

Minutes of the CLRSS Board of Directors and interested CLRSS members

Monday, June 5th, 2017

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

In attendance: Board members: Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson, Tamu Miles, Mike Patrick, Heather Pritchard, Maureen Quested, Ken Traynor and Leroy Van Wieren. CLRSS members: Lois Atchison, Bee Greenway, Glenn Miles, Lyle Kuchmak, George DeLure, Randall Wilson, Christine Brophy, and Julia Martinusen

Guests: Tom Rutherford CWB

Absent with regrets: Parker Jefferson, Sandy Cumming, Gord Davidson, Rose Davidson, Kerry Davis, Klaus Kuhn, Ian Morrison, Genevieve Singleton and Joe Tatham

The CLRSS Board welcomes the opportunity to meet and to involve the membership in the society's decision-making process. Therefore, all members and community are welcome to attend and to participate in the meeting discussion. However, while their opinions may influence decision-making, only Board members may move or ~~to~~ vote on motions.

Time	Item	Action (What, By Whom and When)
6:30	Adoption of the agenda: RMS Rosemary Danaher/Mike Patrick 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 May 1st, 2017 CLRSS meeting be accepted as distributed. CARRIED	
	Correspondence: a. Renewal notice – BC Lake Stewardship Society	<i>Judy Brayden will renew our membership asap. As of June 7th, this was done.</i>
	Business Arising from the Minutes: None	

7:00	<p>Treasurer's Report: Ken Traynor (see Appendix 1 below) RMS Ken Traynor/Heather Pritchard that the treasurer's report be adopted as printed. CARRIED</p>	
	<p>Fundraising Report: Maureen Quested reported that the Honeymoon Bay raffle tickets are now on sale. We have 30 books of 10 tickets, (\$2.00 per ticket). Board members were asked to sign out books of tickets to sell at the end of this meeting. The draw date is Saturday, July 1st at Honeymoon Bay Market.</p>	
	<p>Retail Sales Report: Rosemary Danaher reported that AGM sales of \$75 earned us a profit of \$29.73; a T-shirt order has been placed with Cowichan Embroidery; 2 names for Oxford's vest in "Hockey" style have been ordered at \$8.00 each. Should this not be satisfactory, Bee Greenway has agreed to investigate other options in conjunction with Rosemary Danaher; a minimum order of 10 crests (CLRSS image and society name), exactly the same as on our t-shirts but approximately 4 x 5 inches have been ordered for \$5 each. They could be placed on Oxford's assorted jackets and his costume to identify him as our CLRSS mascot. Ex-CSSP workers might wish to put a crest on their new work-shirts along with their new logo; 6 work-shirts have been ordered. As they come from Eastern Canada, and the embroidery is done in Vancouver, it will likely take longer than the usual 2 weeks delivery.</p>	<p><i>Judy Brayden apologized for omitting these two items from the agenda</i></p>
	<p>Social Committee Report: NIL report</p>	
	<p>Strategic Plan Committee Reports - NIL reports may be recorded.</p> <p>1. Community Involvement:</p> <p>a.) Executive Committee: NIL report</p> <p>b.) Education Committee: Diana Gunderson reported that she presented Theresa Melchior with the Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary for 2017; while CLRSS was not involved in the selection this year, the recipient was extremely well-deserving.</p> <p>c.) Communication Director's Report: Tamu Miles reported that she has completed the CSSP calling card and was almost finished an article for the BC lake Stewards Society newsletter. She requested some support with the final goals of the society around the Lakeshore Park logging issue and the future of the Shaw Creek estuary property.</p> <p>d.) Membership: Mike Patrick reported that membership to date</p>	

