

BCSEA Victoria Steering Committee Meeting
Sunday May 24, 2009, 3 pm
Summary

Present:	Absent:
Michael Nation Alison LeDuc Nadia Ariff Erin Carson Denise Stocco Bruce Mackenzie Alison Labonte (outgoing) Lynn Daniel	Peter Judd (phone) Phil Rossner Bruce Sellars

Introduction

Alison Labonte agreed to chair the meeting. She thanked us for attending to her house.

1. Topic: Steering Committee Make-up

Welcome Erin Carson as added to steering committee

MN: Nominated Phil Rossner (from Sooke) to the SC.

Phil agreed to sit on the SC prior to the AGM last Tuesday, but Michael did not get the message in time. Phil has been to one chapter meeting.

NA: Phil expressed interest in working with media and the Web, and perhaps holding events in Sooke.

Denise voiced concern about the ability to connect remote people to the SC meetings.

MN: Perhaps it's time to purchase a proper conference call, and pay for a conference call account.

We have to get used to remote meetings, and make it work, with a bit more commitment.

Motion: to accept Phil as a member of the SC. Passed.

MN: With regard to the Chair's tasks, speakers for the meetings is an important item which has been much less stressful since the last year when he lined them up two or more months in advance. He has also come to accept the limitations of his own time. He wishes that he had given the project leaders more support. The main task for chair is to facilitate communications, and provide the energy to keep the work going. The new chair need not lead the chapter meetings.

ALabonte: Will be around Victoria June and August, and away in July.

MN: He received ideas for speakers from Chris Koski & Bruce Sellars

Positions:

Chair: Michael until September, Alison Leduc after September. Alison agreed to take on arranging of speakers at that time.

vice-chair: should be lead for meeting speakers. A Labonte will continue till she leaves, with Nadia as understudy

secretary: Lynn

treasurer: Denise

volunteer coordinator: Nadia (but would like some help – she has limited time)

media liaison: Phil Rossner (conditional on his acceptance)

Web coordinator/outreach/Provincial Chapters conference call : Erin

Members at large: Bruce, Michael (willing to assist new chair, would like to lead municipal engagement as a project if SC members agree)

What role would Bruce S. like to play on the SC?

Would like to get funds for the speaker phone to connect with Phil (Sooke) and Peter (Mayne Is.)

Action: Michael will discuss Phil's role with him.

Action: Bruce to get firm price for speaker phone and circulate to SC.

Action: Bruce to check on prices for GoToMeeting or WebEx.

2. Topic: Tom Arnold, Director of Development, BCSEA

MN: Tom has been hired to develop relationships and recruit members. He was previously with The Land Conservancy, and left after the change with Bill Turner.
(Cassie Holcomb is the new BCSEA Admin. Asst.)

New farmers market at Mayfair Shopping Center: Tom seeking 'charities' to receive vending fees from Wednesday evenings, June 3 – Sept 30, 4 – 8pm

- minimum of 25 vendors @ \$25 per evening
- \$250 -\$300 or \$400 in proceeds per Wednesday for the 'charity'
- 3 Wednesdays, simpler to be consecutive (June and August filled already, July and September remaining)

Total commitment is to staff a table for the four hours at the event

Nadia could do one in July, Bruce will do one in July, one in September. Alison Leduc could do one entire night. Denise Stocco could help with the booth, but she will not be here in July. Will be here in August.

Fund-raising parties: who, in our chapter, is willing to host a fund-raising party at their homes ? Might have a speaker. Lynn D said she would be willing. Erin suggested some kind of show, maybe in September.

Exercycle with 2 lights. Had it at Sustainable Energy Now! exhibition a few years ago. Illustrated the difference between energy required for incandescent or CFL bulbs. It is currently in Vancouver. Who might like to build one for Victoria ? A LaBonte wondered if another kind of stationary training apparatus (rollers cradling the rear wheel), which she has, could be adapted for the same purpose.

Action: Michael to ask for 2 Mayfair farmers' market nights in July, 1 in September.

Action: Alison LaBonte to follow up with Craig Carmichael to see if her trainer machine could be used.

3. Topic: Sustainable Home Tour June 2.

DS: Five people signed up at the AGM. Peter Ronald had to set up the page on the BCSEA Website. People can register online through a Web form. May go to two groups if more than 20 register.

DS: Payments are coming in, but Denise hoping to get people to register and pay in advance.

Thank home owners by offering offering them BCSEA membership.

Action: Erin to check the website for proper registration for the Tour.

4. Topic: 5th anniversary BCSEA provincial AGM / celebration / workshops June 26

Will take place on Saturday June 26, at Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary. Sunday field trip to Eco-sense. AGM is just a one hour meeting (4:30 – 5:30 pm) to handle technical matters. The rest is workshops, speakers, etc. for Victoria members. Emphasis on chapters.

All BCSEA members get a notice about the AGM. Michael can send a separate request to the chapter.

DN: There may be a registration fee to attend the workshops to cover facility rental and food. \$35?

BM: Probably no cost to attend the AGM itself.

Action: Michael to send out email invitation to chapter list before June 26th

5. Topic: Organic Islands Festival July 4/5

Will call for volunteers. Set up Friday evening, attend Sat & Sun, 9 – 5, at Glendale Gardens.

Very relaxed festival. Good place for booth volunteers to learn from eco-geeks.

Action: Bruce to get more t-shirts for the festival. Consider bamboo fabric (it's really soft)

Action: Bruce to send volunteer info for the festival to Nadia by June 15. We'll probably structure it for two shifts per day

6. Topic: Chapter Inventory List

Denise raised this issued: our need to keep track of all the things owned / stored by the chapter

Action: Denise will send SC members an email reminder to ask for any new items we've acquired.

Action: Michael will transfer this task from the Job Description of the Secretary to that of the Treas.

7. Topic: Volunteer coordination

Denise has found that volunteers respond when we send out requests for specific actions with clear shift time information. It also helps to contact them (by e-mail).

Action:

8. Topic: Chapter meetings

Denise Stocco has booked the room at Burnside Gorge Community Centre for a year in advance.

Alison LaBonte has some ideas remaining for speakers for future meetings. Nadia to take this over starting in September, with assistance for now from Alison LaBonte & Michael.

June will be the provincial AGM in lieu of a regular chapter meeting.

July meeting topic is set – Bruce Sellars agreed to do an 'energy 101' talk.

August meeting will be a field trip. Alison has an idea. Composting facility in Duke Point, and Hartland Landfill. On the weekend, Nadia can get it open. Could combine with Wildwood, or Devon Carter's company at the forest reserve community.

It takes maybe five hours / month to arrange speakers for meetings. Tasks:

1. request speakers to appear, arrange date
2. ensure AV requirements and arrangements
3. get biographies of speakers
4. introduce them at meeting
5. send thanks email following the meeting

Bruce's ideas:

- BC Transmission Corp running public input to Transmission 2040
- CRD looking for public input to sewage plans, energy plans, etc. Sarah Webb just joining CRD as their new Sustainability Coordinator

BM: Suggests car pooling with members rather than hiring a bus if we go to Nanaimo for field trip.

Action: Denise to cancel Gorge Burnside community hall in June and August (although perhaps wait until the tour is arranged)

Action: Nadia and Alison LaBonte to arrange a tour of the International Composting Plant in Duke Point and perhaps a visit to Wildwood

9. Topic: Next Meeting

Thursday 24th June 2009 at Bruce Mac's apartment @ 514 – 701 Esquimalt Rd Victoria

Action:

Meeting ended at 5:07 PM