



<p><b>Minutes</b>  <b>Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>  <b>10:00 am - 1:00</b>  <b>Location:</b>  <b>Curling Lounge</b></p> <p><b>Cowichan Lake Sports Arena</b></p> <p><b>Year April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017</b></p>	<p><b>COWICHAN LAKE AND RIVER STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY</b></p> <p><b><i>2017 Annual General Meeting</i></b></p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>10:00 President, Leroy Van Wieren, presiding</b></p> <p>Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>President Leroy Van Wieren, reminded the meeting about use of the Fourfold Way to conduct business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respect each other by having just one speaker at a time,</li> <li>• expect people to speak from the heart with passion,</li> <li>• expect people to show up to solve problems, and</li> <li>• expect people to speak without blame.</li> </ul> <p>After a general welcome, thanks were expressed to the 2016/17 Board of Directors and the Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Team (not in attendance) of Christine Brophy, James Cummings, Tanner Cummings, Mandy Hobkirk, Kenzie Lacon, Rai Mullin and Alex Werk.</p> <p>Sincere thanks were expressed to our volunteer book-keeper, Elaine Brufatto.</p> <p>Special presentations of words of thanks and a potted plant were made to retiring Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship volunteers: Lois Atchison, Rose and Gord Davidson. Briony Argue, and Sandy Cumming were absent with regrets. Lois Atchison will deliver our thanks to these members.</p>	<p>Number in attendance: 23 voting members</p> <p>Absent with regrets: Heather Pritchard, Sandy Cumming, Christine Brophy, Genevieve Singleton, Ian Morrison</p> <p>Leroy Van Wieren suggested that CLRSS arrange for a special recognition for Elaine Brufatto, as she is unable to attend any Sunday meetings. This will be an item on the June regular CLRSS Board meeting agenda.</p>

<p>1.) Approval of Agenda  <b>RMS Gord Davidson /Carrol Patrick that the agenda be adopted as printed. CARRIED</b></p>	
<p>2.) Approval of Minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 CLRSS AGM  <b>RMS Maureen Quested/Diana Gunderson that the minutes be adopted as printed. CARRIED</b></p>	
<p>3.) CLRSS Committee Reports – A CLRSS PowerPoint was presented which contained committee reports.   <b>RMS Diana Gunderson/Rosemary Danaher that the CLRSS committee reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED</b></p>	<p>See Balance Sheet and Income Statement 2016/2017 CLRSS fiscal year.</p>
<p>4.) Special Motions/Resolutions:</p> <p><b>a. RMS Diana Gunderson/Judy Brayden that the following be adopted as the “purpose” of the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society: <i>The purpose of the CLRSS is to act to ensure the health and protection of the Cowichan watershed; to inform and educate landowners, other citizens and governments about the environmentally sustainable use of the upper Cowichan watershed and its riparian zone; and to work with schools, citizens and other like-minded groups for this purpose. CARRIED</i></b></p> <p><b>b. RMS Maureen Quested/Rosemary Danaher that the society adopt Schedule 1 as the CLRSS bylaws. CARRIED</b></p>	
<p>5.) <b>Information Item:</b> The 2017 Annual Cowichan River clean-up is August 20<sup>th</sup> on the upper river and August 27<sup>th</sup> on lower river.</p>	
<p>6.) Election of 2017/18 CLRSS Board of Directors – Gord Davidson conducted this portion of the meeting.   <b>RMS Maureen Quested/Rosemary Danaher that the 2016/17 Board of Directors be accepted as acclaimed. CARRIED</b></p> <p>President: Leroy Van Wieren  Vice President: Heather Pritchard (see letter of acceptance)  Treasurer: Ken Traynor  Secretary: Judy Brayden</p> <p>Members at large:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jean Atkinson (CSSP liaison)</li> <li>2. Rosemary Danaher (Retail Sales)</li> <li>3. Diana Gunderson (CSSP liaison)</li> <li>4. Parker Jefferson</li> </ol> <p>(cont.)</p>	

<p>5. Tamu Miles (Communications Director)  6. Mike Patrick (Membership and Web admin)  7. Maureen Quested (Fundraising)</p> <p><b>RMS Bee Greenway/Diana Gunderson that the CLRSS bank signing authority be changed to reflect the newly elected Board. CARRIED</b></p> <p>Leroy Van Wieren welcomed the newly elected CLRSS Board of Directors.</p> <p>“How many times did Oxford appear in the PowerPoint?” winner was Carrol Patrick, who was presented with a potted plant.</p>	
<p><b>Motion to adjourn</b>  <b>Gord Davisdon CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>12:00 – 1:00</b></p> <p>Guest speakers Bob Crandall and Parker Jefferson presented a very thorough and informative PowerPoint on the environmental significance of the Shaw Creek Estuary.</p> <p>The key points were that Shaw Creek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the largest and most important tributary of Cowichan Lake ,</li> <li>• Is the only tributary that never stops flowing,</li> <li>• Provides spawning and rearing habitat for several species of fish,</li> <li>• Estuary is important habitat for the SARA listed Vancouver (Cowichan Lake) Lamprey,</li> <li>• Drains extensive alpine uplands, providing cool water refuge in summer months for fish escaping high lake temperatures,</li> <li>• Contains the Elk Garden channels, a prime spawning habitat for trout and salmon and secure night refuge for a large Roosevelt Elk herd,</li> <li>• Estuary and entire riparian area provides important habitat for many birds, amphibians and other forest animals.</li> </ul>	