

TIRRA Annual General Meeting
Saturday, September 12, 2020, 4:00PM

President Wendy Hinsperger called the meeting to order in the tennis court just after 4:00 PM with the following also present: Treasurer and Solid Waste Chair, Ernie Hunter; Transportation Chair, Stu Downey; Cemetery Chair, Suzanne Sarioglu; Trails Chair, Vicki Walker; Secretary, Claire Hess and approximately 25 Thetis Islanders.

Wendy welcomed all (including some new members!!) and explained that the AGM, normally held in March, had been delayed to comply with BC guidelines during the pandemic. Opportunity to complete AGM in an outdoor setting, before weather impacts, was prudent as the AGM deadline for 2020 is Dec 31st.

The Minutes of TIRRA General Meeting on October 24, 2019 were approved as found online, moved Vicki Walker, second Lucy Mooney. Approved by members.

TIRRA Executive Committee Reports are to be found online at: _

<http://www.thetisland.net/tica-tirra/tirra-reports.htm>

Brief updates to some reports were given.

President's Report: Wendy

Treasurer's Report: Ernie reported financials in good standing. Under current circumstances, we have until the end of 2020 to make any changes to CVRD budget/parcel tax. There have been savings this year, as overall expenditures are down. Transportation: Further repairs have been made to the pavement on the south side of Moore Hill. Emcon completed pothole repair earlier in the year and have followed up with spray patching this summer to help seal out water. Thanks to Joe and Emcon for the work done maintaining our roads.

A question was raised regarding rocks on the road. Residents are encouraged to report any rockfall to Joe at the Emcon Yard 250 246-3431. Emcon can also be contacted 24/7 using their Road Reporting Line at 1 866 353-3136.

For all emergencies dial 911.

St.Margaret's Cemetery Report: Suzanne thanked a great many people for the continuing work on the new access pathway and the general clean-up of invasives, bank stability, fencing, gates and redirection of water run-off.

Trails: Vicki thanked the summer employment students and others for much work. Repairs, invasive species removal and overall maintenance to the Trails has significantly benefited from this employment program. Updates on new trail licences and reference made to the recent Quarterly article.

Thetis eSPOKES: Claire advised she will be continuing with eSPOKES role though she is resigning from the Secretary position. THANK YOU, CLAIRE! Guidelines on eSPOKES usage are posted at: http://www.thetisland.net/tica-tirra/tirradocuments/Guidelines_for_Espokes_2020.pdf

Welcome Committee: No Chair at the moment and no online report. Wendy has been assembling packages as designed by Tatiana, Sue and herself. There have been 13 newcomers who have received a package. A new Chairperson would coordinate with realtors and landlords to ensure we capture all new residents.

Solid Waste: Ernie explained there has been some recycle and compost in the trash. This does increase our costs and we all need to remain diligent about reducing garbage

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Recycle Yard: In response to questions raised at the meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about Recycle resuming. It was somewhat a consensus that the Recycle will not return in exactly the same format as pre-pandemic. There are many complex factors to consider including safety and financial impacts. Whatever action may or may not be taken, will be heavily weighted on a cautionary approach to restart ensuring the safety and best interests of all stakeholders. The participants in the Youth Community Partnership program are using their minds and energies to come up with a plan as to how we might consider re-opening for the Recycle service. Once their research is complete, (government health guidelines, what other recycle depots are doing, etc.), they will provide the TIRRA executive with program ideas to consider.

2) Rebate Policy for Parcel Tax: (copy of said policy on [thetisland.net](http://www.thetisland.net))

TIRRA is required by this policy to review annually

A motion to retire the rebate was defeated.

3) Lynne Smith, CVRD Area G Director, gave some information on budgets and the actions taken for Thetis in the last year.

4) TIRRA Elections:

President: Wendy Hinsperger

Vice President: Quentin Goodbody

Treasurer: Ernie Hunter

Secretary:

Committees Chairpersons:

Solid Waste: Ernie Hunter

Transportation: Stu Downey
Cemetery: Suzanne Sarioglu
Trails: Vicki Walker
Thetis eSPOKES: Claire Hess

Welcome Committee:

The TIRRA Executive team will be looking for a Secretary and a Welcome Committee Chairperson. Please reach out to tirra@thetisland.net if you wish to learn more, suggest a member or volunteer with our team, for either of these roles.

Note: Keith Rush was unable to attend. We will try to coordinate with Keith for updates from FAC, TIID at the next meeting.

Wendy adjourned the meeting at 5:34PM