

Minutes CLRSS Board of Directors and interested CLRSS members

Monday, October 2nd, 2017

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

The secretary will edit as needed in the minute-taking process

In attendance: Board members: Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Mike Patrick, Heather Pritchard, Maureen Qusted and Ken Traynor. CLRSS members: Lois Atchison, Bee Greenway, Lyle Kuchmak.

Guests: Rodger Hunter, honorary CLRSS member

Absent with regrets: Leroy Van Wieren, Tamu Miles, Tom Rutherford (CWB)

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. While all opinions may influence decision-making, only Board members may move/second or vote on motions.

Time	Item	Actions (What, By Whom and When)
6:30	Adoption of the agenda: RMS Rosemary Danaher/Diana Gunderson that the agenda be adopted as printed. 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: RMS Judy Brayden/ Maureen Qusted that the minutes of September 11 th , 2017 CLRSS meeting be accepted as amended. CARRIED	
	<i>The agenda order has been altered for this meeting in the hope that important Old and New Business items may be given priority. Feedback on the changes welcome.</i>	
6:40	Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business: 1. Annual River Clean-up Debrief – Heather Pritchard reported that the organizers met to discuss the event. It was a success. We raised over \$2300 on the day. People were pleased with the 100 plus attendance and the interest shown. However, we discovered that the liability waiver that we had historically used was not valid in any of the previous clean-up events. We discussed whether or not we should we have a lawyer review our Board of Directors' liability insurance. It was noted that the CWB will be investigating a policy and we may be able to be included. Updates will be forthcoming. A recommendation was made that the 2018 RCU team be organized in January of 2018. The task of writing the "thank you" letter to the sponsors that regularly goes into the press, will be completed with thanks, by Rosemary Danaher and Lois Atchison. RMS Diana Gunderson/ Mike Patrick that the Executive seek advice about the type and scope of insurance that our society should purchase, before we undertake any	Judy will put this item on the next

