

President's Report

Annual General Meeting January 26, 2017

As we ring in the New Year, a look back at 2016 reveals another fun and exciting year for our Club!

Most rewarding for me as President, was connecting with those pioneers of our Club, some of whom have been active for over three decades! Folks like these make Salt Spring Trail and Nature the amazing organization it has become! Also, meeting some of the newest and dynamic members gives me confidence our Club will continue to be amazing!

Our Club could not exist, or be such a vital part of this community without the contributions of those very busy members who volunteer for various functions within the Club. Firstly, I congratulate Sue Lehmann, who will be our next President! Sue has, for many years developed and maintained our website, and I am continually impressed by how friendly and professional it is.

Sheryl-Taylor Munro, as Secretary/Treasurer keeps our books in good order, not a small job, and keeps us organized and functioning properly. Barry Spence continues keeping our Membership records up-to-date, and reminds us when, where and how to renew. Gary Adams creates our quarterly newsletter, the Oystercatcher, which never fails to include fascinating articles about both Trails and Nature and keeps us all connected.

David Denning has been busy in 2016 with a series of entertaining and informative presentations and great guests, and their evening on Lake O'Hara took my breath away with the incredible photography. Herb Otto continues his role as Trails Co-ordinator, attending meetings on our behalf in working with CRD, and his unstinting work installing signage on various trails.

Last, but not least, the industrious Leaders who co-ordinate our weekly Rambles, Walks and Hikes! Frauke Prystawik has organized our Rambles for years now, and tells me they have three regulars over ninety! How's that for a club who helps us all keep in shape!

Lorrie Storr has been Walking Co-ordinator and will be stepping down. The range of outings she brought to the Club has grown over the years and she has developed an increasingly interesting series of walks. Jean Attop, our inimitable Hike Co-ordinator has also been amazing at encouraging members to lead hikes and introduce new adventures.

To all of you, a Thank You from us all. Our well-known and beloved Club could not function without you and you have all made my term fun, interesting and extremely rewarding. I look forward in 2017 to another great year.

Thank you all!

Linda Quiring