

Mayne Island Integrated Water Systems Society

Annual General Meeting, June 4, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Mayne Island Agricultural Hall

Draft Minutes

There were 19 people attending, including Board Members: Chairman Bill Warning, Treasurer Diane Plucinak, Secretary Marie Elliott, Director Mike Buchan, and Past President Mary Cooper. Don Sinclair sent regrets.

1. **Approval of the Agenda:** Wesley Mulvin and Sharon Saunders. Carried.
2. **Guest Speakers: Dr. Harry Hartmann and Dr. Wendy Riggs, MB Labs**
Among topics discussed with the audience were coliform counts, chlorination and filtration. Also addressed were topics of specific interest to the members. Harry was available for consultation after his presentation.
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Diane Plucinak and Marie Elliott. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
Diane Plucinak reported that the total assets for the year January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015, were \$18,882.23, total income \$2,997.29 and total expenses \$3,457.99. Approval of the Report: Mary Cooper and John Zloman. Carried.
5. **Business arising from the Minutes:** There was none.
6. **Chairman's Report:**
Bill Warning reported on the Small Systems Operators Course given in May, 2016. Eleven people attended, five wrote the exam; some will write at a later date. It was especially beneficial to the water boards that sent their newly elected Trustees for education on the day to day workings of water delivery.

The B&B workshop in January 2016 was also well attended for which we received a \$2000 grant from the southern Gulf Islands CRD representative, David Howe.

Mike Buchan is stepping down from the Board. He has served for three years and we thank him for sharing his knowledge and assistance at public events.

7. **Membership report:** Mary reported that MIWSS has 25 water systems as members covering Mayne, Pender, Saturna, Galiano and Vancouver Island, 84 individuals, 18 certified Small Water Systems operators, with 5 more having just written exams. Ten new members had signed on at the AGM increasing the single membership count to 94. More 'Gardens Powered by Rainwater' signs were also sold at the AGM.

Mary thanked Steve DeRousie for all the hours on the great new website appearance, and work will continue. Mary asked members to contact her if there was anything they would

like to see added to the site.

8. Election of Directors:

Mary Cooper conducted the election

Bill Warning re-elected, M/S Wesley Mulvin and Sean Skiffington, 3 year term.

Don Sinclair re-elected, M/S Mike Buchan and Marie Elliott. 2 year term.

Don Berkeley elected, M/S Mike Buchan and Diane Plucinak. 3 year term. David Allen will join the Board as a community representative.

Mary Cooper informed the membership that while all 5 board directors could vote, the Past President and Community Representative could not, but could take part in every other fashion.

9. New Business:

(a) Fees for Annual Membership and Water Systems

Mary Cooper discussed the need to increase membership fees slightly.

Motion: That individual memberships remain at \$5 and businesses remain at \$50.
M/S Bill Warning & Diane Plucinak. Carried.

Motion: That systems membership be increased from \$20 to \$25.
M/S Bill Warning & Diane Plucinak. Carried

(b) Water Licensing

Bill Warning explained the provincial government's new water licensing program, resulting from the new Water Licensing Act. Bill Warning advised that Mike Buchan has a measuring gun that can measure the depth of water in a well and is available to help well owners. Mary Cooper suggested that since the tests were being done under the auspices of MIIWSS, by a MIIWSS board member, they should be done contingent on a membership.

(c) Short Term Vacation Rentals

Problems of monitoring water use discussed. Some systems do not have meters. Sean Skiffington reported that Campbell-Bennett Bay Improvement District carries out monthly monitoring. Mary Cooper has expressed her concerns to the Islands Trust.

(d) New Societies Act

Ev McKay, Laura Point Water Society, had worked through the new requirements at their AGM and will work with Marie Elliott, Mary Cooper and others to draft a new constitution and bylaws for MIIWSS.

10. Water Providers reports

Water reports were made by John Zloman, Bakerview Holdings; Sean Skiffington, Campbell-Bennett Bay District; Di Plucinak, Laura Point Water Society; Bill Warning, Lighthouse Point; Wesley Mulvin, Surfside Water System; Jim Petrie, Magic Lake Estates, Pender, and Mike McManus, Pender Island.

11. Adjournment at 3:35 p.m.