

Agenda CLRSS Board of Directors and interested CLRSS members
Monday, April 3rd, 2017

6:30 p.m. at the Country Grocer Meeting Room, Lake Cowichan

In attendance: Board members: Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Sandy Cumming, Diana Gunderson, Mike Patrick, Maureen Quested and Leroy Van Wieren. CLRSS members: Ian Morrison, Ken Traynor, Glenn Miles, Tamu Miles and Genevieve Singleton.

Guests: None

Absent with regrets: Briony Argue, Lois Atchison, Rosemary Danaher, Gord Davidson, Rose Davidson, Parker Jefferson, Joe Tatham, Kerry Davis, Bee Greenway, Klaus Kuhn, and Tom Rutherford CWB.

Time	Item	Action (What, By Whom and When)
6:30	Adoption of the agenda: RMS Judy Brayden /Maureen Quested that the agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED	
	Introductions of members with reminder about our meeting conduct guideline. Using the Fourfold Way we: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respect each other by having just one speaker at a time • expect people to speak from the heart with passion • expect people to show up to solve problems <i>and</i> • expect people to speak without blame. 	
	Adoption of the minutes: (sent via email earlier in the month) RMS Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that the minutes of the March 6 th , 2017 CLRSS meeting be accepted as distributed. CARRIED	
	Business Arising from the Minutes: NONE	
	Correspondence: Maureen Quested reported that she had received an email from local resident, Betty Riel, about the litter problem in the Ted Burns Nature Reserve in Lake Cowichan.	<i>Maureen will email back that the owner, the Town of Lake Cowichan, has the onus to keep the area clean. Maureen will also send an email to the Town of Lake Cowichan on behalf of CLRSS to suggest that we are concerned that this issue is not being addressed.</i>
7:00	Treasurer's Report: Leroy Van Wieren reported for Rose Davidson (see report distributed). NOTE: Diana Gunderson and Jean Atkinson have requested \$1500	<i>Diana Gunderson will apprise the Board asap upon receiving that cheque</i>

	<p>from the Sidney Anglers to address C SSP shortfalls. We will hear back about that as soon as possible. A property owner contributions may also add to the CSSP account. Approximately \$4900 is presently in the school bursary account.</p> <p>RMS Leroy Van Wieren/Sandy Cumming that the treasurer's report be adopted as distributed. CARRIED</p>	
	<p>Fundraising Report: Maureen Quested reported the following:</p> <p>Raffle: May 20 - July 01</p> <p>Market Basket \$250 value</p> <p>Ticket Price \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00</p> <p>Tickets Printed \$300 <i>or</i> 420-480 depending on price chosen</p> <p>Costs \$100.00</p> <p>Projected profit <u>\$500.00</u></p> <p>Donations on Customer Appreciation Day at Country Grocer</p> <p>Hot dog & popcorn sales at membership drives</p> <p>Bite and a Beverage night at Jake's on the Lake - Oct. 22? Nov. 19 or 26?</p> <p>Ticket Price \$20.00 each</p> <p>Tickets Printed 80</p> <p>Cost per ticket \$12.00</p> <p>Profit (8 x 80) \$640.00</p> <p>Silent Auction \$460.00</p> <p>Projected Profit <u>\$1000.00</u></p> <p>Bottle Drive - River Cleanup \$500.00</p> <p>PROJECTED FUNDRAISING TOTAL <u>\$2000.00</u></p>	
	<p>Strategic Plan Committee Reports NIL reports may be recorded.</p> <p>1. Community Involvement:</p> <p>a.) Executive Committee: Leroy Van Wieren reported that on the issue of Charitable Status: the issues of organizational capacity, the size of our future projects, the meeting of CRA accounting requirements, the criteria re: purposes that the CRA accepts and the notion that we would likely have more money donated were we a charitable society</p>	<p><i>Mike was asked to add contacts to the RAPP line on the CSSP website.</i></p>

were all part of a continued discussion about whether or not CLRSS should apply for charitable status. No action is forthcoming at this time. We can revisit this, however Board members were apprised of the fact that as societies develop a history of functioning as a simple society, the issue of changing to charitable status is questioned by the CRA. Three individuals have indicated that they would donate more money directly to the CLRSS general fund if they were to receive a charitable tax receipt. They can receive such a receipt if they donate to the CLRSS Bursary Fund. Businesses can receive business receipts to use as a promotional deduction in their tax return.

Board Building: Judy Brayden reported that Leroy Van Wieren will be standing as President, Heather Pritchard will be standing as Vice President, Ken Traynor will be standing as Treasurer and Tamu Miles will be standing for member-at-large (Communications Director shared with Parker Jefferson) for the 2017/18 CLRSS year. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation to these individuals for their commitment to the work of the CLRSS. Other Board members will include Judy Brayden (Secretary), Rosemary Danaher (Retail Sales), Jean Atkinson, Diana Gunderson (CSSP liaisons), Maureen Quested (Fundraising), Mike Patrick (Membership and Web admin), Parker Jefferson (Communications Director with Tamu Miles). Sincere appreciation will be communicated to retiring Board members: Lois Atchison and Briony Argue. **The issue of the appropriate board number will be clarified asap.**

- b) Education Committee: Leroy Van Wieren and Diana Gunderson. Diana reported that CLRSS will be attending the April 20th Lake Cowichan School Health Fair for the fourth year. Rosemary Danaher, Jean Atkinson and Lois Atchison will be in attendance. Jean suggested that she bring the photos of the CSSP student workers for the display. Judy suggested that Oxford Otter also be in attendance.

- c.) Communication Director's Report: NIL report
- d.) Membership: Mike Patrick reported on the Membership drive at Country Grocer Appreciation Day, April 22 (11:00 – 2:00). Mike will send out an email to the membership.
- e.) Website: NIL report.

