

2016/03/09 VISTA AGM

Held March 9, 2016 t Swan Lake Nature House

Bill Feyrer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on a dark and stormy night with 19 people attending.

Gil Parker's **president's report** was read by Andy Ogle and is attached.

Bill Feyrer presented the annual **financial report**. As of the AGM, VISTA had 29 paid up members. Income through the year came mostly from donations, which was greatly appreciated by the board. There were no significant corporate donors, but the board will look to them in future for funding of significant projects.

The board was frugal with expenses and VISTA ended the year with \$24,000 in the bank. Administration came to only four per cent of expenditures, with other expenses going to trail building, publicity, travel to meetings up Island with First Nations and others whose permission is required for land access, feasibility studies and signs. Costs were lower than anticipated partly because VISTA was unable to build as much trail as was originally hoped, due mostly to land access issues.

The full financial report is appended.

Board election: As required, all board members resigned and a slate for a new board was put forward as follows:

President	Gil Parker
Vice-President and treasurer	Bill Feyrer
Secretary	Andy Ogle
Director, Operations	Terry Lewis
Director, Communications	Ross Collicutt
Director, First Nations Liaison	Ken Milbrath
Director, Fund Raising	Peter Berrang
Director, Alberni Region	Dave Gilbert
Director, Port Hardy Region	Leah Robinson

There were no further nominations and the board, as nominated, was acclaimed.

The evening concluded with a presentation by Terry Lewis on **trail operations**, including the original concept, the trail sections that now exist and planned trail additions for this season.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.