



FINAL

**Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

March 18, 2015 at 5:15 pm

**DIRECTORS:** Hannah Horn (President), Ryan Burles (Treasurer), Bernie Talbot (Secretary), Derek Sanderson (Tourism Victoria appointee), Kathleen Burton (Chamber of Commerce appointee)

**MEMBERS:** Don Prittie (Canoe Cove Marina), Stephen Baxter (Helijet), Nick Banks (Hidden Harbour Marina; GHVA Rep), Mike Graham (GVHA), Bryan Smith (MMBC), Randy Wright (Harbour Air), Travis Wilson (Wilson's Transportation), Gary Leibel (Ralmax), Janice Mayfield (Fisherman's Wharf Community Association), Doug Crowder (Ralmax), John Sanderson (Burnside Gorge Community Association)

**GUESTS:** Curtis Grad (SSD Co), Jamie Webb (MMBC), Julie Sanderson, Briane and Elaine Anderson, Laura Richards, Pauline, Rob Burkhaut, Tony Beckett

**REGRETS:** Brian Henry, Jon Sectar, Susan Low, Paul Ridout, John Briant, Shawn McBride, Pete Hartman, Jack Cox

AGM documents for March 2015:

VEHS AGM 2014#1\_Notice of VEHS AGM March 18 2015 (text of email)

VEHS AGM 2014#2\_Current VEHS Directors 2014-15.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#3\_AGM agenda for March 18 2015.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#4\_Draft Minutes from March 19 2014 AGM.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#5\_Treasurer's Report.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#6\_Special Resolutions Package.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#7\_Candidates for Board of Directors.pdf

VEHS AGM 2014#8\_VEHS proxy form.pdf

**1. Opening of Meeting – Hannah Horn**

Discussion

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm

- Hannah welcomed everyone to the VEHS AGM.

Motion to approve agenda: Derek Sanderson, Kathleen Burton

All in favour, Carried.



## 2. Approval of Minutes

### Discussion

Motion to approve March 19 2014 AGM Minutes: Ryan Burles, Don Prittie.  
All in favour, Carried.

## 3. Guest Speaker – Skwin’ang’eth Se’las (Helping Hands) (President and CEO, Curtis Grad)

### Discussion

- Curtis Grad provided an overview of Skwin’ang’eth Se’las Development Company (SSDCo) as an incubator to support First Nations businesses. It has one-third representation from each of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations and GVHA.
- He promoted an upcoming SSDCo Open House and Ideas Fair on April 11 at the Songhees Wellness Centre.

## 4. Guest Speakers – Maritime Museum (Operations Manager, Bryan Smith and Jamie Webb)

### Discussion

- Bryan presented information on the MMBC revitalization and goals for the future. MMBC is looking for feedback from the larger community as they revitalize.
- Jamie presented on the Race to Alaska in June. Victoria will host the participants at the end of their first leg, leaving Port Townsend June 4 and departing for the second leg to Ketchikan Alaska on June 7.

Discussion of the MMBC efforts to negotiate tenancy at the Steamship Terminal.

## 5. Chair’s Report

### Discussion

- Hannah provided an overview of the progress of VEHS over the past year, starting with a new Board and blank slate. VEHS has changed its structure and focus of activities, serving as a forum for sharing information and open dialogue on Harbour matters. She noted how people outside of the organization are expressing interest and support for what VEHS does and commenting on how important it is that this organization exists. VEHS is also becoming known as a credible voice on Harbour matters.
- Hannah thanked the Board for all their hard work over the past year and the reps to the GVHA Board.



## 6. Treasurer's Report

### Discussion

- Ryan presented the VEHS Financial Report to January 31 2015. At that time, VEHS had a chequing account balance of \$3582.29 and a savings account balance of \$12,477.92, to a total of \$16,060.21. There are no liabilities.
- Motion to accept report: Bernie Talbot, Kathleen Burton. All in favour, Carried.

## 7. Committee Reports

### A. Membership Committee

Committee member Gary Leibel noted the importance of membership as it is our only source of income. He reported the successes of the Membership Committee, with membership exceeding the goals set for the membership drive. We are now over 30 voting members and have re-established a non-voting member category.

The Committee has prepared an attractive brochure with the assistance of the Communications Committee, which should help to promote membership.

### B. Communications Committee

Communications Committee Chair, Kathleen Burton, reported on the activities of the past year, including social media (Facebook and Twitter), updates to the website and arranging domain name transfer, completion of the membership brochure with the Membership Committee, and participation in a VEHS booth at the GVHA Open House on the theme of Postcards from the Past.

