

GABRIOLA LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 801 Canso

Present: Madeleine Ani, Ron Bilquist, David Boehm, Rob Brockley, Rebecca Furnell, Jenni Gehlbach, Norm Harburn, Chris Hills, Anne Landry, Kerry Marcus, John Peirce.

Regrets: Tom Cameron, Heather Kay, Maureen O'Rourke.

1. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm by Harburn.
2. **AGENDA:** Adopted by consensus recognizing that Maureen O'Rourke and Heather Kay were not present for discussion of the annual Financial Statements in preparation for the AGM.
3. **Item 3** was deferred to Item 7.2
4. **Free-ranging discussion.** Twelve topics were put forward as possible topics for future free-ranging or in-depth discussion:
 - Whether and how to increase memberships significantly.
 - GaLTT's "brand" (social currency, identity) and internal culture.
 - Possible community-wide campaigns such as invasive plant control.
 - Succession planning for key roles.
 - Joint public speaker series with Museum or other local organizations.
 - Possible topics for the series such as land stewardship for individuals.
 - Possibility of forming a confederation of social groups.
 - GaLTT's business organization and the possible need for staff in future.
 - Board member familiarity with our bylaws, and need for further edits.
 - Limits to our areas of operations (e.g., foreshore and marine parks; other islands)
 - Consider the usefulness and structure of a grant-writing committee (current fund-raising committee is all the Committee chairs—so far not used to raise funds).

ACTION: Board members to re-read our Strategic Plan before our February board meeting, and assess our current status in meeting those goals.

5. **MINUTES** from December 2016:

MOTION: Proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by John Peirce to accept the minutes for December 13, 2016 board meeting as presented. Carried.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Harburn received email from Howard Houle re Dr Rooks' Mallett Creek dam, and from an island visitor thanking us for our work.

7. **REPORTS:**

7.1 President's report: Harburn noted that the Lions Club is celebrating its 100th birthday and the local branch wants a significant project such as a new park. **DISCUSSION:** suggested the Paisly Road location, currently for sale; or the area around Nelder's Pond would be suitable locations. Alternatively, the Lions could take over the barrier-free beach access project.

ACTION: Harburn to follow up with the local Lions to discuss these possibilities.

7.2 Treasurer's report—Several items in the Annual Financial Statements needed explanation, so since Kay, and O'Rourke were both absent, approval was deferred.

MOTION proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by Rebecca Furnell, that Executive Committee (and Cameron) meet with O'Rourke to clarify the annual Financial Statements in time for board to approve them for presentation at the AGM. Carried.

Kay had previously circulated the monthly treasurer's report and membership application list, noting that at year-end she has listed 153 active memberships, of which 39 were individual and 114 families.

MOTION proposed by Heather Kay, seconded by Kerry Marcus to accept as members the new applicant and 3 renewal applicants received during December 2016. Carried.

GaLTT's bank balances on December 31, 2016:

–Chequing “Community Partner Package” (0.01%): \$13,465.97

–Savings “Business High Interest Savings” (1.05%): \$116,490.69, which includes \$38,272 restricted funds.

7.3a TRAILS AND PARKS MANAGEMENT. Brockley reported that he and his trail work crews:

- Installed trail signs for Boulton (Nelder's Pond) trail licence
- Removed fallen trees and repaired boardwalk at Joyce Lockwood
- Re-installed post on James Way
- Installed trail signs on two trail licences and undeveloped ROWs
- Contacted all trail stewards and requested updates and volunteer hours
- Compiled volunteer hours for 2017
- Requested permission from RDN Parks to trim two trails in 707 Community Park
- Received report of vandalized sign at Elder Cedar. Randy Young re-installed the damaged sign.
- Work party held on January 8th to complete drainage improvement on the main artery trail in Cox Community Park

The heavy work in Cox Park is now completed. Last week's snowy session was well attended and filmed by Dr Vannini.

ACTION: Gehlbach to link our website to the video if it goes online.

The next major work will be on the trail, which crosses a mucky ditch, on the right of way connecting Windecker to Elder Cedar's boundary. It will require driveway gravel and a culvert (which Randy Young already has).

MOTION: proposed by Madeleine Ani, seconded by David Boehm, that Rob Brockley be authorized to spend up to \$700 on materials such as driveway crush to be used on the Windecker trail to Elder Cedar. Carried.

DISCUSSION: Elder Cedar vandalism continues. The camera has been taken down following having its card removed by the vandal(s). A name that may or may not be relevant had been written on the recently vandalized sign and Marcus put together a report for the RCMP.

Volunteer awards at the AGM: Brockley reported that the most active volunteers this year have been Frank Rotering, who single-handedly manages the trails in Haven Woods, Jamie Doig, and Randy and Lynne Young. He will buy suitable gifts to be awarded to them at the AGM.

7.3b INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL. No report.

7.4 ACQUISITIONS, COVENANTS, AND TRAIL LICENCES: Landry reported that the committee has been studying the Descanso to Drumbeg project chart and they will be following up on identified gaps with the landowners involved.

Trail licences and insurance: Ani and Cameron have been studying the wording of our trail licences and of our insurance coverage and think that we need professional advice from an insurance lawyer to ensure that all parties are properly protected. The Robinson five-year Trail Licence is due for renewal soon and minor changes to the language are needed.

MOTION proposed by Anne Landry, seconded by Madeleine Ani, that the Acquisitions Committee be authorized to spend up to \$2000 to seek professional advice from an insurance lawyer. Carried.

ACTION: Ani and Cameron will formulate the questions that GaLTT needs to have answered, and will go through the Land Trust Alliance of BC to get a recommendation for a suitable lawyer.

7.5a Community Engagement: Marcus had no report this month.

Policies and procedures: Directors need to sign consent forms that run for their term of office.

ACTION: Marcus to complete design of a suitable form and distribute it to existing and proposed Directors for their signatures before or at the AGM. Signed forms to be filed by the Secretary.

7.5b. Big trees Bilquist reported no recent additions to the Big Tree Registry, but he has identifying big trees near the boundary of Elder Cedar, and also west of Tait Road and near Sandwell. He is waiting for more suitable weather to measure them and take photos.

DISCUSSION: Big tree identification, location, and measurement will be a suitable project to involve elementary school children in as part of the proposed SFU research project.

7.6 Streamkeepers: Hills reported that they did not meet in December. They are still compiling and editing their minutes before having them posted on-line, and are awaiting further input from GaLTT about their insurance.

- The Grade 1 / 2 class is interested in having another Streamkeepers day; time and place to be decided.
- Streamkeepers would like Elke Wind to come back in the Spring to lead a hands-on project.

