EEPSA Annual General Meeting 2016-17

Location : Stanley Park Ecology Society

In attendance: Selina Metcalfe, David Zandvliet, Laurelei Primeau, Kerri Lanaway , Bruce Ford,

Ryan Barfoot, Dylan Rawlyk, Nick Townley, Teresa Rowley, Timothy Straka, Donna Boucher

Called to order at 5:10

1) Welcome -Selina

2) Introductions and Highlights of the year- 2 minutes each. All members shared their highlights of the past year

3) Adopt the minutes from 2015-16 AGM – Laurelei motioned to adopt the minutes; seconded by Bruce; motion carried

4) Membership report - Laurelei

Current membership – 94 members (63 BCTF). This is a downward trend and half our membership compared to 2015.

23 members will expire over the summer. A reminder email has been sent out.

There are 5 new LSAs being formed, three in the Kootenays, one on the Sunshine Coast and one in Cariboo- Chilcotin. There is some potential for another LSA in Victoria.

Most membership concerns have been easily resolved. Some members mentioned not receiving any communications, when they were in fact, receiving them. One simply had not checked that email address in several months.

Suggestion: ensure that new members provide an email that they use regularly, and that they understand that email is one of the main ways we will contact them.

Can we track the data on who opens their Green Teacher e-zine to indicate how many members are reading their EEPSA mail?

One unresolved concern: a member noted that her membership was not processed for several months, resulting in a perception of reduced benefits. Without a line in our budget for gift memberships, we are unable to offer members a free subscription to make amends.

Practically speaking, the Green Teacher subscription allows access to all back issues, and the Facebook page, website and Twitter feed are open to anyone. A delayed membership only means being added late to the listserv, and a delay in receiving Green Teacher. No actual benefits are lost, but it makes for poor public relations.

30 new members from Caribou-Chicoltin workshop

Selina mentioned that membership coordinator needs to connect early with bctf

Clearings is interested in sending out new magazines to new membership; this will need to be looked into by new membership coordinator

Everyone thanked Laurelei for her commitment to EEPSA for the past several years in her role as Membership Coordinator.

5) Financial report - Jasmine

6) Communications report -Dallas – no communications report available; EEPSA exec members send a big thank you to Dallas for all her hard work this year.

7) Professional Development report -Bruce and Kerri

Past events –

This year focused on K-12 new curriculum providing opportunities for real world learning

Walking the Talk solstice events – in Dec and today

New Teachers Conference – EEPSA present, but no workshop

Partnering with CBEEN to engage 6 school districts in the Colombian basin with the new curriculum ; EEPSA has partnered with other groups – BCTELA – piloted place-based program – Jonathan and Kerri will be presenting their work in Victoria

Coming up -

Sept 2016– presenting “stories of place” in Barkerville

Oct 2016 – presenting at various locations for PSA day

Get Outdoors Workshops will continue (at least 20 workshops this year)

WEEC 2017 -David reported that an organizer has been hired for the world conference that he is leading. More details will be available for our first meeting in the fall. Donna, Laurelei and Vanessa will represent EEPSA as part of the planning committee.

9) Elections

President : vacant at this time

Vice-President : Selina nominated Jonathan Dyck; Kerri seconded; acclaimed

Secretary: Bruce nominated Donna Boucher; Laurelei seconded; acclaimed

Treasurer : Kerri nominated Jasmine Pilling; Selina seconded; acclaimed

Communications Chairperson : Bruce nominated Ryan Barfoot; Kerri seconded; acclaimed

Pro- D Chairperson : Selina nominated Bruce Ford; Kerri seconded; Bruce Ford nominated Kerri Lanaway as pro-chair; Selina seconded; both members acclaimed

Membership Coordinator: vacant at this time

Member-at-Large: Selina nominated Teresa Rowley; Bruce seconded; acclaimed; Selina nominated Monica Nissen ; Ryan seconded; acclaimed; Teresa nominated Nick Townley; Selina seconded; acclaimed

10) Discussion of goals for 2016-17 (Selina) – Selina distributed goals for EEPSA for further discussion at our first meeting on Sept. 12 at Metro Van Headquarters in Burnaby - 5:30pm. We will coordinate further meetings in the fall.

Special thanks to SPEC for hosting our AGM and the Walking the Talk sharing event that follows.

11) Motion to adjourn at 6:14

11) Walking the Talk for Green Schools Solstice Celebration at Stanley’s.