### C. Issues Response Committee

Committee member Don Prittie reported the various activities of the Issues Response Committee over the past year, including the following:

- Preparation of letters on trespass moored vessels in the Selkirk Waterway; support of continued Cruise Ship industry activity in Victoria; VEHS views on the City of Victoria administering the Harbour aerodrome operations; and support for Esquimalt Township rezoning of McLoughlin Point to prevent use as a sewage treatment plant
- Participation in the City of Victoria's "Inner Harbour Revitalization" planning exercise,
- Participation as "Member Agency" in providing input to GVHA's 10 Year Strategic Plan.



## 8. Special Resolutions

### Discussion

**Special Resolution 1:** To amend section 1 of Article I, Membership to add a membership category of 'Public Recreation'.

Decision: All opposed - DEFEATED

Explanation: There are a number of reasons why the members voted against adding a new membership category of Public Recreation:

- There was a strong feeling that we are trying to keep to a small number of categories and there was little appetite for adding a 'single interest' category.
- There was concern that this also opens the door for other 'single interests' to seek their own category.
- The reason for proposing this new category was to provide Public Recreationists a voice for their interests. People felt that we already have a number of recreationists among our members and on our Board so the voice is there without having a 'category' for it.
- It was felt that any individual or recreational organization wanting to join VEHS could do so in the Member-at-Large category.

### **Special Resolutions 2 and 5.**

Special Resolution 2: To amend section 2 to Article II Meeting of Members as follows:

2. One of these General Meetings shall be the Annual General Meeting and this shall be held once ~~a~~ in every calendar year at a date ~~not less than 12 months and not more than 15 months from the date of the previous AGM.~~

and

Special Resolution 5: To amend section 1c to Article VI Nominations and Elections as follows:

c. The date time and place of the Annual General Meeting. The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be set for a day within ~~12 to~~ 15 months of the previous AGM at a date optimally suited to member attendance.

Decision: All in favour - CARRIED

Explanation: These are minor amendments and are consistent with the *Society Act*



**Special Resolution 3.** To amend section 9 to Article II Meeting of Members to remove the last part of the sentence.

9. A VEHS member selected to serve on the GVHA Board must remain a member in good standing of VEHS throughout their term on the GVHA Board ~~and may not concurrently serve as director on the VEHS Board.~~

Decision: TABLED

Explanation: Although our lawyer has advised VEHS that there is no legal reason why we can't have a member being a director on both the VEHS and GVHA Board, there was concern expressed that VEHS and GVHA are so closely linked that a director serving on both Boards would constantly be needing to step away from discussions due to conflict of interest. Also, there are many changes happening with GVHA right now with a new CEO and a strategic plan being developed that includes changes to the GVHA Constitution.

There is no urgency to decide on this motion as Pete Hartman's term with GVHA doesn't end until December 2016. The members voted to Table the motion and to monitor the situation both with GVHA and VEHS over the upcoming year, bringing it back to the 2016 - 2017 AGM.

GVHA reps are asked to please track their discussions and decisions with the GVHA Board in the upcoming year and note instances where they would need to recuse themselves if they were on the VEHS Board as well. The VEHS Board will do the same from their end so that we have good information to resolve this issue at the next AGM.

**Special Resolution 4.** To add a new section 16 to Article IV Directors that reads as follows:

The Directors shall not have authority to select, from among the members, candidates to serve on the board of directors of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority. Only the members shall have authority to make this selection.

Decision: All in favour - CARRIED

Explanation: This additional text just clarifies what is already implied in the VEHS Constitution.



## 7. Election of Directors

### Discussion

The Nominating Committee, Don Prittie, recommended a slate of directors for the seven elected positions on the Board. The new Board of Directors, which includes appointed directors for Tourism Victoria and the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, will deal with selection of officers at their first meeting.

There were no nominations from the floor.

The nominated slate of directors is acclaimed, as follows:

1. Transportation - Ryan Burles, Black Ball Transport
2. Industry/commerce – Bernie Talbot, I.L.W.U. Local 508
3. Marine tourism: Brian Henry, Ocean River Sports
4. Marinas/floathomes/liveaboards: Hannah Horn, Non-affiliated; Liveaboard
5. Community associations, municipalities, FN: Susan Low, Township of Esquimalt
6. Environment: Jon Sectar, Sector Environmental Resource Consulting
7. Member at large – Stephen Baxter, Helijet
8. Tourism Victoria appointed representative – Derek Sanderson, Island IT
9. Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce appointed representative - Kathleen Burton, Island Ferry Services

## 8. Announcements

### Discussion

- None

## 9. Other Business

### Discussion

- None

## 10. Closing of Meeting

### Discussion

Motion to Adjourn: Don Prittie, Seconded Bernie Talbot

All in favour

Meeting adjourned.