Rural Bonny Doon Association
November Membership Meeting Minutes
November 4th, 2026

The **Treasurer's Report** is as follows.
Balance as of 11/2/26: **$10,375.99**

The **Membership Report** is as follows**:**
The RBDA has 247 current members
There are 160 lapsed RBDA members (ranging from start of records), with approximately 50 lapsed within the last year
In 2025, there were 220 members at this time this year. We celebrate and appreciate growing membership!

Bylaw Amendments proposals and next steps are:

The Bylaws Committee proposes revision of the RBDA bylaws. Members will vote on it at the January Annual Meeting, and it needs a two-thirds vote or members present, so long as a quorum (10% of the membership) is met. The full text of the current and proposed bylaws are available at www.rbda.us under "About the RBDA", on tabs "RBDA Bylaws" and "RBDA Proposed Bylaws".

The main changes are:

1. **Reorganization.** The articles have been rearranged so that Meetings, Board Elections and Officers, and Board Powers and Duties each have their own article. Each officer now has a written list of duties.
2. **Objective.** The mission statement changes from “keep Bonny Doon rural and natural, and preserve and protect its natural character” to “advocate for a rural, natural, safe and sustainable future in Bonny Doon.”
3. **Dues.** Today, members must approve any dues change at the Annual Meeting. Under the proposal, the Board could raise dues itself, by no more than 100% in a single year. An increase could only start at the beginning of a fiscal year and would have to be announced first. A new section also lists what dues pay for.
4. **Meeting calendar.** The year’s last General Meeting moves from November to October. Board nominations, floor nominations, and Annual Meeting proposals would all be presented in October, and nominees would need to be members as of October 1 instead of November 1. This is so that we can allow enough time between the required nominations meeting in the fall with a highlander article that announces the nominees.
5. **Removing Board members.** The current bylaws don’t allow any recall or removal. The proposal allows removal in three cases: the member no longer qualifies for membership, has been convicted of a felony, or fails to carry out their duties, as decided by a unanimous vote of the rest of the Board.
6. **Elections.** The section on absentee ballots is removed. Candidate statements would be limited to a word count set by the Highlander Editor instead of a fixed 500 words. The rule limiting officers to four consecutive years in the same office is removed.
7. **Bylaws amendments.** Members would approve or reject amendments brought forward by the Bylaws Committee. Members could still suggest amendments in writing to the Board.
8. **Notices and transparency.**

- Agendas would be posted on the website instead of in the Highlander.
- Board agendas would still be posted before meetings, but without the current 10-day minimum.
- Members who want to speak during a Board meeting's comment period would ask a week ahead, unless the Chair waives that.
- Members would gain an explicit right to request Board minutes, and approved minutes would be posted online.
- Members could still send messages to the whole membership, but the Corresponding Secretary would handle this and Board approval would be required.

9. **Finances.** The rule requiring two signatures on checks is removed. The Chair and Treasurer would be authorized users of the Association's debit card.
10. **Committees.** The limit of one Board member per committee is removed, as is the requirement that committee reports be presented at a General Meeting and published.

Executive Board nominations:
The Nominating Committee proposes 4 Candidates for Executive Board Positions: Evelyn Haynes, Laura Lancaster, Jennifer Joslin, and Martin Burmeister
There were no additional nominations from the floor. The Executive Board Election will occur during the January Annual Meeting.