

Alberni Valley Transition Town Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
February 19, 2020
MINUTES

Present: Chris Alemany, Edna Cox, Mark Dawson, Rob Powelson, Dan Schubart, Ian Thomas, Mike Youds

1. Chris called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and acknowledged that we meet on the unceded traditional lands of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath peoples.
2. The movie to be shown this evening is “Migrant Dreams”.
3. Dan moved, Rob seconded approval of the agenda. Carried.
4. Dan moved, Rob seconded approval of the minutes of the previous meetings of December 19, 2019 and January 20, 2020. Carried.

5. Rob presented the Treasurer’s Annual Report.

Current balances: Main (aggregate) account	\$15, 334.28
AVTTS	4, 491.17
Food Hub Committee	4, 277.86
Grow Local	800.00
Food Hub Education	496.59
Gleaning	3, 669.87
Cycle Alberni	2, 855.40
Shawn Loney	2, 668.88

Following a question raised about the Shaun Loney fund, there was a suggestion to draft a proposal for a social enterprise or event. Mark mentioned that the “Army of Problems Solvers” Facebook page has a following of 500 people and that volunteer help can be requested with a detailed online posting. Rob moved, Dan seconded acceptance of the report as posted. Carried.

6. Chris presented the President’s Annual Report and urged that AVTTS focus on completing the Energy Descent Action Plan. Chris moved, Edna seconded acceptance of the report as posted. Carried.

7. Election of Directors/Officers

The number of directors will be reduced. The aim is to improve focus and provide proactive leadership. Directors’ insurance will be researched.

Nominations were made for President – Chris Alemany
Vice-President – Dan Schubart
Treasurer – Rob Powelson
Secretary - Edna Cox
Director-at-large – Mark Dawson

There being no further nominations, Ian moved, Ron seconded that nominations be closed. The above persons were elected by acclamation for 2020.

8. Strategic Planning The Strategic Plan will be revisited at the March meeting. Chris, Dan and Rob will work on a new draft in preparation.

9. Upcoming Events

- Tree Pruning workshop, February 22, Burde Street orchard
- Seedy Saturday, March 21, at Char's Landing: Dan moved, Chris seconded that AVTTS contribute \$250 toward promotion and food service. Carried. Revenue will be shared by Women's Water and Food Initiative, Uptown Urban Farming Cooperative, and AVTTS.

10. Regular Reports and Sub-Groups

- a) Education and Networking: films – Seed to Seed March 15 -
 - All This and My Garden – April 15Please send ideas for presentations, e.g. passive houses, to Dan.
- b) Food Hub/Food Group: Minutes were posted. There are these corrections: There will not be an invitation for Gleaning Committee members yet. Rob will coordinate the Gleaning Project for 2020. A call for pickers will go out soon.
- c) Cycle Alberni: Four bike maintenance stations have been installed at Maquinna trails, Kingsway, Harbour Quay, and Blair Park. The bike valet will be ready for Canada Day.

11. Ian moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting - March 18, 2020