7.7 Communications: Gehlbach reported only routine maintenance and updates of website and Facebook pages, and email notices to trail work volunteers in the last month.

7.8 POSAC—Brockley has been officially appointed to POSAC for a two-year term. Next meeting January 23.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 AGM: Wednesday February 8, 7pm at The Roxy. Doors open at 6.30 for membership registration.

ACTION 1: Executive Committee to ensure the Financial Statements are properly approved for presentation at the AGM.

ACTION 2: Harburn (with Marcus) and Kay (with O'Rourke) to prepare their President and Treasurer presentations for the meeting.

ACTION 3: Kay to prepare and/or give to another board member the receipt book and lists needed at the door for membership registration.

ACTION 4: Gehlbach to place advertisements in the Sounder about the AGM and speaker.

ACTION 5: Gehlbach to email our members, volunteers, GABevents, and related organizations about the AGM and speaker.

ACTION 6: Gehlbach to print 50 copies each of the AGM agenda, approved financial statements, slate and biographies of candidates, and minutes from last year's AGM.

ACTION 7: Gehlbach to prepare a package for each of the proposed board candidates including a trailmap, 3 walk brochures, and printed copies of the Constitution and Bylaws, Strategic Plan, and Newsletter.

ACTION 8: Gehlbach to print 20 copies of the 2016 Newsletter to have on hand.

ACTION 9: Marcus to finalize the arrangements for Hall and equipment set-up with Steve Berthelot at The Roxy.

ACTION 10: Marcus to make dinner bookings, buy a gift for the speaker, and compile the raffle gift basket (retrieving basket currently with Bilquist).

ACTION 11: Brockley to purchase prizes for the outstanding volunteers.

ACTION 12: Harburn to contact Elke Wind to invite her to diner, offer his home for billeting, and arrange transportation as required.

ACTION 13: Harburn and Landry to remind candidates to send Gehlbach their biographical information and to attend

the AGM.

ACTION 14: All board members to (1) let Marcus know by January 20 whether they will be dining at Roberts at 5pm before the meeting, and (2) give Marcus an item for the door prize gift basket.

8.2 Barrier free access: No report (possible transfer of project to Lions Club to be discussed)

9.2 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1: Potlatch proposal: LTC staff have recommended the proposal go to second reading on Friday January 13. Jacinthe Eastick (who opposes the proposal) has applied to be a delegate. Board members are urged to attend the meeting.

ACTION: Board members should be at the Town Hall section of the meeting at 10.15am in the Heron Room at the Haven on Friday January 13, prepared to speak in favour if it seems necessary.

Harburn received a request from Howard Houle for GaLTT to consider taking responsibility for the dam on Dr Rooks property (since RDN will not) if the density transfer project is accepted.

DISCUSSION: It is our understanding that the dam will stay with the strata owners in this eventuality. Such a responsibility is certainly not within GaLTT's mandate. No ACTION recommended.

10. MOTION proposed by Rob Brockley to move *in camera* to discuss possible trail licences. Carried.

11. MOTION proposed by David Boehm to move *ex camera* and adjourn at 9.05. Carried.

Minutes recorded by Jenni Gehlbach

GABRIOLA LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Board of Directors meeting, Wednesday February 15, 2017 at GAC Hall

Present: Madeleine Ani, Rob Brockley, Rebecca Furnell, Jenni Gehlbach, Norm Harburn, Anne Landry, Heather Kay, Kerry Marcus. **Board candidates:** Peter Danenhower, Nola Johnston, Lou Skinner.

Regrets: Ron Bilquist, David Boehm, Tom Cameron, Chris Hills, John Peirce.

Guests: Potlatch representatives Brian Henning & Dr. Bob Rooks; **IT planners** Linda Prowse & Sonja Zupanec

7. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm by Harburn.

8. **AGENDA:** Adopted by consensus.

9. **Presentation re Potlatch proposal:** Zupanec displayed several slides of maps and views in and around Lot 1 of the proposed Potlatch density transfer development. There had been hopes of adding a trail to the original proposal, which would run from the Spruce Road connector area down to Horseshoe Road on this lot. RDN has indicated they are not prepared to take responsibility for such a trail because of complex development permitting involving RAR regulations, steep slope regulations, and the use of ALR land. Zupanec explained the regulatory issues and the expenses likely to be incurred, and said that IT has received expressions of opposition to the proposed trail from neighbouring farmers on Horseshoe Road. Henning said that the issues involved in this trail present a real danger of derailing the entire project. He and Rooks took questions, and showed how access to a viewpoint on the bluff could be preserved without encroaching on ALR land and setbacks.

The guest presenters left at 8pm.

DISCUSSION: The importance to the community of maintaining access to a bluff viewpoint (recognizing it is less beautiful than the views lost to the development); the logic of pressing for neighbourhood trail connectivity if the neighbours reject it; the expense, regulatory complexity, and controversy involved in creating this trail; the physical difficulty of creating the trail. All spoke in favour of the following direction:

ACTION: Harburn to write to project applicants Rooks and Henning to withdraw our request for a connector trail to Horseshoe Road through Lot 1 of their proposed development, but to urge them to preserve access to a viewpoint on the bluff as discussed at the meeting.

10. **Free-ranging discussions. ACTION:** At our March meeting (after the rescheduled AGM) the new board will appoint Officers and discuss the status of our Strategic Plan. In April, we will discuss the status of our “trails from Descanso to Drumbeg” projects.

11. **MINUTES** from January 2017:

MOTION: Proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by Kerry Marcus to accept the minutes for January 10, 2017 board meeting as amended and presented. Carried.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None received.

7. **REPORTS (Committee heads had circulated their reports previously by email:**

7.1 President’s report: no report.

7.2 Treasurer’s report—Maureen O’Rourke had previously circulated the monthly financial statement. Kay reported that **GalTT’s bank balances** on January 31, 2016 were:

–Chequing “Community Partner Package” (0.01%): \$14,108.06

–Savings “Business High Interest Savings” (1.05%): \$116,545.11, which includes \$38,311.98 restricted funds.

Expenses (\$613.97) in January were for newspaper advertisements, accounting services, Land Trust membership, office supplies, and insurance. Revenue (\$1455.46) was from memberships, donations, Streamkeepers, and bank interest.

Kay had previously circulated the January membership application list.

MOTION proposed by Heather Kay, seconded by Jenni Gehlbach to accept as members the new applicant and 3 renewal applicants received during January 2017. Carried.

7.3a **TRAILS AND PARKS MANAGEMENT.** Brockley reported:

- He and work crew assisted RDN staff installing two benches in Cox Community Park.

