“Rescuing one animal may not change the world, but for that animal, their world is changed forever”

**GROWLS AGM REPORT**

**WHEN** Thursday, April 25th, 2019

**WHERE** Roxy Theatre @ Twin Beaches Mall

**CHAIRED BY** Steve Struthers

**ATTENDEES:** Liz Ciocea, Steve Struthers, Iain Lawrence, Lynn Reynolds, Jane Giffin, Joanna MacKenzie, Jean Wyenberg, Mike Super, Kyla Super, Rhonda Bruce

**OLD BUSINESS**

**AGM Meeting Report (2018-2019)**

Rhonda Bruce forgot the AGM Meeting Report minutes for the previous year, 2018-2019.

The AGM Meeting Report for 2017-2018 will be released with the 2018-2019 report.

Motion to move on by Jean Wyenberg / 2nd by Liz Ciocea

**TREASURER REPORT**

Financial Report prepared by Vicki McDonald and read by Rhonda Bruce.

Details of the financial report can be found on pages, January 2018 Balance Sheet is on page 6 and Profit & Loss Statement Feb. 2019 through Jan 2018 is on page 7.

**SIGNS**

Rhonda Bruce is working with Jared Hooper on new turkey crossing signs to be placed strategically in high traffic turkey zones around Gabriola Island.

GROWLS is in the process of having a new Ferry sign built and placed on the Nanaimo side of the Gabriola ferry. It will replace the one there now. Coastal Credit Union donated $1500.00 on the previous sign, and hoping for another donation for the new sign.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Struthers asked if the current directors are continuing for the for the year 2019-2020.

Returning Directors 2018-2019

* **Liz Ciocea**
* **Rhonda Bruce**
* **Steve Struthers**
* **Lynn Reynolds**

Directions Not Returning

* **Iain Lawrence**
* **Jilann Campbell**
* **Mike Campbell**

Duties of a Director

* 4 public meetings per year
* Directors meet before each public meeting

Discussion

* Rhonda Bruce will continue as secretary, as well as a director
* Lynn Reynolds will be treasurer, as well as a director
* Liz asked Mike Super if he would be interested in becoming a direction. Mike is thinking about it.
* Continue to recruit Directors outside of AGM

* Motion to accept – Jane Giffin / 2nd by Joanna Mackenzie

**AMENDING GROWLS SIGNATURES**

**Sponsoring Signatures :** Rhonda Bruce

 Lynn Reynolds

**Signing Signature :**  Steve Struthers

**THE SOUNDER**

The Sounder is offering to run a monthly GROWLS column for for free. Further discussion on topics for the column, as well as listing stats for each month.

**GROWLS WEBSITE**

Website out of date. Mark Hendrex is working on revising GROWLS website with the assistance of Dar Mace.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Ongoing discussion re Membership fees.

* Benefit to having membership dues is to help fund the organization
* Number of paid members required for grant applications
* Do not have a person designated to manage memberships.
* Do we have a list of paid up members?
* $5.00 per year or a one time membership for $15.00
* Museum is charging $10.00
* Should we send a notice out re 2019-2020 membership dues?
* How would we collect the membership fee, no PayPal
* Membership amounts can only be changed at AGM. Moved to stay at $5.00

**2019 STATS 1ST QUARTER**

**January**

2 Deer Hit by car on North Road Between School and Island Trust & Pat Burns

2 Deer Found dead on Canso and Calder

2 Bats Went in crawl space while workmen were working - flew out voluntarily

 Found in Woodpile – referred to Liz.

**February**

 2 Deer Injured but mobile. Hummingbird Park and beach below Graveyard

 2 Deer Found dead on Easthom (new residents), end of Church Street

 1 Eagle Cresta Roca Died shortly after picked up. Very concerned about symptoms

 taken to Ministry for necropsy

1 SBB Small brown bird eye infection – unable to see. Died in transit

1 Flock of baby ducks Thought they were too young to be without mother – but they

 flew away when they approached the pond

1 Turkey Lame but still eating and with flock

2 Sea Lion Found Dead Between Brickyard and Green Wharf – Had a very large hole

 in body

1 Sea Lion on Ivory way -Thought to be in distress – was surfing

1 Cougar Caller found tracks that she thought might be a cougar - called back to say

 claws we note – eliminating the possibility of a cougar.

**March**

1 Deer Dead on Harrison Road

1 Deer Sick or injured on Moby Dicks Way 2 calls. One said they were injured, 2nd said they were long term injuries and they were coping well.

1 Deer No address - bad diarrhea.

1 Deer Dead on property Barrett Road,

1 Thrush Attacked by cat - worked on finding transport all afternoon - dies before it could be picked up

1 Seagull Attacked by an Eagle. Taken to Twin Cedars and transported to Errington. Appeared not to have broken bones, but on x-ray bone was twisted completely around and still in place with several severe lacerations - euthanized.

3 Turkey Injured legs but still mobile at Coleen’s Village Co-Op

1 Otter Under house - did not want to disturb it and checked back a couple of times.

 **April**

1 Deer Dead Wild Rose on summer resident’s property

1 Deer Dead Golf course – Assume because of the number of ravens and eagles on road. (Second emergencies call to Main Road – very rare to have to do this)

2 Birds Hawk after small bird hit the window. He was fine flew away – they were concerned about the small bird – appeared to be injured but flew up into a tree.

1 Pigeon Rescued from being attacked by ravens on Mudge. Thought it was a Banded Tail Pigeon but it was a domestic pigeon. This happened yesterday. If anyone knows of someone who keeps pigeons – Please let us know. He has a lesion on his wing – is with Shirley – trying to track down owner. Seems to be someone’s loved pet.

**LIBRARY**

Joanna MacKenzie continues to work with Gabriola Regional Library bringing in new books for the Gabriola community to enjoy on behalf of GROWLS.

**GROWLS GENERAL MEETINGS**

After many years of monthly meetings, the Directors at the time decided to try holding four meetings a year as a trial. Joanna MacKenzie would like to see GROWLS have a general open meeting once a month. Those interested, members and non-members could come to the meeting and be updated on what is happening at GROWLS, with a plan to involve bigger groups to support directors.

GROWLS will continue to have 4 speakers a year.

**Wildlife is under attack on Gabriola Island,**

**and**

**we require more people out there.**





