management

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Bill Parkes —about Broom removal - root puller to get broom out should be considered to pull broom — and said the broom came from Hawaii to CA and now everywhere. Muir family liked Broom and actually cultivated it.

Ted suggest buying items as part of a fundraising effort — better when you feel you can own something and feel more invested. Elanie talked about a similar program in Hawaii where you can buy a stone. Ted meant more about buying something the LH needs. Donation box was discussed. Elanie also showed possible LH shopping bags.

Michael /Elanie suggest teaming up with Western Foods or Village foods. Might be good timing.

Michael asked for other items, announcements, questions, suggestions. There were none. Michael asked for a motion to adjourn.

8. **Motion to Adjourn at 4:00 pm**
Ted Jones/John Walls

CARRIED