- He and work crew trimmed trail in 707 Community Park January 22.
- He attended POSAC meeting January 23.
- The February 5 work on the right of way connecting Windecker to Elder Cedar's boundary was cancelled because of snow and has been rescheduled for February 19.
- GaLTT has received a request from RDN to establish a new trail at an undeveloped beach access (G1-16) on DeCourcy Drive. The scheduled meeting with RDN staff February 8 was cancelled due to snow; to be rescheduled in early March.

7.3b INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL. No report.

7.4 ACQUISITIONS, COVENANTS, AND TRAIL LICENCES: Landry reported:

- An owl survey will be done in Elder Cedar.
- To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday and the Land Trust Alliance of BC's 20th anniversary, LTABC is creating an Honour Roll to recognize 150 individuals for their contributions to the success of land trusts across BC.

MOTION: proposed by Madeleine Ani, seconded by Anne Landry that Landry will work on GaLTT's behalf to make a nomination for the LTABC Honour Roll. Carried.

ACTION: Landry to discuss with Kay making payments for the GAC Hall bookings for board meetings.

7.5a Community Engagement: Marcus reported:

- AGM work on scheduling/rescheduling, posters, presentation slides, dinner reservation, organizing speaker gift and raffle prize basket
- Policy work incorporating Wave Consultants' work to align our operating policy with Canadian Land Trust standards. Specifically Practice 8B (Evaluating and Selecting Conservation Projects) and Practice 11A (Conservation Agreement Stewardship)
- Evaluation of the Operating Policies on GaLTT's website to identify needed changes. Expects to bring a draft document to the March meeting.
- Supplied trail maps to distributors on request.
- Scheduled a broom bash with the Girl Guides on February 26 at the United Church petroglyph site.
ACTION: Furnell and Danenhower to help with this event.
- Continued to attend local Trust Council meetings regarding the Potlatch proposal.

7.5b. Big trees No report.

7.6 STREAMKEEPERS: Hills previously reported that they too are meeting February 15 to review their Mission Statement and do some visioning and planning. At their previous meeting they discussed being more careful about promoting third party events that do not directly fall under the Streamkeeper or GaLTT mandates. They wonder whether they need to append a disclaimer about responsibility for loss or injury when forwarding emails from other groups.

ACTION: Cameron to check with our insurance company whether this is helpful or necessary. Hills and other board members to continue this discussion.

7.7 COMMUNICATIONS: Gehlbach reported:

- updating the native plants page on the website, including a revised pdf from Phyllis Fafard listing Gabriola's native plants with their new scientific names. This was needed because plant classification and naming have been radically altered by recent DNA research.
- preparing printed materials for the AGM—agenda, 2016 minutes, financial statements, slate of

- candidates, and biographies of existing and potential board members
- communicating with our members and the public about AGM scheduling and rescheduling
- newspaper ads about the AGM
- printing 25 colour copies of our 2016 newsletter to have on hand for donors and the market table
- sending the board candidates copies of our 2016 Newsletter; 2015-2020 strategic plan; Directors' checklist; and the government's primer for non-profit directors..

7.8 POSAC—Brockley reported on the January 23 meeting:

- Doug Cavill requested permission for Gabriola Lions Club to construct a storage building at Rollo Park. RDN staff will work with Lions Club re location and design
- Gabriola Power Squadron submitted written request to develop a boat launch at Bell's Landing. RDN to conduct a feasibility study later in 2017
- Howard Houle presented an update on the Village Trail. MOTI unwilling to accept infrastructure on the ROW. Discussions will continue.
- Contract for skateboard park design at Huxley Park has been awarded. Grants have been obtained for playground construction at Huxley Park.
- Neighbours have requested a trail and bench at undeveloped Pilot Bay Community Park on Decourcy Drive (B24). GaLTT will likely be asked for assistance with trail development.
- Stairs at GI-15 beach access on Decourcy Drive to be rebuilt in 2017
- An entrance trail from Fawn Place to the 707 Community Park has been approved by RDN. GaLTT will be asked to assist with trail construction. Another trail from McCollum Road to the 707 Community Park is also being considered.
- The 707 signage proposal submitted by GaLTT (Randy Young) to POSAC last year will be put on hold until the Potlatch application is resolved. GaLTT will work with RDN staff on a revised signage and posting plan at the appropriate time.
- Beach access stairs at Joyce Lockwood will be rebuilt in Spring 2017
- Dog park design at Rollo Park planned for Fall 2017
- Next POSAC meeting scheduled for May 15.

ACTION 1: Harburn to contact Peirce re the MOTI trail decision and see what can be done.

ACTION 2: Kay to let FIDO know that RDN work on the dog park is progressing.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 AGM: Wednesday February 22, 7pm at The Roxy. Doors open at 6.30 for membership registration. All needed work done except changing the dates by hand on the printed handouts.

8.2 Barrier free access: No report.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1: Co-op Community Spaces Grant Application. Several possible uses of such funding were discussed.

ACTION: Marcus and Landry to pursue the possibility of getting this type of grant.

10. MOTION to adjourn proposed by Kerry Marcus at 8.50. Carried.

Minutes recorded by Jenni Gehlbach

GABRIOLA LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday March 14, 2017 at GAC Hall

Present: David Boehm, Rob Brockley, Tom Cameron, Peter Danenhower, Jenni Gehlbach, Norm Harburn, Nola Johnston, Heather Kay, Anne Landry, Kerry Marcus, Lou Skinner.

Regrets: Ron Bilquist, Rebecca Furnell, Chris Hills.

13. Meeting called to order at 7.00 pm by Harburn.

14. **AGENDA:** Adopted by consensus.

15. **Free-ranging discussion:** Committee heads described the work of their committees and summarized what has been achieved toward the strategic goals set out in the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Significant work was identified as still being needed in several areas:

- increasing our membership (which provides most of our financial support) and/or our profile in the community
- identifying priority conservation areas on Gabriola for future work
- enhancing trail categorization in our maps
- improving linkage with regional trail groups
- establishing and building relationships with local First Nations groups, in particular the Snuneymux^w.

ACTION 1: Our April free-ranging discussion will concentrate upon ways to build our membership and/or our profile in the community.

ACTION 2: Gehlbach to send out a request to GaLTT members for someone to lead a geocaching initiative.

ACTION 3: Cameron to inquire further about a GaLTT representative joining regional trail committees.

ACTION 4: Cameron to get the appropriate hot link to RDN's interactive trail map for 707 for Gehlbach to include on our trail-maps webpage.