<p>was 66.</p> <p>e.) Website: Mike Patrick reported that he is currently updating the “projects” page of the website.</p> <p>2. Land Stewardship:</p> <p>a.) CSSP: Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden and Heather Pritchard reported that the Landowners Education survey has been updated and improved, Tamu has prepared a calling card, Leroy has reformatted the survey pictures, Jean has prepared the lists of addresses being targeted; and the call for assistance will go out to the membership asap. The goal will be to complete 75 surveys from June 15 to November 1, 2017.</p> <p>3. Water Stewardship:</p> <p>a.) Water monitoring: George DeLure was welcomed back to the lead position on this team.</p> <p>b.) Stream signage: George DeLure was welcomed back to the lead position on this team as well. He reported that sign maintenance has begun for this year.</p> <p>4. Regional Meetings:</p> <p>a.) Stewardship Roundtable: Leroy Van Wieren reported that Coastal Invasive Species Board is very concerned about the rise of Japanese knotweed in the watershed; there is currently a callout for volunteers to help eradicate this invasive at Bright Angel Park; there were reports on the forest hydrology workshop, the importance of the terrestrial habitat of goshawks and the Vancouver Island marmot, and the problem of parrot feather in the Somenos system; the failure of the clay banks at Stoltz Pool this winter was discussed as was the monitoring of the pumping system, installed by Catalyst Paper last fall. The pumps were tested but actual pumping of water over the weir was luckily not necessary.</p> <p>b.) Cowichan Watershed Board: Tom Rutherford, CWB Executive Director, reported on the progress of the working groups in the CWB; identifying the licence holder for the new weir remains problematic and is the next step in the ongoing water storage goal; likely there will be a referendum in 2018 asking local tax payers to support some part of the cost of</p>	<p><i>Judy Brayden confirms that as of June 7th, Judy Brayden, Lois Atchison, Leroy Van Wieren, Jean Atkinson, Heather Pritchard, Randall Wilson and Julia Martinusen have agreed to begin this work on June 15th. A training session has been arranged for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12th at Judy Brayden’s home. A call out to the entire membership was sent via email on Wednesday, June 7th. At this time, we need 3 additional people.</i></p> <p><i>Tom Rutherford has agreed to prepare an executive summary for the CLRSS Board meeting package so that members can</i></p>
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	<p>restructuring the weir; many Federal Ministry of the Environment employees have been laid off locally; in response to the Federal decision a to invest heavily in coastal water issues, Tom and the CWB have devised a grant proposal called, "Lake to Ocean", in which the work from the bay to the lake will be connected to the importance of the salmon stocks and the southern resident orca whale.</p> <p>RMS Judy Brayden/Maureen Requested that President, Leroy Van Wieren write another letter the Federal Environment Minister, LeBlanc, expressing our concern with the above mentioned lay-offs, in light of our ongoing concern about lack of sufficient enforcement of environmental laws. CARRIED</p> <p>RMS Maureen Requested/Tamu Miles that the above reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED</p>	<p><i>read salient points before the meeting. In this manner, Tom can field questions and facilitate the larger discussion.</i></p> <p><i>His report could be placed earlier in the regular agenda as well.</i></p>
8:00	<p>Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLRSS Annual General Meeting: Judy Brayden and Leroy Van Wieren received feed back on the recent AGM; it was agreed that the best day for such a detailed meeting is still likely to be on a Sunday. The Board was generally satisfied with the event. 2. Lake Days parade and table at Saywell Park, Saturday, June 10th, 2017: Tamu Miles agreed to wear the Oxford costume; Mike Patrick is arranging the CLRSS table at Saywell Park; Rosemary Danaher will sell CLRSS items and Judy Brayden will sell raffle tickets. 3. Lakeshore property and the possibility of future logging: Diana Gunderson has received a response from Teal Jones on comments provided by CLRSS on the proposed forest stewardship plan that includes the Lakeshore property. We agreed that there were insufficient details about what was to be logged, where and when to make the proposal acceptable. No logging will take place until the fall, if at all. We agreed to continue to be vigilant about this issue as Timber West has been contracted to prepare a harvest plan. 	<p><i>As of June 7th, the Lake Days parade and table arrangements have been confirmed.</i></p>
8:20	<p>New Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board Orientation: Leroy Van Wieren suggested that the new Board should meet asap. 2. The date of the July Board meeting has been changed to July 10th, as July 3rd is a holiday weekend. 3. Annual River Clean-up: Heather Pritchard with the assistance 	<p><i>As of June 7th, the Board orientation has been set for June 20th, at the home of Judy Brayden. Potluck is set for</i></p>

<p>of co-chair, Diana Gunderson, will chair the annual event.</p> <p>4. Area F Official Community Plan (OCP) input: Judy Brayden agreed to represent CLRSS in any meetings around the Area F OCP revision. As the future of forest lands is of importance to the CLRSS and as Area F is primarily F1 forest lands, we agreed that involvement in this process is important.</p> <p>5. The Shaw Creek estuary property proposal: After discussion the following motion was passed: RMS Leroy Van Wieren/Judy Brayden that CLRSS form an adhoc, single-issue committee to investigate other creative ways to save this critically important environment. CARRIED</p>	<p>5:00, meeting to follow.</p> <p><i>Further to this item, on June 7th, the following call out to members was made: As many of you are aware, Shaw Creek and its estuary are of paramount importance to the health of fish and wildlife on our lake. Currently, there is a proposal in front of the CVRD Board, in which some of the property owned near this estuary could be developed. CLRSS is seeking ideas from its members as to alternative uses of the land, with the clear goal of habitat protection and no development within this pristine and extremely important eco-system. The Task of the committee will be to determine if there are any ways that we can protect Shaw Creek from any and all development. Members will brainstorm ideas, follow up and plan actions.</i></p> <p><i>Skills required: willingness to engage with creativity and dedication for the preservation of this property. Contact:</i></p>
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		<i>Leroy Van Wieren (250) 709-7308 or Ivanw@shaw.ca by June 15th.</i>
	RM Mike Patrick that the meeting be adjourned.	
	<p>Important upcoming dates:</p> <p>June 20th Board Orientation, 5:00 at the home of Judy Brayden</p> <p>July 10th Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room. All members and visitors are welcome!</p> <p>August 20th CLRSS Annual River Clean-up</p> <p>August 27th Annual Lower River Clean-up</p>	

Appendix 1: CLRSS Treasurer's Report as of May 31st, 2017

	CASH in Bank	Cheques / Transfers	Available Cash
<u>CLRSS General account</u>	4,097.00		
cash to be deposited	388.00		
			4,485.00
<u>Earmarked Funds General</u>			
for salmon fry	-1,934.21		
			\$2,550.79
<u>CSSP account</u>			\$1,178.50
		Total cash available from both accounts	\$3,729.29
<u>Bursary Total</u>			\$2,116.71