

VEHS Meeting 22/06/2021

22 June 2021 / 5pm / Building B, Ogden Point (and over Zoom)

ATTENDEES

Lyle Soetaert, Jordan Welch, Nathan Bird, Ryan Burles, Nick Banks, Harold Aune, Mark Mawhinney, Brian Henry, Anna Poustie, Samantha Gregg, Calvin Raganas, Alois Schonenberger, Leslie Welsh, Don Prittie. On Zoom: Hannah Hord, Austin Willson

Regrets: Paul Bruce, Christina Clarke

Chair call to order and introductions Called to Order: 5:07pm

Approval of Agenda -- Leslie Welsh, seconded by Nick Banks.

Approval of the Minutes of February 16, 2021 VEHS Member meeting -- Don Prittie, seconded by Leslie Welsh.

Presentation: Anna Poustie and Samantha Gregg

- First scheduled cruise ship is April 9, 2022.
- PSA Waiver order might lift prior to then.
- Cruise industry looking for guarantees from Transport Canada for resumption of cruise.
- Cruise lines book years in advance. Need to know their ports of call.
- A lot of uncertainty.
- Looking for (any) public support to highlight the benefits of cruise.

Chair's Report

- Lyle has been speaking with GVHA and CLIA.
- Lyle attended COVE (East Coast) and COAST (West coast) sessions.
- Working with Jonathan and Hannah on Victoria City OCP submission.
- Denton Pendergast has a proposal to the board for consideration.

- Membership dues for 2021 are being reintroduced.

Treasurer's Report -- Ryan Burles, Treasurer

- Currently 54 members
- Chequing: \$4,860.57
- VEHS David Featherby Award: \$128.33
- Savings: \$13,568.19

GVHA rep report -- Mark Mawhinney, GVHA Rep

- Great report from Samantha/Anna.
- Priority #1 for the GVHA is the safe resumption of Cruise.
- Helping our government to understand what the GVHA is, the impact of cruise etc.
- There is cautious optimism on the return of cruise.
- Ian Robertson is meeting the Federal Government on Friday to provide clarity on cruise economic impact.
- Monday's announcement by the Government didn't offer much guidance.
- Economic Impact Study was released (today).
- Ian has been integral in supporting the mental health of GVHA's employees.
 - The board really appreciates his talent and ability in this regard.

Committee Reports

Communications -- Hannah Horn

- Newsletter going out this month.

Events/Social, Nathan Bird

- Tentatively booking a 5:30p - 8:30p fundraiser/BBQ event on September 16 at Ogden Point.
- More information to come, but expect BBQ, food, Emcee, drinks, raffle, etc...

Governance, Christina Clarke

- Still working on bylaw plans. Will have those amendments out to membership prior to the AGM.

Membership, Jordan Welch

- Vetting the membership form. Will look at this next board meeting (July).

Risk Management, Paul Bruce (in absentia)

- Chief Paul Bruce is retiring from VFD June 23.
- What does re-opening look like? Can we get stakeholders to convene and keep conversations going?

Economic Impact Study

- No longer in draft form. As soon as it can be published, it will be published for the public (GVHA website).

Announcements CLOSE

Motion to adjourn -- Mark Mawhinney, seconded by Nick Banks.