

VEHS Meeting 13/07/2021

13 July 2021 / 5pm / Building B, Ogden Point (and over Zoom)

ATTENDEES

Jordan Welch, Lyle Soetaert, Leslie Welsh, Jane Vermeulen, Austin Willson, Ryan Burles, Matthias Pahnke, Jonathan Sector, Nick Banks, Nathan Bird, Briane Anderson

Over Zoom:

Paul Bruce, Christina Clarke, Dave Cowen

Chair call to order and introductions: Called to Order: 5:08pm

Approval of Agenda -- Ryan Burles, seconded by Leslie Welsh, approved.

Approval of the Minutes of June 22, 2021 VEHS Member meeting -

Leslie Welsh, seconded by Ryan Burles, approved.

Presentation: Jordan Welch on The Ocean Clean-Up

- Starting operations in Victoria around July 20th.
- Cleaning up plastic waste in the ocean(s).
- Around 80 personnel in the company.
- Funded through philanthropy.
- 46% of ocean's debris is fishing nets (by weight).
- Nets can only be recycled in Europe. Not offered in North America.
- Great Pacific Garbage Patch in Pacific Ocean is now twice the size of Texas.
- One six week trip confirmed. Subsequent trips will be dependent on success/weather etc for up to three missions.
- Very complicated system on the boats to ensure they get the ocean plastics that are not only floating, but also plastics that don't float to the surface.

- Western Stevedoring plans to welcome the group with open arms. We want Victoria and Ogden Point to be a preferred port.
- Expect a media frenzy when they come back after six weeks with a load of recycling.
- No goal set up for how much they think they'll bring back.
- Two ships total.

Some products that can be made from the recycled product:

- Sunglasses (\$200/pair!)

Operations in Victoria include:

- Provisions supply
- Wiring
- Welding
- Blowing up booms
- Stenciling/branding the vessel
- Here are a few links for information on The Ocean Cleanup project.
 - Group Website: <https://theoceancleanup.com/>
 - Ocean clean up: <https://theoceancleanup.com/oceans/>
 - Retrieval system: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7qNRgezOBU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1EAeNdTFHU>

Chair's Report -- Lyle Soetaert

- We will plan in September for the GVHA to give us a review of the facilities condition assessment report.
- Met with VCIA and GVHA. Will not see any cruise in 2021. Cruise lines are still planning to be in Victoria in 2022, despite the waiver.
- Does not seem to be a lot of appetite to continue the waiver or change the PVSA requirement.
- Denton Pendergast has put together a proposal about merging the Victoria Harbour History site and the VEHS site. Lyle to meet with him about design, options, etc.

Treasurer's Report -- Ryan Burles, Treasurer

- Currently 54 members
- Chequing: \$4,481.71
- VEHS David Featherby Award: \$128.36
- Savings: \$13,571.58

GVHA rep report -- Ryan Burles, GVHA Rep

- Working with all levels of government for shore power financing.
- No capital projects unless absolutely necessary.

Committee Reports

Communications -- Hannah Horn

- Newsletter went out. Please enjoy!

Events/Social -- Nathan Bird

- Confirmed Plus-One event planned for Thursday, September 16 for a BBQ/Social/Fundraiser.
- Still working on a few logistics. Nathan and Jordan to make the arrangements.

Governance -- Christina Clarke

- Christina meets with the governance committee tomorrow (July 14) well in advance of the AGM. Planning to have all recommendations and rationale to members for review.

Membership -- Jordan Welch

- Planning on creating a 'map' of all businesses around the Harbour to identify potential new members.

Risk Management -- Lyle on behalf of Paul Bruce

- Lyle met with Alois Schonenberger (Harbour Master). Alois wants to hold a virtual session with all stakeholders (soon) with Paul Bruce to ensure we are operating safely when full Harbour activity begins.

Economic Impact Study

- We've received good feedback from members about the study.
- Some limitations for the study included:
 - COVID
 - Budget
 - Bandwidth of participants
- Nick will suggest to the GVHA that there should be a preamble, so readers understand the limitations and the resulting scope of the study.

New Business

- TC announcement is scheduled for 10:30am - 11:30am on Thursday, July 15 with regards to resumption of Cruise.

Announcements

Motion to adjourn -- Jordan Welch, seconded by Ryan Burles, approved.

Adjourned at 5:59pm

Next meeting September 16, 2021.