<p>further off-site activities. CARRIED NOTE: Any undertaking should be considered in light of the previous comment about the CWB.</p> <p>2. Lakeview property update - Heather Pritchard reported that she spoke to Dalton and Jennifer (CLEC), who said that they would be keeping us in the loop. Heather will meet with Aaron Hamilton asap. Diana advised that Sonia Furstenau should be apprised of developments as they arise.</p> <p>3. Shaw Creek update – Heather Pritchard, Tamu Miles and Leroy Van Wieren had a telephone conversation about the proposed media campaign. Unfortunately, since that time, Tamu Miles has had to resign her position on the board due to demands in the rest of her busy life. It was also noted that the proponents have withdrawn their application.</p> <p>Heather outlined that the media campaign. The problem was always the timeline. The overarching strategy would be 1.) to prepare and distribute information about the educational aspect of the work of CLRSS; 2.) to prepare and distribute messaging regarding Shaw Creek that would be factual (ie: history of the area, fun facts about the environmental value, etc.).</p> <p>NOTE: Rodger Hunter was able to report the historic meeting of representatives from the Nature Conservancy and from the Heritage Conservation Fund. At that time they deemed that the area was too small for them and that if there was crown land attached, there would be more interest. At that point, the notion of “ownership” of crown land then became the issue.</p> <p>Parker agreed to write articles that reflect the first goal above with the assistance and content provided by Leroy Van Wieren, Heather Pritchard and Judy Brayden.</p> <p>4. Deferred Executive Committee from July – The following motion was deferred until Leroy Van Wieren can be in attendance. RMS Judy Brayden/Heather Pritchard that the Amended 2017 Strategic Plan be adopted as printed.</p> <p>5. Report on the recent Salmon and Mushroom Festival – Mike Patrick reported that the event was not well attended. The few people who were engaged contributed it meaningful conversations.</p> <p>RMS Rosemary Danaher/Judy Brayden that in 2018 we do not register for the 2018 Salmon and Mushroom Festival. After discussion, motion was withdrawn. The members felt that the conversation should be undertaken closer to next year’s event. There was a suggestion that information tables such as ours may not be included in the festival next year.</p> <p>6. Report on the recent River’s Day Celebration – Rosemary Danaher reported that the event was a great deal of effort and many activities</p>	<p><i>Executive meeting agenda.</i></p> <p><i>Parker Jefferson agreed to write articles that reflect the first goal above with the assistance and content provided by Leroy Van Wieren, Heather Pritchard and Judy Brayden.</i></p>
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	<p>were well received and attended. This ``one-off`` event was funded by grant money from Canada 150 funds. There were some <i>general recommendations for such events in the future</i>: using two tents side by side should the weather be inclement; the site may need grooming so be prepared with the necessary equipment; 4 people are needed to raise and lower the tents; 1.5 hours are needed for set up; whenever possible, arrange for the cross pollination of ideas by engaging the other table participants (need at least 3 people at the table in order to facilitate this).</p> <p>Organizer, Genevieve Singleton subsequently reported the following: On Saturday, Sept. 30 2017 Cowichan Tribes and the Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable hosted a celebration event for our Heritage river to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation and the importance and value of this Canadian Heritage River. A grant supporting this event was provided by Heritage Rivers Canada. At a beautiful riverside site on Cowichan Tribes land about 500 people attended the event to honour our river and the hundreds of volunteers dedicated to protecting it. Activities included kayak and canoe demonstrations; dozens of kids got to paddle in boats provided. There were bird talks, nature walks and wonderful displays from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on the life cycle of salmon. Traditional spear fishing was demonstrated and DFO demonstrated salmon fry monitoring to fascinated crowds. Many of our younger citizens enjoyed the games and hands on activities that included creating their very own salmon art. There was a fascinating display from the local Raptors Centre where we spectators could get up close to an owl, vulture and a kestrel. There were displays of weaving and cedar work as well as information booths from several NGOs, including CLRSS, and Catalyst Paper, the region’s largest employer. Oxford the Otter attended to the joy of everyone. Local MP Alistair MacGregor, MLA Sonia Furstenau and former Federal fisheries Minister David Anderson, who was instrumental in getting the Heritage designation for the Cowichan, all spoke to the gathering. Many Cowichan Tribes Elders attended and enjoyed the day.</p> <p>NOTE: Lyle Kuchmak suggested that we have an annual calendar of events so that members can better plan their yearly commitment. Judy Brayden agreed to prepare this for the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Judy Brayden agreed to prepare this for the next meeting.</i></p>
<p>7:15</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Ken Traynor (see Appendix 3 below) The Landowner Education group has indicated that they will need money from time to time and that they would appreciate the line item remain in the budget and the statement.</p> <p>RMS Maureen Quested/Rosemary Danaher that the funds allocation formula previously agreed upon be revised to 25% of all funds raised be earmarked for the Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary and the be allocated to general funds.</p>	