ACTON 5: GaLTT board to investigate ways as soon as possible to begin building a respectful relationship with the Snuneymux^w.

16. **MINUTES** from February 2017:

MOTION: Proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by Anne Landry to accept the minutes for February 15, 2017 board meeting as amended and presented. Carried.

17. **ELECTION of officers:**

Moved by Peter Danenhower, seconded by David Boehm that the following board members be elected as officers of GaLTT's Board of Directors:

- President: Anne Landry
- Vice-President: Kerry Marcus
- Past President: Norm Harburn
- Treasurer: Heather Kay
- Secretary: Jenni Gehlbach

Carried. Anne Landry took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

Addendum: By group email to the Board following the meeting Landry thanked Harburn for his excellent work as GaLTT President the past two years, especially appreciating his "can do" attitude when new projects present themselves, and his inclusive and efficient running of meetings which she hopes to emulate. Continuing board members replied concurring with praise and thanks.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE:** GaLTT sent a letter on March 9, 2017 to Islands Trust regarding the Potlatch development proposal, stating GaLTT's willingness and legal capacity to accept responsibility for a statutory right of way to a viewpoint from the Church-Spruce connector.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1 President's report: no report. Marcus reported that as Executive Committee "sage" she is continuing work to incorporate Wave Consultants' work on aligning GaLTT's operating policies with Canadian Land Trust standards, specifically:

- **Practice 8B Evaluating and Selecting Conservation Projects**
- **Practice 11A Conservation Agreement Stewardship.**

7.2 Treasurer's report—Maureen O'Rourke had previously circulated the monthly financial statement. Kay reported that **GaLTT's bank balances** on February 28, 2017 were:

- Chequing "Community Partner Package" (0.01%): \$14,713.61
- Savings "Business High Interest Savings" (1.05%): \$116,594.28 (including \$38,336.98 restricted funds).

February cheques were written for: \$110.82 for gifts to "star" volunteers at AGM; \$122.92 to Gallery Press for AGM photocopies; \$131.25 to Gabriola Souder for AGM ad.; \$88.00 to AGI Hall Assoc. for market stall; \$200 to GAC for hall rental for 2017 meetings; \$75 to Roxy for AGM rental; \$67.90 to reimburse Kerry Marcus for AGM gift purchases; \$37.25 to Elke Wind AGM speaker for expenses.

Membership: Kay had previously circulated the February list of 6 new and 11 renewing membership applications.

MOTION proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by Rob Brockley to accept as members the 17 new and renewing applicants received during February 2017. Carried.

7.3a TRAILS AND PARKS MANAGEMENT. Brockley reported that this month, he and his crews:

- Removed two fallen trees on cliff trail near the seasonal waterfall.
- Re-installed parking sign at Haven Woods.
- Removed old corduroy trail and vegetation, leveled the grade, replaced ditch culvert, added rocks and fill, laid geotextile fabric, and spread 12 yards of driveway crush on the right of way connecting Windecker Road to Elder Cedar's boundary.
- Removed fallen tree from "Trail to Nowhere" in 707.
- Inspected Elder Cedar site for possible construction of new sections of boardwalk.
- Discussed with Mark Dobbs (RDN parks superintendent) building a trail from Fawn Place to 707 Park.
- Provided materials list to ITF. He estimates that 60 metres of trail boardwalk are needed (in addition to the boardwalk around the cedar).

MOTION: proposed by Rob Brockley, seconded by Peter Danenhower that up to \$1000 of GaLTT funds be used for materials related to building new trail boardwalks in Elder Cedar.

ACTION: Brockley to contact the Lions Club about sharing costs and labour for building trail boardwalks in Elder Cedar.

ACTION: Danenhower to assist Brockley with work related to trail measurement and designations.

7.3b INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL. No report.

ACTION: Boehm to buy extra-strength vinegar from "Planet Earth" for dealing with Giant Hogweed.

7.4 ACQUISITIONS, COVENANTS, AND TRAIL LICENCES: Landry reported:

- A submission was sent to the Land Trust Alliance of BC for an individual to be included in the 150 Honour Roll for contributions made to land trusts in BC
- Elder Cedar
 - Islands Trust Fund has received \$10,000 for a TD environmental fund to build a boardwalk around the elder cedar and plant native plants around the base of the tree to assist rehabilitation. Cameron Murray is working on the design. GaLTT has committed up to \$5,000 for this project if needed. Board members are asked to suggest Gabriola contractors who might be interested in bidding on the boardwalk construction.
 - ITF has provided two potential layouts for signs for the two main entrances into EC to more clearly indicate: First Nations' name for the nature reserve; what activities are and are not

permitted; and GaLTT's and NALT's involvement with the nature reserve. Board members are requested to provide their preference and their OK with GaLTT's logo use on the signs.

- Another area of the EC loop trail, on the west side of the loop, has significant root damage from trail use, is quite uneven and wet in winter. On March 10th, several board members and volunteers met on-site with Nuala Murphy from ITF to discuss possible solutions. ITF has some funds to put towards material but more will likely be needed. The work can be taken on by the GaLTT trail work parties
- Cameron, Harburn and Landry are continuing work on the review of the template Trail Licence
- Johnston is working on improved, more complete data management for the ACTL committee. She's been asked to make a presentation at the next ACTL committee meeting. There may be other useful applications for GaLTT.
- Landry met with Kate Emmings at the ITF office to discuss potential methods to determine priority conservation projects on Gabriola.
- A new ITF Regional Conservation Plan will be written by 2018. Consultation meetings are likely this spring.
- American Friends holds the covenant on Sally Robinson's property with GaLTT as the local agent for on-going stewardship. If in the future GaLTT wishes to request the transfer of the covenant to GaLTT, we would need to submit a form to the IRS to gain recognition as a foreign "publically supported charity". It can take a while.
- The owl survey was not successful in finding screech owls.
- ITF has completed its management plan for Burren's Acres Nature Reserve (this Reserve has no public access).
- Gloria Filax has contacted us about becoming involved in a project with the Museum, Gabriola Arts Council, and others, related to Truth and Reconciliation with First Nations.

ACTION: Landry to invite Gloria Filax to make a short presentation at the start of the April board meeting.

7.5a Community Engagement: Marcus reported:

- The Girl Guide broom bash on February 26 at the United Church petroglyph site, recorded 54 volunteer hours.
- Continues to attend meetings related to the Potlatch/Henning development proposal. She notes the following upcoming meetings
 - March 20, Community Hall 7-8.30pm: Community Information Meeting
 - March 22, Rollo Centre, 7pm: Advisory Planning Committee Meeting
 - March 29, Phoenix Auditorium, 7pm: Public Hearing

ACTION: Gehlbach to remind our members by email of the importance of participating in the public meetings about this proposal.

