

## **SWCS-BC Annual General Meeting November 24, 2005**

Present:

Ione Smith

Peter Friz

George Derksen

Dave Clements

Ting Pan

Julia Brydon

David Riley

Brian Wallace

Stephanie Grand

Art Bomke

Regrets:

Olga Schwartzkopf

Guest Speaker: Dan Millar

### **1.0 Adoption of 2005 AGM Agenda**

Agenda was adopted

### **2.0 Adoption of 2004 AGM Minutes**

2004 AGM Minutes were adopted

### **3.0 President's Report - Ione Smith**

- There is a possibility of collaborating with UBC and the Environmental Youth Alliance at the upcoming World Urban Forum. Ione will provide updates as they become available.
- Ione will circulate the Soil Conservation Charter to SWCS-BC and PRSSS members for review and comments.
- SWCS-BC scholarship still needs to be investigated, as well as a screening of "End of Suburbia" for a fundraiser

*Action Items:*

- *Ione Smith to report back to members on NDP convention and World Urban Forum activities;*
- *All: suggest other groups to add to circulation list for Soil Conservation Charter*
- *All: ideas for scholarship and fundraisers to be discussed at next meeting*

#### **4.0 Treasurer's Report - Dave**

- SWCS-BC has a balance of \$1,545.18 for 2005.

##### *Action Items:*

- Ione Smith to send beer garden receipts to Dave Clements

#### **5.0 Membership Report - Peter**

- Approximately 30 members to date
- More advertisement needed to attract new student members
- Need to make more contact with Soil Science program at UNBC and Two Rivers University
- Need to join forces with PRSSS to initiate a membership drive

##### *Action Items:*

- Stephanie Grand to make presentation to Soil Science seminar at UBC
- Ione Smith and Stephanie grand to initiate membership drive with PRSSS

#### **6.0 Award for Laurens - Dave and Peter**

- Dave Clements circulated the petition to nominate Laurens van Vliet for a SWCS Career Achievement award

##### *Action Items:*

- Dave Clements will send requests to Ontario chapter members to sign petition and submit application to SWCS

#### **7.0 ALR Report - Ione**

- Ione, as the SWCS-BC rep for the Agricultural Land Reserve Protection and Enhancement Society (ALR-PEC), spoke to the Ministry of Agriculture and the opposition leader regarding ALR and soil protection
- Ione will attend the NDP convention on behalf of SWCS-BC
- Ione will be sending a letter to the new mayor of Surrey regarding soil conservation issues

##### *Action Items:*

- Ione Smith to send letter to the mayor of Surrey and circulate Soil Conservation Charter to SWCS-BC and PRSSS members

#### **8.0 BC Environment Network Report - Olga**

##### *Action Item:*

- Olga to send Ione a list of BCEN activities

## **9.0 Election of Officers**

Past President: Peter Friz

President: Ione Smith

President-Elect: Julia Brydon

Vice President: Open

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Dave Clements

Membership Chair (acting): Ione Smith

Student representative: Stephanie Grand

BC Environmental Network Councillor: Olga Schwartzkopf

Councillor: George Derksen

Councilor: Ting Pan

Newsletter Editor (acting): Julia Brydon

## **10.0 New Business**

- Brian Wallace of PRSSS gave report on a successful and well attended tour of Mayne Island
- Spring workshop to be held in collaboration with PRSSS

*Action Items:*

*- Julia Brydon to attend PRSSS meeting to discuss Spring workshop and report back to group*

## **11.0 Next Meeting**

To be held at the beginning of February. More details to follow.