

**Princess Louisa International Society
Annual General Meeting
November 20, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Jim Burns, Don Simpson, Mary Simpson, Bill MacDonald, Jack Rottler, Bill Botham, Eric Englund, Bill Herringshaw, Peter Chipman, John Painter, , Frank Young, Susan Young, Fred Turner, Carol Turner, Bobbie, Chris McDonald,

Regrets: Robert Rothe

Welcome 1700 hrs

President's Report

ACTION REQUIRED

1.1	Jim Burns expressed his appreciation to the members for attending.	
1.2	Mr. Burns announced that this was his last meeting before stepping down as President. He will continue as a director of the Society.	
1.3	As there was no representative from BC Parks, in attendance, Mr. Burns presented the BC Parks report received from Mr. Eyers.	

Approval of the minutes of the 2008 AGM

2.1	MOVED by John Painter seconded by that the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED	
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Business arising from the minutes

3.1	<p>Election of Directors The President advised the members that Eric Englund was not running for re-election and was stepping down for personal reasons after many years of loyal service as a director.</p> <p>MOVED by Chris McDonald, seconded by Fred Turner that the following individuals be elected as directors: Bill Botham, Jim Burns, Peter Chipman, Bill MacDonald, John Painter, Fred Roed, Jack Rottler, Rob Rothe, Don Simpson and Frank Young be elected CARRIED</p>	
3.2	<p>Financial Report Bill MacDonald circulated the PLIS Financial Statements. He noted a further \$65,000 is held in U.S. funds by the Princess Louisa International Foundation.</p> <p>He also noted that the newsletter that has been recently sent out contains a request that members update their membership information, including email addresses, and to indicate if they</p>	

are in favour of using electronic methods to receive their newsletters and other communications from the Society. Returns so far indicate that over 90% of the respondents are in favour of electronic distribution. As the cost of the newsletter and postage is approximately \$2.00 per member, it makes sense to distribute it electronically.

Depending upon the final response, our intention is to send out the newsletter by email as well as putting it on the website on the Members' area. A limited number will be printed for those who do not have email.

Our last fiscal year ended September, 2008 was one of the worst in recent memory for donations to the Society and the Foundation. While much of this can be blamed on the economy, we have received no donations from the Inlet. We have learned that the 3000 brochures and "returnvelopes" sent to BC Parks in July, 2008, as well as the 1000 inserts designed by Peter Chipman sent this season have never been circulated at the Inlet. The Printer has confirmed they were delivered to BC Parks.

For the past few years, we have experienced difficulties in producing accurate financial statements. Our reports have not reflected the financial information in the database. We have determined that this has been a combination of software problems and accounting year end journal entries being entered in an improper manner by an accountant unfamiliar with the operation of our software. While the data has been correct, the reports have needed correction. We now have a new accountant, recommended by the software vendor, and a new version of the software.

Chris McDonald, a member of the Society and a Chartered Accountant, commented that we appeared to be in reasonable financial condition. Charities are not expected to "make money" but to support their mission which need not require an excess of revenue over expenses in each year.

Mary Simpson suggested that brochures could be made available at SYC and RVYC outstations in Garden Bay.

In response to a question by Fred Turner, Jim Burns outlined the recent history of the options to the meeting.

MOVED by Bill Botham, seconded by Chris McDonald that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

3.3	<p>BC Parks Report</p> <p>In the absence of a representative from BC Parks, Jim Burns reported that the Mooring Buoys at Macdonald Island have been relocated and repaired at the Society's expense. Problems have occurred with vandalism in the inlet and overcrowding at the docks. Ming is expected back next year. Concern was expressed for the safety of the facilities during the off season when no Ranger is present. For example, Parks had recently received a request for moorage by a vessel in excess of 100 feet. That was refused but if the request had not been made and a vessel of that size had tied up at our docks in any sort of a wind, there could have been serious problems as our docks are on anchors, not pilings, and are not designed to hold against that type of strain.</p>	
3.4	<p>Waiving of appointment of auditors</p> <p>MOVED by Bill MacDonald, seconded by Chris McDonald that the appointment of auditors be waived.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
3.5	<p>Membership Fees</p> <p>MOVED by Bill MacDonald, seconded by Chris McDonald that membership fees be set for life members at \$200 CDN and annual member fees be set at \$40 CDN per member. American dollars are to be treated at par.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	

Question Period

4.1	No questions	
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New Business

5.1	<p>MOVED by Bill MacDonald - a vote of appreciation to Eric Englund for his many years of service.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED by Bill Botham- a vote of appreciation to Jim Burns for his service as President.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
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Next Annual General Meeting: November 19, 2010

Adjourned 1730 hours