- Wrote letter to IT (see Item 6 Correspondence).
- Supplied trail maps to distributors on request (we have about 600 on hand).
- Booked Farmers' Market table.
- Suggests dates for community activities including:
 - April 22, Earth Day walk and picnic
 - May 5, Mental Health Awareness Week Forest Bathing walk to be confirmed.
 - May 21, Trans Gabriola Trek lead and drag guides will be needed: Brockley, Furnell, Johnnton, Landry, Skinner, and Marcus have volunteered.
 - Summer walk series scheduling is in process, including Bob Weenk's walks in 707.

ACTION: Skinner to discuss with Marcus taking over some of the Community Engagement work.

7.5b. Big trees Boehm reported that a very large big-leaf maple has been identified on Rick's Trail.

ACTION: Bilquist to send the new tree data to Gehlbach for inclusion in the website registry.

7.6 STREAMKEEPERS: Hills had previously circulated his report. They have reviewed their year and are in the process of revising their Mission Statement and Objectives. Elke Wind's AGM presentation was influential in reminding them of the ecological importance of wetlands and especially ephemeral water bodies. They are also concerned about the possible loss of access to Mallett Creek.

7.7 COMMUNICATIONS: Gehlbach reported continuing to:

- update and check the website—the Board page will be updated following this meeting and the Streamkeepers' page awaits their current mandate revisions. All other pages have been updated.
- The website and our logos and banner headings need some revision and enlivening.
ACTION: Johnston to work with Gehlbach to update our graphic elements.
- monitor and respond to Facebook community conversations relevant to our mandate.
- notify volunteers about trail work parties and respond to individual volunteer comments.
- forward to Brockley members' emails about needed trail work.

7.8 POSAC—Brockley reported the next meeting will be in May.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Barrier free beach accesses: Cameron will send out a written report soon.

8.2 Village Visioning meeting: Cameron will send out a written report soon.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1: Potlatch proposal. Marcus reported that the letter regarding our rights and willingness to hold a Statutory Right of Way to a viewpoint was sent and urged board participation in the forthcoming community meetings.

9.2: Land Trust Awards: Marcus reported that she has sent in a nomination for a Land Trust Award. A lot of paperwork is involved, and she hasn't time to similarly nominate a second nomination. She urged someone else on the board to make this second nomination.

ACTION: Gehlbach to discuss this further with Marcus.

10. Next meeting: Our April meeting cannot be at GAC Hall because of renovations.

ACTION: Gehlbach to contact Roberts about renting the room above the restaurant. Also to contact Rollo Centre if Robert's is not available.

11. MOTION to move *in camera* to discuss our meeting with CPAWS proposed by Jenni Gehlbach. Carried.

12. Motion to move *ex camera* and adjourn proposed at 9.25 by Jenni Gehlbach. Carried.

Minutes recorded by Jenni Gehlbach

GABRIOLA LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday April 11, 2017 at Robert's -Upstairs

Present: David Boehm, Rob Brockley, Tom Cameron, Jenni Gehlbach, Nola Johnston, Heather Kay, Anne Landry, Rebecca Furnell, Chris Hills, Gloria Filax (for items 1-3 only)

Regrets: Ron Bilquist, Peter Danenhower, Kerry Marcus, Norm Harburn, Lou Skinner

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Landry.

2. **AGENDA:** amended and adopted by consensus.

3. Guest- Gloria Filax: Presentation on Truth for Reconciliation

-small group of Gabriolans working on speaker series intended to help with building a new and better relationship with First Nations in our community. First two speakers are in June and September and will be speaking on land, treaties and land use. The goal is 8 speakers over the course of the project. The group is looking for community sponsors (GaLTT, GAC, Museum Society, etc.) on the island who may have an interest in the particular topics and also looking for people to help with the project. It was felt that GaLTT may have an interest in the land related topics.

Several topics were recommended by board members and it was also suggested that the speakers might also be able to present to the elementary school or do workshops for the community. Board members are encouraged to contact the group with ideas for topics, etc.

Motion: Proposed by Tom Cameron, seconded by David Boehm that GaLTT contribute \$1000 towards the project. Carried

Discussion: It was agreed that more budget info from the TR group is needed to have a better idea of what an appropriate contribution would be. \$1000 now could be considered "seed" money to help get things started with possible additional funds to come later. Some board members expressed a desire to see the events run by donation or free to the community. Cameron offered his help to the project group.

ACTION: Kay to organize payment with Filax (Cheque written at the meeting)

4. Free ranging discussion

Topic: Ways to increase membership and raise GaLTT's profile. Deferred until Skinner can be present.

5. **MINUTES** from March 14, 2017:

MOTION: Proposed by Jenni Gehlbach, seconded by Anne Landry to accept the minutes for March 14, 2017 board meeting as amended and presented. Carried.

6. Correspondence

6.1 GaLTT was CC'd a letter sent to the executive of the Islands Trust by Nick Doe. The main points of the letter were surrounding the remainder property on the donor lands, the exceptional ecological value of this piece of land and the density calculations in the proposed density swap.

ACTION: Landry to respond to Doe thanking him for engaging and acknowledging that density issues are outside GaLTT's mandate and but that the board would press for conservation of the piece of land (either by acquisition or covenant).

6.2 Boardwalk email, See 7.3.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 President's Report (Landry)

- Community Stewardship award nomination submitted for John Peirce.

- Noted that a group called Salish Sea Trust are lobbying the federal government to add the Salish Sea to Canada's list of tentative UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Landry will forward information.

7.2 Treasurer's Report (Kay) Maureen O'Rourke had previously circulated the monthly financial statement. Kay reported the following for GaLLT's finances ending March 31, 2017:

Chequing Account: 14,399.39

Savings Account: 116,648.74, (includes Restricted Funds of 38,391.98)

One cheque only written in March: Maureen O'Rourke Accounting: 614.28

Memberships: Kay had previously circulated the March list of 2 renewing membership applications.

MOTION proposed by Heather Kay, seconded by Jenni Gehlbach to accept as members the 2 renewing applicants received during March 2017. Carried.

7.3 Trails and Parks Management

a. Trail Operations (Brockley)

- Removed fallen tree from Haven Woods
- Met with RDN Parks staff (Mark Dobbs and Chris van Ossenbruggen) to assess beach stairs at Whalebone parks.
- Laid out trail routes from Fawn Place and McCollum Road to 707 with Chris van Ossenbruggen (RDN).
- At the request of ITF, ordered and spread gravel at Elder Cedar parking area (thanks to David Boehm).
- Request received from Camp Miriam to have summer camp kids help with trail maintenance.

