

**Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society (JdF CLT)**

**General Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

7:30 p.m., February 23, 2015

**Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department Hall,  
3727 Otter Point Road, Otter Point. V9Z 0K1**

**In Attendance:** quorum present and all directors.

**Agenda:** m/s Anne Bell/Pat Tomkins

**Adoption of minutes:** General Meeting July 30, 2014 as circulated. m/s Sid Jorna/Anne Bell

**Reports:**

Treasurer's Report. Arnie Campbell has prepared a Statement of Operations for 2014. The statement will be available to members who want to see it with reasonable notice. The Society has yet to receive a 2014 Registered Charity Information Return (T3010) from Revenue Canada and directors will follow up. Noted that Directors have renewed membership in the Land Trust Alliance of BC but did not renew insurance available through the LTABC at this time. Also, that legal advice when considering borrowing money from a private individual was necessary, valuable and expensive. Finally, that the Society honoured an agreement with one donor to refund money donated and for which no charitable tax receipt had been issued.

**JdF CLT Society for January 2015:**

Coast Capital savings:	\$ 6,925.00
Coast Capital chequing:	\$ 229.00
Petty cash:	\$ 1.24
Total all	\$ 7,155.24

**Victoria Foundation Trust Funds:** Noted that these funds are not JdF Community Land Trust funds. Donations to these funds are receipted by the Victoria Foundation and disbursed as grants to qualified donees by the Foundation. Any money donated to the Land Acquisition Fund can be disbursed to the JdFCLTS. Only a portion of the interest from the Community Land Trust Fund can be disbursed to the JdFCLTS.

Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Fund	\$11,587.92
JdF CTS Land Acquisition Fund	Nil

**Motion:** to accept the unaudited Statement of Operations for 2014. m/s Arnie Campbell/Murray Tomkins

**Membership Report:** Sid Jorna reported that there are now 68 members of the Society. Noted that memberships are \$20 for two years and that memberships follow the calendar year with renewals from October on and a period of "membership not in good standing" from December to the end of March. Heather Phillips noted that there is a discrepancy between the time period for membership described on the application forms and the time period for membership decided on by Directors prior to the AGM. Directors will work to clarify the membership year policy.

**Motion:** to accept the Membership Report. m/s Sid Jorna/James Gaston

**New Goals (Special Business):** Muir Creek Watershed. The Directors have identified the Muir Creek Watershed as a potential target for acquisition for a number of reasons covered by Sid Jorna in a Power Point presentation. James Gaston assisted in preparing and presenting the slides. Residents of the Sooke area have identified the

importance of the Muir Creek estuary and watershed as a salmon and trout stream, habitat for rare species, for geological interest and as a recreation area. The Muir Creek Protection Society, formed in 2005, succeeded in raising interest outside the community and had begun discussion with the property owner and CRD for acquiring some of the watershed as CRD parkland. The Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society has many members who were involved with the MCPS. The presentation outlined that the acquisition could support overall CRD Parks planning and the goals of the Regional Sustainability Strategy. Acquisition of the watershed would depend on the willingness of the property owner to sell and the ability of the society to raise funds. See the slides at [www.jdflandtrust.ca](http://www.jdflandtrust.ca)

Discussion: Various problems recognized; overall support for taking up where the MCPS left off. Noted there may be other properties desirable for acquisition. Also, that the project would need wide support so that a better idea of support in the JdF CLT Society membership is desirable. If the Society adopts this goal, getting in touch with the property owner is a necessary courtesy before a campaign begins in earnest.

**Motion:** That the Directors proceed with acquiring the Muir Creek Watershed as a goal of the Society. m/s Sid Jorna/ Kate Wood **Carried:** 21 in favour/none opposed.

**Other Business:** Jane Turnbull began a discussion of the current activity on the Charles property. Arnie Campbell reported information from neighbours to the property. A clear cut logging operation is completed. Clearing slash and replanting has not begun. At this time, some parts of Michael Charles' property are not logged over: very little of John Charles' property has been logged. It is not known if there are plans to replant. Slash will be a fire hazard if it is not dealt with before fire season.

**Adjournment:** 9:20 p.m. m/s Arnie Campbell/Heather Phillips

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ . Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ .

Acceptance of General Meeting minutes for February 23, 2015 on m/s