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	RMS Ken Traynor/DG that the treasurer’s report be adopted as printed. CARRIED	
	7. Correspondence Received – Judy Brayden reported that a letter was from member, Joe Saysell, to the Right Honorable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. (See Appendix 2 below). This was written to support the need for enforcement of environmental violations in the region.	
	8. Fundraising Report – Maureen Quested reported that the Beer N Burger Night is well underway but that we need to have the Board work to sell more tickets.	
	9. Retail Sales Report – Rosemary Danaher reported that this month our gross sales were \$155. Our profit was approx. \$50.70 She will on the actual cost of the bumper stickers at a later.	
	10. Thank you cards - Rosemary Danaher card sent to Christine and Brent on their marriage.	
	<p>11. Strategic Plan Committee Reports - Due to length of meeting agenda, Nil reports may be recorded.</p> <p>A. Regional Meetings:</p> <p>a.) Stewardship Roundtable – Parker Jefferson reported that the main item on the recent agenda was “Airshed awareness” and monitoring; there is a high proportion of respiratory illnesses in Duncan; bad air days equates to increased admissions to the Duncan Hospital. See purpleair.com for statistics.</p> <p>b.) Cowichan Watershed Board - Tom Rutherford was absent with regrets; Rodger Hunter reiterated that the Cowichan is a great stewardship place. This week 2.7 million dollars was granted from the DFO Stewardship Research Fund towards work in the Cowichan Valley (estuary, Stoltz, the CSSP). He reported that the CVRD is undertaking a structured decision-making process. There is an important Cowichan Water Use Plan Open House on October 23rd, 2017 from 5:30 – 8:30 at the Youbou Hall.</p> <p>B. Community Involvement:</p> <p>a) Education and Communications Committee – Leroy Van Wieren NIL report</p> <p>b.) Membership - Mike Patrick reported that the prorated membership fee is now \$8.00. We now have 84 members. The year to date volunteer hours 1000+.</p> <p>c.) Website – Mike Patrick reminded us to remember to put the URL on all publications.</p> <p>C. Land Stewardship:</p> <p>a.) CSSP - Jean Atkinson and Diana Gunderson reported that they met with Craig Wightman this week; Craig has asked that we carefully consider the number of Landowner Education surveys that we are prepared to do. There was a commitment to have two meetings with Craig annually (one in the spring and one in the fall); we are going to have at least two tours per year; we will have more work parties with CLRSS volunteers; Parker reported that he had a helpful and meaningful conversation with stewards around an egregious violation on Greendale Road.</p>	

	<p>Motion re: membership – Judy Brayden deferred due to lack of time.</p> <p>D. Water Stewardship:</p> <p>a.) Water monitoring – Bee Greenway reported that 15 water samplings have been carried out this summer. This was a particularly pleasant summer for water temperatures.</p> <p>b.) Stream signage – George DeLure was not in attendance but Lyle Kuchmak reported that all of the signs have been maintained; the Utility Creek sign still requires some maintenance/repair.</p> <p>RMS Maureen Queded/Diana Gunderson that the above reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED</p>	
	<p>New Business:</p> <p>A. The Vancouver Island Lamprey Project: Diana Gunderson reported that Jo Wade will be making a presentation to the next CLRSS Board meeting. She is undertaking a Citizen’s Science Project, that CLRSS may very well be interested in. A one-page background sheet will be forthcoming before the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>Judy Brayden will distribute to the regular attendees when this is received.</i></p>
8:50	<p>RMS Judy Brayden that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Important dates:</p> <p>Saturday, October 14, CLRSS Beer and Burger fundraiser – Jake’s at the Lake, 5:30 – 9:30</p> <p>Monday, November 6th, 2017 – 6:30 Country Grocer Meeting Room</p> <p>NOTE: We are unable to use the Country Grocer Meeting Room for our February 2018 Board meeting. We will have to make alternative arrangements.</p>	

Appendix 3 – Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer's Report as at Sept 27, 2017					CLRSS 2017/18 Financial Report Budget to Actual						
			CASH	Cheques/ Transfers	Available Cash	Report Date			9/27/2017		
			in Bank			Current	Cash Position	\$9,101.79			
CLRSS General Account			6,422.73					Budget	Actual		
to be deposited						COD E	Category	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses
						4100	Memberships	1000		1190	
			6,422.73			4110	Donations	2500		3157.3	
Earmarked funds General Account						4200	Sales	1000		380	
	for salmon fry rescue		1,934.21			4460	Misc. Revenue	2000		1702.3	
								6500	4965	6429.6	2049.2
CSSP Account						5270	Signs		500		0
Total Cash Available for CLRSS Activities						5300	Supplies		200		0
Bursary Account Total						5610	Accounting		100		100
Comments:						5625	BCLSS Fee		50		0
						5630	Society Fees		35		30
						5640	Printing Costs		700		216.3
						5650	Purchase for Sales		800		377.98
						5685	Insurance		600		0
						5690	Bank Charges		30		11
						5700	Office Expenses		550		155.57
						5710	Legal				0
						5730	Courses & Mtgs		300		141.02
						5735	CSSP Activities		1000		192.37
						5740	Misc. other		100		824.96