Discussion: GaLTT volunteers are needed to help supervise; Cameron, Furnell, Brockley and Boehm offered to help with this. Exact jobs may depend on age/ability of kids – possibly trail work not appropriate. The kids have pulled Daphne Laurel at the Commons in the past so simple invasives work at safe locations might be most appropriate. There may be a need for some extra tools.

ACTION: Brockley will correspond with the Camp Miriam contact person.

ACTION: Furnell will talk to Commons volunteers who have worked with the Camp Miriam kids before to get some more info on what worked/didn't

- At the request of RDN, replaced plywood barrier at Joyce Lockwood beach access stairs
- Work party held on March 19th to trim trail and pull broom on Stalker Road trail.
- Work party held on April 2nd to trim and pull broom on Petroglyph trail.
- Boardwalk correspondence: An email was sent asking GaLLT to stop installing boardwalks on trails– the sender doesn't like the "unnaturalness" of them. The sender was not a member or active volunteer (but is on the email list)

Discussion: There are a limited number of trails with boardwalks on Gabriola and without them people trample surrounding areas, damage roots, etc. Overall, we are avoiding boardwalks where possible and don't disagree that excessive boardwalks take away from the natural forest experience.

ACTION: Brockley will respond

- Peterson to McDonald trail is totally underwater for nearly half the year. This is an important trail for the end-end connection. An elevated boardwalk may be needed. Brockley would like to come up with a plan for a long term solution.
- Joyce Lockwood stairs will be rebuilt this spring. Also looked at all the little community parks along Whalebone area and RDN will be fixing up some of the beach accesses there. Not sure if GaLTT will be involved.

b. Invasives Control: (Boehm)

- suggested that we tackle areas that are nearly invasive free and keep them as such. Might be more effective that trying to tackle the worst areas first.
- Has treated giant hog weed. Infestation continues at and near Robinson property and treatment continues but spreading is happening. At Drumbeg it is returning- we should probably contact parks dept. as they have treated it in the past.
- Annual broom bash with Lions Club Apr 30 at Drumbeg, May 14th also. Notices will come out soon.

7.4. Acquisitions, Covenants & Trail Licenses (Landry for Harburn)

-Assisted coordination of the gravel for Elder Cedar parking lot. Rather than purchase material for boardwalk work, ITF requested we spend ITF funds (\$780) on gravel. Thanks to David for getting the work done in a short time frame.

- ACTL Committee commented on the initial Elder Cedar boardwalk design. Sent Nuala Murphy (ITF) three names of potential contractors for the EC boardwalk construction.
- Contacted Corrina Maslovat (contract biologist). She is still waiting to hear about potential funding for Species at Risk work in Elder Cedar.
- Nola demonstrated the potential use of Google Drive for ACTL data management. It looks promising so she is setting up a pilot project.
- Rob, Tom, Nola and Anne walked the Mallett Creek area to prepare for a meeting with Elaine McCullough (RDN Parks Planner) April 12th to discuss trails and parkland related to the Potlatch density transfer application.

Discussion: Mallett Creek corridor is proving to be a tricky part of the application with RDN not willing to take it on, strata ownership not favoured by GaLTT or the Community, possible liability issue of the existing dam (but with ecological consequences in removing it), etc. The area is of high ecological value but was left out of IT riparian zoning due to it not having been mapped. GaLTT's first priority would be to protect this area, second would be to allow public access in a controlled way that still allowed for protection. For now, we will wait to see what the RDN says.

- Tom and Anne will attend the Islands Trust Regional Conservation Plan workshop in Nanaimo May 1st. Input sought from the board on conservation priorities.

7.5 Community Engagement (Marcus via email)

- maps and brochures continue to go out to our vendors, and membership brochures to the Welcome Wagon.
- We have reprinted the Haven Woods walk brochure, thanks to Jenni.
- Prepared grant funding request to cover our End to End walk May 21st, and the Community Stewardship Award nomination for J. Peirce.
- RDN walk permit application will go in soon.
- Gehlbach met with Joan Merrifield from Museum on invasives brochure. Merrifield would like to have an info session/discussion on Apr 27 or May 11 at the Roxy as part of their speaker series. Kerry will need to be in touch with Joan regarding finalizing a date and panel speakers. Gardening club will also be contributing.

Big Trees: Ron away, nothing to report

7.6 Streamkeepers (Hills)

- Whale talk was a success and that there might be another one as people had to be turned away (due to fire/safety issues.)
- Jethro and Nick are collaborating on compiling "old timers fish stories" to provide recorded anecdotal evidence of fish in some of Gabriola's streams.
- Working on finalizing a stream day with GES grade 1-2 split; will be either April 24th or May 8th. Waiting to hear whether we can get access to Mark Coat's property.
- A letter was finalized by Marilyn/Christy and sent to Island's Trust planner (Sonja Zupanec) to relay the Streamkeepers' desire to retain ongoing access to Mallett Creek. GaLTT board was provided a copy of the letter by email
- Letter of agreement between Streamkeepers and GaLTT MIA- need to find it!

ACTION: Hills will coordinate with Marcus on this

7.7 Communications

- Met again with Joan Merrifield (museum) to discuss the invasive plant brochure and possible community campaign about removing invasives. (see Community Engagement report)
- Ordered a reprint of the Haven Woods self-guided walk brochure.
- Helped with Community Engagement activities and applications.
- Received notification that the SFU project that we would have participated in at Gabriola Elementary School did NOT receive the expected funding. All Community participant groups expressed dismay and hope that some of the suggested place-based activities will happen anyway.
- Began design work to update our logo in a way that retains brand recognition and allows for multiple uses on all paper and digital publications, and a variety of promotional materials.
- Gathered board suggestions for possible slogans to be used in combination with our logo.

7.8 POSAC

-No meeting since last GaLTT board meeting

8. Old Business

8.1 Status of Potlatch proposal; next steps—Landry

Discussed in 6.1 & 7.4

8.2 Improved beach access—Cameron

Nothing new since last GaLTT board meeting

8.3 Village Visioning—Cameron

Nothing new since last GaLTT board meeting

9. New Business

9.1 ITF meeting regional conservation planning, May 1

-Cameron & Landry will be attending. Discussion is to be focused around 10 year plan for priorities in IT area

-No time for discussion at this meeting, but if board members have input, send to Landry

9.2 Rising sea level (Boehm). Boehm expressed concern that rising sea level is going to drastically alter some of our parks – particularly Sandwell and Twin Beaches (major erosion already seen at Pilot Bay). Boehm would like to write a letter to the provincial parks dept. to encourage planning for mitigating damage and allowing continued access to these areas.

