

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS HARBOURS COMMISSION
held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at the
Saanich Peninsula Health Unit, Mt. Newton X Rd., Saanichton, BC**

PRESENT: Stephen Cropper - Chair, Mayne Island
David Howe, CRD Director
Jon Heaney, N. Pender Island
Sheila Midgley, Galiano Island
Bryce Young, Piers Island
Pete Williams, Ports Manager
Ida Timmer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Mike Callendar

GUESTS: Bob Vergette, Pender Island Conservancy Association Representative

1. **Agenda** was approved – motion by Bryce, 2nd by Sheila
2. **Minutes** were approved – motioned by Sheila, 2nd by Jon. All in favour.

Bob Vergette spoke on behalf of PICA (Pender Island Conservancy Association) about the Stewardship/Recovery Program to build more nest boxes for the purple martin. He requested approval to install them at Hope & Port Browning docks.

Sheila motioned to approve PICA installing 6 purple martin nest boxes at the CRD dock at Hope bay with the installation of another 6 nest boxes next year at CRD Port Browning docks. The boxes to be attached in the same manner as those at Miners Bay. Motion 2nd by Bryce. All in favour. Passed.

4. **Letters** – Allen Olsen resigned as per his letter. He highly recommends Lee Middleton to be his replacement. Jon motioned that we recommend Lee Middleton to sit on the Harbors Commission representing Saturna Island. 2nd by Bryce. All in favour. Passed.

Sheila motioned that Stephen, as chair, thank Allen. 2nd by Jon. All in favour. Passed.

5. **CRD Director Report** – nothing to report.

Stephen mentioned that we should send appreciation to Ken Hancock for all his efforts as past CRD Director.

6. **Port Managers Report** – highlights of 2011 (as per his report).
Included a Year End budget update and discussion on revenue targets and fee structure.

The ports manager also outlined the approval process for installing cameras at the dock, and the challenges around privacy policies.

An update on the various docks was given, and discussion took place regarding the Bedwell Harbour dock and the lack of a management agreement for the winter of 2011-12.

Bylaw Amendments – as per document drafts prepared by CRD staff. The definition of dinghy was brought forward as per Sheila's discussion paper which was presented at the meeting. It was moved, seconded and passed that the definition of "dinghy" be defined as follows: "means an open boat with a maximum length of 12 feet, excluding outboard motor, having a beam of no more than 6 feet and a motor of not more than 25 horsepower and the dry weight/hull weight is at, or under 250 pounds." An additional three changes were proposed at the meeting for "Schedule A", addition of a short term zone and inclusion of Lyall Harbour. The draft was sent for further revision. A second draft will be brought forward at the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

The date of the March meeting was set for 1 pm, March 13, 2012 at the health unit.

David Howe left the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15