

Minutes of the CLRSS Board of Directors and interested CLRSS members

Monday, January 8th, 2018

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, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Mike Patrick, Heather Pritchard and Ken Traynor. CLRSS members: Sandy Cumming, Ian Morrison, Lyle Kuchmak and George DeLure

Guests: Cowichan Valley, Tom Rutherford CWB

Absent with regrets: Leroy Van Wieren, Maureen Quested, Genevieve Singleton, Kerry Davis, Bee Greenway, Lois Atchison, Rodger Hunter, Rosemary Danaher.

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 DG/ MP 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: (attached with this agenda package) RMS Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that the minutes of December 4 th , 2017 CLRSS meeting be accepted as amended. CARRIED	Judy Brayden will send the amended minutes out with the DRAFT minutes of this meeting.
	<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>	
	Land Stewardship moved in order to respect time commitments CSSP - Jean Atkinson and Diana Gunderson. At an earlier meeting Christine Brophy confirmed 2 more site have been identified for restoration in 2018; Ken Traynor reported that subsequent to this afternoon's Landowner Education committee meeting, the CSSP Landowner Education team will survey those lots lying passed the end of the Youbou Road in the hopes of gathering 20 more completed CSSP surveys; work will begin on this at the end of January; in future we will be identifying larger target areas in sensitive environmental areas that could be approached as a larger	Diana Gunderson will contact Christine Brophy; Ken Traynor will follow up on the funding opportunities

	<p>piece and from the view of the water. Ken reported that he is prepared to attend the Greenshores adjudicator training; (\$485 for 2-day workshop in February at BCIT); Area F Director and the CWB are able to give us some funds to offset the cost of this workshop.</p> <p>RMS: Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that CLRSS send two members to the level 2 Greenshores’ auditor training workshop. Ken Traynor and Christine Brophy were identified. CARRIED</p>	<p><i>mentioned at the meeting.</i></p>
	<p>Cowichan Watershed Board: moved in order to respect time commitments</p> <p>Tom Rutherford presented an overview on Cowichan "aquatic and environmental values" that he was asked to give to the Public Advisory Group (PAG) of the Water Use Planning Process (WUP). The water use plan is a clearly defined, science-based "ask" for water storage in the lake; it includes a structured decision-making process that is inclusive – social licence; this WUP will all be attached to a water licence application; this process is familiar to the FLNRO; there is a steering committee (CT, CVRD, CWB); there are technical steering groups as well; the final recommendation regarding optimum water storage will be forthcoming from the Public Advisory Group (PAG) in the spring of this year.</p>	
	<p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue of Insurance - Ken Traynor reported on two estimates for the cost of liability insurance. The quote from our current insurance provider could be an annual premium of \$750 - \$1200. <i>Under our Wing</i> insurance quoted \$440 + \$600 + membership in society, looking like \$1200–\$1500 per year for 2 m. general liability insurance. Ken will report back asap. 2. Petition regrading DFO funding (see Appendix 3 below). Two people indicated that they had signed this petition. 3. Lakeview Park update – Diana reported that the logging has been completed; it has not yet been assessed and the cut appears to be smaller than originally suggested. Photos are available. 4. Shaw Creek update – Ian reported that the status is as it was; the proponent is still undertaking amendments to the plan. 5. Meeting location for the February 5th, 2018 Board Meeting RMS Judy Brayden/Diana Gunderson that we book the back room at Jake’s for our February meeting. 6. Submission to provincial government review of professional reliance – Heather Pritchard suggested that that we have two areas in which we can comment: the cut in Lakeview and our experience with the RAR. There is an opportunity for the general population to provide input. <p>RMS Judy Brayden/Mike Patrick that CLRSS write a submission to the Professional Reliance Model review. CARRIED.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Strategic Plan – Ken Traynor briefly reported on their subcommittee’s work; Jean and Ken will send Heather their work. The meeting agreed that we need to continue this work. 	<p><i>Ken Traynor will continue the search.</i></p> <p><i>Heather Pritchard will draft a letter that will become part of this submission.</i></p> <p><i>TR will email us the online poll.</i></p> <p><i>Heather Pritchard will review the Strategic Planning work and suggest</i></p>