ACTION: Cameron will draft a letter.

9:00 Motion to adjourn- Gehlbach

Minutes by Rebecca Furnell

GABRIOLA LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Board of Directors meeting, Tuesday May 9, 2017 at GAC Hall

Present: Kerry Marcus, Lou Skinner, Nola Johnston, Anne Landry, Heather Kay, Tom Cameron, Rob Brockley, Peter Danenhower, Rebecca Furnell, Chris Hills

Regrets: Jenni Gehlbach, Ron Bilquist, Norm Harburn, David Boehm

19. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Landry

20. **AGENDA: Motion to adopt the proposed agenda by Marcus, seconded by Landry. Carried.**

21. **Free-ranging discussion: Ways to increase membership and raise GaLTT's profile.**

Discussion notes:

-Why do we want to increase membership? Is this a major issue? Would working to increase our profile be more important/effective?

-good source of volunteers & potential board members

-healthy membership is important, but increasing from where we are isn't critical at this point

-if we were pushing for a big fundraising project (ex: property purchase) it's a good source of money

-Maybe using full name in conversation and advertising rather than GaLTT would be helpful

-what can we sell to increase profile? Clothing is hard to break even, storage problem, rarely worthwhile \$ wise. Smaller things like bandana, button, lapel pin might be better (need prices). Logo- is undergoing work so need to wait for that before producing things

-advertise walks more/better: flyers with schedules at mailboxes, hand out at Market, MadRonas, village, etc. Use sounder ad/free article more, sandwich board.

-At the walks, promote membership.

-History or ecology walks might draw bigger crowd (Rob has done ecology in the past, but attendance dropped off so we stopped).

-Chamber of commerce -trail walks schedule in brochure (November for publication) or just at the office

-Museum has done a great job increasing their profile- we should look at what they have done (Guest speakers in winter?)

- Do the welcome wagon (offer free guided walk)

-Walk challenge with prizes, etc. (Look at similar events for ideas)

-Geocaching?

-Wednesday walking group?

-Article for end-end walk, take pictures to post after. Keep on same weekend each year (May long weekend) to make it a staple event? Next year maybe include some kind of contest.

- Update slogan: "Conserve and Connect"

ACTION: Hills will look for info from walk challenge events

ACTION: Marcus will write a Sounder article for the walk

ACTION: Skinner will mention GaLTT & end-end walk at the next Wed. walking group

ACTION: Marcus will review this discussion and come back with suggestions

22. **MINUTES** from February 2017:

MOTION: Proposed by Rebecca Furnell, seconded by Kay to accept the minutes for April 11, 2017 board meeting as amended and presented. Carried.

23. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

24. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 President's report:

- Sent email to Nick Doe, thanking him for his thoughtful letters about the Potlatch application
- Filled out Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) Natural Areas Conservation Program survey (that funded our 2016 policy work)
- Need to follow-up on Letter of Understanding between GaLTT and Streamkeepers as it may not have been finalized

ACTION: Marcus and Hills will follow up on this.

- Potlatch application where it is at now – Mallett Creek would be held by the strata because of current issues with liability related to the existing dam. Streamkeepers has expressed an interest in having ongoing access to the creek. If GaLTT would be willing to accept a statutory right of way (for monitoring purposes, not for public), this needs to be included in a covenant as part of the application. So if the application is approved, at the time of subdivision the covenant would be enacted and would include this statutory right of way. Landry talked with Brian Henning and met with Sonja Zupanek about this.

MOTION: Landry moved that GaLTT indicate by a letter to the Islands Trust and Potlatch applicants that GaLTT is willing to accept a statutory right of way for periodic access to Mallett Creek for monitoring and restoration. Second by Danenhower.

Discussion: Dam may be drained in future- could it be drained now and avoid the problem? The reservoir is an asset (despite liability) so not draining is preferable. GaLTT assumes some risk in taking this on (for people accessing the area) so we should have some policy work on work safety.

Carried.

ACTION: Landry will write a letter to Brian Henning with a copy to the Islands Trust

6.2 Treasurer's report—Maureen O'Rourke had previously circulated the monthly financial statement. Kay reported that GaLTT's bank balances are: 131,216.07 total

- Chequing "Community Partner Package" (0.01%): \$14,457.83
- Savings "Business High Interest Savings" (1.05%): \$ 116,698.28

April cheques were written for Kerry Marcus for Registration fee: \$40, Roxy for Whale Presentation:\$40, Gallery Press for Haven Trail Brochure:\$173.60, Gabriola Sounder for walk:\$119.70, Scott Signs for Trail Signs: \$420.

Maureen and Kay have been unable to determine the difference/relevance of "external" and "internal" land purchase as categorized on our books.

ACTION: Kay and Cameron will work on figuring this out.

Membership: Kay had previously circulated the April list of 1 new and 1 renewing membership applications.

MOTION proposed by Kay, seconded by Marcus to accept as members the 2 new and renewing applicants received during April 2017. Carried.

6.3a TRAILS AND PARKS MANAGEMENT. Brockley reported that over the past month, he and his crews:

-Responded to a complaint about GaLTT's use of wooden boardwalks.

-Responded to a request from Camp Miriam to participate in community volunteer opportunities for youth campers. Our suggested project is to pull broom beside quiet residential streets (e.g., James Way).

-Reviewed options and assembled a materials list for upgrading the Peterson to McDonald trail. Investigated the cost differences between treated and cedar - cedar is a lot more expensive. Rob plans to investigate the cost of cedar from one other potential source before moving forward. DISCUSSION: Brockley's estimates may change after investigating another source of cedar so if it makes sense to spend a bit more than \$1500 Brockley will come back to the board on this. There was discussion by Marcus that boardwalk can make trails on public land impassible for horses, and consideration of ensuring enough width of trail that horses can still get by.

MOTION: Brockley moved to spend up to \$1500 for materials for a board walk on this trail. Seconded by Cameron. Carried

- Field checked several undeveloped beach access ROW's between Seawind Drive and Eva Road for possible trail development.
- Ordered 'Private Lands' signs for installation on Maddison Property in preparation for the May 21st end-to-end walk.
- Field checked possible trail routes in the Potlatch receiver parcel with Dr. Bob Rooks
- Confirmed possible trail route from Burnside Drive to Cox Community Park with Chris van Ossenbruggen (RND Parks) and reported findings to Mark Dobbs (RDN, Superintendent of Parks).
- Purchased three long-handled loppers for use by trail volunteers.
- Resolved overdue invoicing issue with Arbutus Home Building Centre. Invoices will now be emailed to Kay.
- Work party held on April 16th to install new wooden boardwalk sections on Cliff trail near Joyce Lockwood Community Park.
- Work party held on April 30th to pull Scotch broom at Drumbeg Provincial Park in cooperation with Gabiola Lions Club members.

