

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2023  
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
by video conference

**Present:** Nicky Ling, Mike Davis, Tara Atleo, Toni Buston, Naomi Mack, Olga Nassinovskaia, Elyse Goatcher-Bergmann, Sarah Butterworth

**Staff:** Rebecca Hurwitz, Rosalee Brown

1. Welcome
2. Nuu-Chah-Nulth word of the meeting: there was no word of the meeting.
3. Policy of the meeting: section 10 of bylaws re: officers and duties.
4. Consent agenda Motion carried by consensus.
  - a. Approval of the agenda
  - b. Board of Directors meeting minutes, May 25, 2023
  - c. Board of Directors in camera minutes, May 25, 2023
  - d. Executive Committee meeting minutes, June 7, 2023
  - e. Correspondence:
    - i. Jeneva Touchie re: resignation, June 6, 2023
    - ii. Yuuthluithaht Government re: board appointment, June 6, 2023

**Motion to accept the resignation of Jeneva Touchie as alternate director and accept the appointment of Gertrude Touchie as alternate director by the Yuuthluithaht Government effective June 2, 2023 passed by consensus.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda passed by consensus.**

**5. Election of Officers- Executive Committee**

Olga Nassinovskaia led the board in the executive committee election process. With a couple of board seats vacant, Rebecca suggested combining the secretary and treasurer position until the fall and new directors have been oriented.

**Motion to appoint officers of the Society to hold the offices set out following their name (Naomi Mack – co-chair, Mike Davis- secretary-treasurer, Nicky Ling- co-chair) until the close of the next annual general meeting or until others are elected or appointed in their place passed by consensus.**

## 6. Biosphere Research Award Recommendation

Rebecca provided an overview of the application review process and the 2023 Biosphere Research Award recommendation, as well as additional project support leveraged from partner businesses.

The two projects recommended are:

- a. Salmon Highways: Kelp Forest Habitat in Clayoquot Sound, \$20,000 request from Redd Fish Restoration Society
- b. Microplastic Ingestion by Humpback Whales in Barkley Sound, \$ 17,858 request from University of Victoria researcher Rhys Jenson

The committee recommended supporting both projects; the two projects are very different and will both be impactful. Staff recommended that they assist the UVic applicant with additional fundraising.

**Motion to approve \$7,500 towards Redd Fish Restoration and \$12,500 to the University of Victoria project passed by consensus.**

## 7. Community Foundations Canada conference update

A small team of staff attended the biennial conference along with Mike Davis as treasurer. Staff appreciated the practical sessions and opportunity to reconnect with colleagues post-pandemic. Mike highly recommended that board members take part in upcoming conferences. He was happy to share that we have an awesome team and are ahead of the curve on Vital Signs. Mike appreciated the board governance sessions and shared the importance of being aware of risks tied to cyber security and AI. He also was reminded of the importance of continuity and capacity building on the board given term limits. Rebecca and Mike also got the opportunity to meet potential fund managers and learn about processes other foundations have used to update investment portfolio statements.

8. No new business

9. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn passed by consensus.**