



Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Members present:

Paul Clemens, John Heinegg, Tony Law, Daniel Siegel, Joanne Ovitsland, Rachelle Chinnery, Reina Le Baron, Lynn Nunley, Karen Ross, Donna Tuele, Darren Bond, Sonja Goldsmith

Minutes

1. **Call to order:** Chair Daniel Siegel called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
 - a) A round table self-introduction by all in attendance.
 - b) Quorum was confirmed.
 - c) The draft agenda was reviewed and approved by general consent.

2. **Reports**
 - a) Review of 2009 AGM minutes. Chair Daniel Siegel advised that the review of Constitution and Bylaws outlined in 2009 AGM minutes have yet to be undertaken.
 - b) Chair's Report: Chair Daniel Siegel expressed thanks to outgoing Board Members, Lynn Carmichael, Richard Laskin and Gerald Hodge. The Chair also expressed thanks to standing Board Members Rachelle Chinnery, Paul Clemens, Matthew Fredbeck and staff Tony Law (Executive Director) and Joanne Ovitsland (Marketing Manager). The Chair stated that Tony Law is taking a leave of absence of approx. 6 months and the Joanne Ovitsland has taken on the position of Acting Executive Director. The Chair also discussed the process with the Regional District as it pertained to the solidifying the current 5 year agreement between HICEEC and CVRD.
 - c) Executive Director's Report: Tony Law reported on the current HICEEC programs and activities from the past year and the positive community feedback resulting from these activities. The E.D. noted that he had attended the Vancouver Island Economic Summit where he was encouraged by the potential of working on a regional basis on economic enhancement issues. The E.D. noted that a 5 year strategic plan had been completed and that the next step is to review the constitution and decide whether HICEEC should move to a Provincial Non-Profit structure from a Federal structure as all our activities take place within B.C.
 - d) Financial Report: Treasurer Paul Clemens presented the Financial Report for the calendar year 2010 which has been subject to a review prepared by accountant Lloyd Neufeld. HICEEC's income totaled \$30,613.56 and expenditures totaled \$33,316.44 resulting in a deficit of \$2,703.08 for the year 2010. As of December 31, 2010 the Corporation now has a total cumulative surplus of \$7,162.18 with an unrealized refundable GST balance of \$1,837.68. It was moved (Clemens), seconded (Goldsmith) and carried that the Financial Report be accepted. The Treasurer noted that as an agreement with the CVRD is now in place and funding is secure, it will not be necessary to carry over a surplus due to ongoing fiscal uncertainty. It was stated that HICEEC can now do multi-year program budgeting. The Treasurer announced that he would be stepping down from the Board in fall 2011.

3. Business

- a) Election of Directors: Chair Daniel Siegel stated that Directors Rachelle Chinnery, John Heinegg, Paul Clemens, Matthew Fredbeck and he are willing to stand for re-election, noting that Paul Clemens and Daniel Siegel have once again been nominated by HIRRA. Directors Lynn Carmichael, Gerald Hodge and Richard Laskin have all stepped down. The Chair stated that Darren Bond would like to stand for election. The Chair called three times for further nominations. There being none, the standing and new Director were declared elected by acclamation. Joanne Ovitsland noted that Hornby Island Arts Council has been asked to nominate a representative to the HICEEC Board (replacing outgoing representative Lynn Carmichael) and that they have taken this request under consideration and will respond at a later date.
- b) Determination of annual dues: It was moved (Heinegg) and seconded (Goldsmith) and carried that HICEEC continue in the practice of not requiring dues from membership.
- c) Pursuit of incorporation of British Columbia Society: it was moved (Clemens) and seconded (Bond) and carried that the Board investigate and implement the best form of structure for HICEEC moving forward.

4. Discussion

The floor was opened to discussion regarding HICEEC's current and potential activities.

Reina Le Baron advised that the HD Growers Producers Alliance was very appreciative of HICEEC's support (both financial and administratively) as an incubator for the Alliance and detailed current activities of the GPA.

Karen Ross discussed her experiences with the Livelihood Society, which was a precursor to HICEEC and presented to the Board a request for assistance for the newly formed Homeowners Association. She discussed the positive impact of ongoing summer rentals on the economic stability of Hornby Island and that the Homeowners Assoc. did not have the capacity to carry out activities such as drafting best practices and organizing meetings. Karen also stated that the Association is requesting assistance with the goal of becoming self sufficient once a membership base is established. Donna Tuele stated that the Homeowners Association would also provide support and develop best practices pertaining to tenant and landlords for long term and winter rentals as well as investigate possibility of group insurance rates. Donna next proposed presenting HICEEC with a business plan / proposal in support of the requested assistance.

Reina Le Baron requested the HICEEC revisit the Visioning process from 2002 to assess whether projects tabled at that time are still relevant and could be addressed in present time.

Other ideas that resulted from group discussion:

- grant writing workshop
- board development workshop part 2
- tourist survival guide
- administratively supporting radio station
- supporting adult education program
- social media workshop
- exploring concept of "transition" towns

Adjournment: Chair Daniel Siegel thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm

Minutes recorded by Joanne Ovitsland