6.3b INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL. No report

6.4 ACQUISITIONS, COVENANTS, AND TRAIL LICENCES: Landry reported:

- Kerry, Tom, Rob and Anne met with Elaine McCulloch (RDN Park Planner), Wendy Marhall (Manager of Parks Services) and Mark Dobbs (RDN, Superintendent of Parks) in Parksville to discuss RDN's thinking about the donor and receiver lands related to the Potlatch application.
- Kerry and Nola dealt with graffiti hate vandalism at Elder Cedar and Nuala Murphy (ITF) was kept informed.
- Met with Cameron Murray and Laura-Jean Kelly (Topographics) and Nuala Murphy (ITF) at Elder Cedar to review draft plans for the elder cedar boardwalk. Good discussion with revised drawings to follow.
- Met with Sonja Zupanec (IT Planner) to discuss Mallett Creek Statutory Right of Way (SRW) and later talked to Brian Henning and Chris Hills (for Streamkeeper input).
- Nola continued work on potential data management using Google Drive.
- Tom and Anne attended Islands Trust Fund Regional Conservation Plan workshop in Nanaimo. At the event, Fiona MaCrauld spoke about the Islands Trust working to build meaningful relationships with the 30+ First Nations whose traditional territory is in the Islands Trust area. Landry spoke to her about our interest in building relationships with First Nations and Fiona suggested that we work with museum and IT to have a small event where some members of the Snunaymuxw come to the island, maybe visiting Elder Cedar or something similar.

ACTION: Landry will initiate discussion with Museum, IT and Fiona about this.

- Harriet Thomas emailed about Haven Woods.
- Kerry, Nola, Peter, Lou and Anne carried out the annual covenant monitoring at Elder Cedar and Bachmann property with Doug Hopwood and Chris Ferris (ITF contractors). Anne will write draft reports.

6.5a Community Engagement: Marcus reported:

- The Committee met April 24th – Tom, Kerry, Lou, and Peter to talk about responsibilities and the transfer of some items to Peter and Lou.
- Talked about a Name the Spot contest again, and about simple handouts at the Market with the walks scheduled.
- Land Trust Alliance of BC – Walk on the Wild Side Grant of \$150 approved for Gertie funding for the End to End walk. Need to complete the advertising and planning.
- Peter will organize the End to End Walk details, and Lou made a hand-out for the Spring Fair table last Sunday.
- Lou will pick up Map distributors management, and organize the Market boxes. Lou and Tom did an inventory of materials on hand. Lots of membership brochures, about 800 maps.
- Kerry has confirmed the Summer Walk series and received the RDN Park Use Permit.

-Mental Health Awareness Week 'Forest Bathing' in the Elder Cedar suffered an unfortunate advertising/scheduling error (not GaLTT's fault), so at 3:30 Friday afternoon, Rob and I had one walker. We had a lovely contemplative walk but hardly worthwhile.

-Kerry has completed work started by Jenni on an Invasive Plant brochure, it is now printed, shared work and costs with the Museum. We will also share responsibility and costs for the Museum speaker series, on the subject of Invasive Plants Thursday May 11th at the Roxy. Share of costs (Gas etc for speakers, Sounder advertising, Roxy rental, printing, is estimated at approx. \$250.

-Activities participated in for the last month were: Humpback whale talk at the Roxy, Spring Fair at the Commons, and Covenant Monitoring in the Elder Cedar Nature Reserve.

-Membership and Community Engagement thoughts are being applied to Market items to help raise GaLTT's profile – printed bandanas (saying simply 'Gabriola Land and Trails Trust' repeating lines) and lapel pins (Walk Gabe with GaLTT).

-Graffiti reported, and then cleaned up (Kerry and Nola) in the Elder Cedar and RCMP statement given.

-Met with RDN staff to discuss the Potlatch application and RDN's interest in taking the parks and trails in the receiver lands. Staff seemed enthusiastic to take all of the park and trail parts. The May POSAC has been postponed.

-Skinner, Johnstone and Danenhowe will be attending the invasives talk at the Roxy and will bring some promotional materials.

6.5b. Big trees: Bilquist reported by email that he has not been able to do any big tree work over the past month.

6.6 STREAMKEEPERS: Hills reported:

-We were at the Spring Fair yesterday, was nice to share space next to GaLTT and have a few good conversations with people (some new to the island).

-We did a stream day with the grade 1's and 2's from the school; it was neat to see the difference a year makes, the kids were a lot more engaged this year (same group as last year.) We were at Descanso Park for about two hours, looking at invertebrates and what makes a healthy stream. Our next event will be having a table again at Ocean's Day, Sunday June 11th.

6.7 COMMUNICATIONS: Gehlbach reported via email:

- Maintaining routine stuff, keeping FB and website up to date and posting May events (broom Mostly bashing, walks, invasive species forum) in advance of absence, and emailing volunteer and member groups about them.

-Finished up invasive species brochure planning with Joan Merrifield.

-Apologies for possible confusion re GaLTT and PHC forest bathing events,

-The board noted that in Jenni's absence it would be good for one/some of the other board members to have access to the GaLTT email list and FB page. This will go on the agenda for June.

6.8 POSAC—Brockley reported that the May 15 meeting has been postponed pending a tour and report on the receiver lands in the Potlatch application and next meeting will likely be in June.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

7.1 Truth to Reconciliation- GaLTT involvement and funding review update: Cheque was written to the museum, which was incorrect (should have been to the project group), this will be remedied.

7.2 Improved beach access—Cameron – Nothing to report

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 End to end walk planning

-park permit license and route planning are done. Advertising needs to be done. Parking will be an issue, unfortunately. Safety signals have been determined to help keep the group together.

8.2 Community Engagement & Museum joint projects – Skinner/Marcus

-The museum informed GaLTT that charging for the native brochures has been awkward and unpopular. The GaLTT board agreed that it would be fine to “sell” them by donation. The new invasives brochure will be free or by donation.

8.3 Social Media workshop – review and next sessions

Johnston and Furnell attended – will save report for next free ranging discussion.

9. MOTION to move *in camera* proposed by Landry, seconded Brockley

10. Motion to move *ex camera* and adjourn proposed at 9:16 by Kay

Minutes recorded by Rebecca Furnell