2.) Land Stewardship:

- a.) CSSP: Jean Atkinson shared the tally results from the Landowners Education survey. She reported that she and Diana Gunderson will be meeting with Craig Wightman on April 11th to discuss our role as we move forward. Is Craig expecting that we will continue to do 75 landowner surveys annually? Member, Ken Traynor asked if this survey information would be communicated to the community at large. To date, it has only been reported in the technical reports for years 1 and 2. Area F Director Morrison reported that the value of the work of CLRSS as a change agent in the region is appreciated (at the CVRD?). Jean asked if the CVRD had a summary of the CVRD riparian bylaws that could be included in the Landowner Education package.

3. Water Stewardship:

- a.) Water monitoring: NIL report
- b.) Stream signage: Gord Davidson NIL report

4. Regional Meetings:

- a.) Stewardship Roundtable: It was reported that the negative impact on the environment thru the use of the pumps in extremely low water levels was discussed. Catalyst manager, Brian Houle will also be speaking at the next Cowichan Watershed Board meeting.
- b.) CWB: Member, Ken Traynor, reminded everyone that the CWB presentations are on the CWB website; Brian Houle had reported on last year's flow and the much more positive prognosis for this year's flows; the sloughing of Stoltz bluffs was extreme this year due to the heavy rainfall; Tom Rutherford had

	<p>expressed his interest in the larger discussion about the role of CVRD Directors in discussions about emergent/controversial land-use issues.</p> <p>RMS Diana Gunderson/Judy Brayden that the above reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED</p>	
8:00	<p>Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shaw Creek: Leroy Van Wieren reviewed the letter that he has prepared on our behalf. We will await the appropriate time to send the letter. 2. Forest Stewardship Plan that includes FTOA Licence A94261: Members reviewed three letters written to oppose the proposed plan to log this forest (that of Diana Gunderson and Mike Patrick written on our behalf, that of Genevieve Singleton from the perspective of her role as contractor of nature interpreter for the Cowichan Lake Education Centre (CLEC), and that of Eric Marshall on behalf of the Cowichan Valley Naturalists (CVN). Diana Gunderson reported that when she brought this proposal to the attention of the Lake Cowichan Forest Coop, their chair was unaware of the proposal. Member Glenn Miles spoke referred to this as a larger “land use” issue, rather than one of logging practice. 3. CLRSS Annual General Meeting: Judy Brayden and Leroy Van Wieren reported that the Cowichan Sports Complex Curling Lounge had been booked for the May 14th, event. While this is Mothers’ Day, the meeting will begin at 10:00 after registration; that we will again have a PowerPoint presentation of the reports, but while that there may be longer written reports for member perusal, the timed Pp presentation can have talking points and can be shorter in nature. The guest speakers are Parker Jefferson and Bob Crandall (The environmental significance of the Shaw Creek Estuary). Judy Brayden will engage the Board members in a fun way to provide snacks. 4. CLRSS Purpose: Leroy Van Wieren and Di Gunderson The purposes of the Society are being suggested to be: 	<p><i>Members agreed to be on the lookout for the notice of the public meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Judy will clarify the bylaw requirement for length of time that a renewing member has to renew before he/she is ineligible to vote at the AGM. Since that time, Judy can report that the practice has been to insist that memberships are renewed within 30 days of the AGM, can be modified to include only new members and that renewing members may renew as late as the moments before the AGM.</i></p>

	<p><i>To inform and educate landowners, other citizens and government about the environmentally sustainable use and protection of the Cowichan watershed with emphasis on the upper Cowichan watershed and all riparian zones. To work with schools, citizens and other like-minded groups for this purpose.</i></p> <p>How we fulfill our purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a shoreline property owner’s door-to-door survey and education campaign. • Identify sites that are suitable for restoration. • Continue the CLRSS Annual River cleanup project. • Meet with staff at local schools to influence programs and support projects (e.g. plant nursery). • Participate at relevant community events, providing educational materials, displays and brochures. • Engage in related working groups like the Cowichan Stewardship Round Table, the Cowichan Watershed Board and the Riparian Working Group. • Monitor lake water-quality as defined by the BC Lake Stewardship Program. • Install signage as appropriate. • Meet with Forestry companies and various government agencies to ensure the science of riparian health is a factor in determining balanced sustainable development. • Promote awareness through various media (e.g. newspapers, billboards, Facebook, CLRSS website, etc.). 	<p><i>After discussion Maureen Quested and Jean Atkinson agreed to review the wording of the purpose with the understanding that they would attempt to include a general reference to the actions that we undertake as a society.</i></p>
<p>8:20</p>	<p>New Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLRSS Annual River Clean-up dates confirmed: Upper river clean-up August 20th and the lower river August 27th. 2. Greenshores for Homes workshop: Jean Atkinson reported on the meeting. She also reported that the Cowichan Lake is not no longer being viewed as the freshwater pilot project by the CVRD staff. The new (December, 2015) Credits and Ratings Guide is available at http://stewardshipcentrebc.ca/Green_shores/green-shores-for-homes/ as well as a video explaining the 	<p><i>Ian Morrison will clarify our role.</i></p>

	<p>Greenshores process that was shown at the workshop. Tom Rutherford also attended the workshop and intends to discuss how we might implement aspects of the Greenshores program in the Cowichan at the CWB Riparian Working Group.</p> <p>3. Honeymoon Bay Ecological Reserve: Genevieve Singleton reported that wood poaching in the area is a concern. Members were asked to be vigilant about this issue.</p>	
	<p>RMS Sandy Cummings that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Next CLRSS Board Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2017 at Country Grocer Meeting Room. All members and visitors are welcome!</p>	