		<i>a follow-up meeting.</i>
7:15	Treasurer's Report – Ken Traynor (see Appendix 1 below) RMS Ken Traynor/Parker Jefferson that the treasurer's report be adopted as printed. CARRIED	
	Correspondence Received – (See Appendix 2 below)	
	8. Fundraising Report – Maureen Queded NIL report	
	9. Retail Sales Report – Rosemary Danaher NIL report	
	10. Thank you cards - Rosemary Danaher NIL report	
	11. Strategic Plan Committee Reports - Due to length of meeting agenda, Nil reports may be recorded. A. Regional Meetings: a.) Stewardship Roundtable – Tom Rutherford briefly reported on the December meeting. B. Community Involvement: a) Education and Communications Committee – NIL report b.) Membership - Mike Patrick reported that we now have 91 members. c.) Website – Mike Patrick - NIL report C. Water Stewardship: a.) Water monitoring –NIL report b.) Stream signage – George DeLure – the committee is developing a plan for future sign installations. George was advised to contact other groups to coordinate signs on the west side of the lake. RMS Ken Traynor/Parker Jefferson that the above reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED	<i>Judy Brayden will draft a form letter for the Project Manager to use in order to ensure that property owners who are taking part in the 2018/19 CSSP, are encouraged to become members paying the full yearly amount.</i>
	New Business: A. Changes to the Navigation Protection Act - Diana Gunderson reported that the Cowichan River has been nominated for inclusion in the navigation protection act. B. Selection of river clean-up lead as the committee recommended assigning this task in January. Heather Pritchard declined the nomination. Heather suggested that she contact Leroy Van Wieren about this position. C. Lamprey Project – Ken Traynor reported that the traps are being distributed to the 6 participants.	<i>Diana Gunderson and Ian Morrison will investigate the possibility of inclusion of the Cowichan Lake in the nomination process.</i>
8:50	RMS Diana Gunderson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.	
	Important dates: February 5 Board Meeting at Jake's at the Lake in the back room. Meet for dinner at 5:00; meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m. March 5 Board Meeting Spring Break SD 79 March 19 – 23 March 31 CLRSS Year end	

Appendix 1: Treasurer`s Report from CLRSS Treasurer, Ken Traynor

	CASH in Bank	Cheques	Available Cash
CLRSS General Account	8,047.80		8,047.80
to be deposited			
Earmarked funds - for salmon fry rescue			1,934.21
			\$6,113.59
CSSP Account			\$2,679.96
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities from both Accounts			\$8,793.55
Bursary Account Total			\$3,850.99
Comments:			

CLRSS 2017/18 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 1/2/2018							
Current	Cash Position	\$10,727.76					
Revenue				Expenditures			
CODE	Category	Budget	Actual	CODE	Category	Budget	Actual
Total	Revenue	6500	12,345.82	Total	Expenditures	5465	6,339.45
4100	Memberships	1000	1,302.00	5270	Signs	500	0
4110	Donations	2500	3,237.30	5300	Supplies	200	42.71
4200	Sales	1000	570.00	5610	Accounting	100	100
4460	Fundraising	2000	7,236.52	5625	BCLSS	50	0
				5630	Society Fees	35	30

				5640	Printing Costs	700	357.81
				5650	Purchase for Sales	800	639.69
				5685	Insurance	600	816.93
				5690	Bank Charges	30	19
				5700	Office Expenses	550	255.57
				5710	Legal		0
				5730	Courses & Mtgs	300	141.02
				5735	CSSP Activities	1000	192.37
				5740	Misc. other	100	2060.85
					Scholarship Fund	500	1,683.50

Appendix 2 Correspondence:



Cowichan Watershed Board

January 2, 2018

Leroy Van Wieren
Chair
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Re: Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society Support to Cowichan Watershed Board

Dear Leroy,

Just short note at the beginning of a new year to express my thanks for the support that the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society have provided to me and the work of the Cowichan Watershed Board. As you know, I think that maintaining a close working relationship between the CLRSS and the CWB is important to both organizations and assists us all in working towards realizing our common goal of a healthy Cowichan watershed supporting a healthy community. The Cowichan Watershed Board does not operate in a vacuum and our work is made much easier through the engagement and support of organizations like the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society. Working collectively, I am convinced that we will continue to demonstrate what leadership in local water/watershed stewardship, management and governance looks like in British Columbia moving forward.

Looking forward to continuing to work closely with you in the future - all the best in 2018!

Sincerely,

Tom

Tom Rutherford
Executive Director
Cowichan Watershed Board

cc. Chief William "Chip" Seymour
Mayor Jon Lefebure
Mayor Ross Forrest
Ian Morrison
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Appendix 3: Petition Request

CLRSS DRAFT Board Meeting Agenda for January 8, 2018

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As you know, funding meaningful conservation projects to protect fish, fish habitat and fisheries is costly. In recent years, Fisheries and Oceans Canada has operated the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPP) which “supports recreational fisheries habitat restoration projects led by angling/fishing groups, conservation organizations and Indigenous groups to rebuild and rehabilitate fish habitat in Canada”. This program has been accessed by many groups and has provided significant core funding, up to \$250,000 per group per year. Next year is the final year of funding for this program.

An online e-petition to extend this important funding program was initiated by colleagues at a local river association (the Sackville Rivers Association), and it has been sponsored by MP Darrell Samson (Sackville—Preston—Chezzetcook).

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details...>

This is an official government of Canada online e-petition. Once the clerk of petitions receives 500 signatures, the petition must be presented at the house of commons, eliciting the tabling of an official government response to the request.

Please consider signing this petition to extend funding in support of recreational fishing in Canada and consider circulating to anglers, conservationists and those concerned with recreational fisheries in Canada.

All the best,

Eddie Halfyard

P.S. - More info re: government of Canada e-petitions can be found at:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Home/About>
