

Minutes for the CLRSS Board Meeting

Monday, November 5th, 2018

6:30 p.m. at Country Grocer Meeting Room.

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

In attendance: Board members: Jean Atkinson, Chantelle Carden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson, Lyndon Keeping, Parker Jefferson, Mike Patrick, Ken Traynor and Leroy Van Wieren. CLRSS members: Lois Atchison, Rick Bryan, Peter Noble, Genevieve Singleton, Guests: Tom Rutherford, Ian Morrison, Marion Lightly, and Mary Scott

Absent with regrets: Judy Brayden, Rodger Hunter, Bee Greenway, Maureen Qusted, Joe Saysell,

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.

Agenda: RMS Mike Patrick/Rosemary Danaher that the agenda be adopted as printed/amended. CARRIED	Action: What? By Whom? By When?
<p>Introductions of members with reminder about our meeting conduct guideline.</p> <p>Using the Fourfold Way we:</p> <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. 	
<p>Minutes of the previous meeting: RMS Diana Gunderson/Lyndon Keeping that the minutes of the October 1st, 2018 CLRSS Board meeting be accepted as printed. CARRIED</p>	
<p>Cowichan Watershed Board: Tom Rutherford, CWB Executive Director</p> <p>Tom Rutherford updated on the CWB's meeting they had last month. with the Minister's Haymond and Donaldson with attending MLA, Sonia Furstenau, and MP, Alistair Macgregor, and senior operational and political staff also attended. Watershed board was given an hour for the meeting, which had positive outcomes and the CWB group was impressed with Minister Donaldson, who expressed his understanding of the importance of a functioning river. Tom prepared a 15-minute overview for the meeting on the historical work that has been done and pushed the following themes: this is what reconciliation looks like, this is what climate change looks like, the theme of salmon sustainability and the southern orca pods. The "ask" was for the Province to hold the conservation water license associated with increased water storage and for financial support for construction of the new weir. Donaldson came prepared with notes and questions and the Ministers committed to a follow up meeting where they will bring some options for discussion to the table regarding holding the license and the financing (as it is at \$15 million project). MP Alistair MacGregor attended on the phone and expressed strong support for the project November 29 is the next meeting on this issue to hear options from the Ministry. Tom expressed the following concerns: we are looking for something that doesn't fit within the current policy framework as the province, as regulators, don't want the license or the associated liability. Chief Seymour said they can hold the license if the province</p>	

<p>holds the liability, yet First Nations don't hold licences in BC and this wouldn't fit into current policy framework either.</p> <p>New chair of the board from the CVRD will need to be briefed on the upcoming meeting. The meeting is looking optimistic as the ministers are looking for solutions thanks to the work of all the partners of the river and watershed in previous years (including the Weir Ready Campaign). BC Freshwater Alliance is having a meeting this week, and Minister Donaldson will be speaking on partnerships with the Cowichan Valley and Nikola Valley.</p> <p>Ian Morrison followed up with an update on the upcoming chair of the CVRD, who will automatically become the chair of the Watershed Board. The CVRD Chair will direct two members to sit on the board and the co-chairs will appoint members at large. The time for studying and analyzing a new weir is done and the focus will be on the next steps for grant funding for capital expenses, financing and the liability (catastrophic failure to the weir, compensation once the issue is resolved, and operations and maintenance cost, which may be assumed by Catalyst Paper Mill) and licensing. After 30 days of passing the bylaw, this will not be brought back to the CVRD for reconsideration.</p> <p>Keep in mind, there is no service function; however, there is a vote for a bylaw that has yet to be adopted where 8 votes are still needed for this bylaw to be adopted. In addition to a number of areas did vote against the watershed function may change this outcome. Bylaw vote will be either on November 14 or 28.</p> <p>Suggestion was brought up that representatives from NGOs go to the inaugural meeting on November 7 at 6:30 and sit in the gallery to carry a strong message to the new board to show concern for the future of the watershed.</p> <p>Ken Traynor expressed the need for communication to roll out once this solution comes into the public, focusing on positive messaging and solutions based through a public champion who can help make the case at this end of the Lake.</p> <p>Tom Rutherford expressed the idea that he and the CWB is conscious of the fact they don't want to get too far ahead of the CVRD on this with the new board coming in, but they also want to keep the momentum going to accomplish this work, as the CVRD is the most well positioned group to receiving a grant.</p>	<p>1) Ken Traynor to attend the CVRD inaugural meeting on November 7 to represent CLRSS. Anyone that wants to join contact Ken Traynor.</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:</p> <p>1) Annual River Clean-up: Date has been tentatively set as Sunday, August 18th, 2019, pending the final decision by the new Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan. Need to confirm with new council on new date and location (Central Park) of the Annual River Clean-Up. Start early discussions and river/tubing conversations in early 2019 (around February 2019).</p> <p>2) CVRD Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Establishment Bylaw: debrief.</p> <p>If bylaw is implemented under new council, Kate Miller said year one would be developing an approach on how the service would be used. Ken Traynor mentioned a number of the watershed groups of the district came together a couple of times to meet and continue to meet to build a more formal collaboration moving forward and help shape how the CVRD function rolls out. Report back</p>	<p>2) Ken Traynor to report back with</p>

<p>from this meeting will be made by Ken Traynor as this group is meeting again on November 6.</p> <p>3) CLRSS State of the Lake report: debrief. Two-three days following the election they went into the mailboxes. 1852 of them went into mailboxes around Lake Cowichan. Ken Traynor has 1000 copies for additional community members.</p> <p>Consensus: Idea to expand our communication to new audiences and reporting back to constituencies on an annual basis as our strategic plan. Idea brought up to create a “Community Newspaper” through Canada Post which can be put into mailboxes for free. Idea to fundraise around this topic to increase our audience as this is a heavy expense.</p> <p>4) Gerald Thom Memorial Native Garden: update. Is this the actual name? Date from Jean Atkinson: Thank you to everyone who collected the leaves and mulch, next week: to remove the blackberry vine at the CLRSS at Jake’s on the Lake and spread mulch and leaves. Work Party dated on November 12 from 10am - 12.</p> <p>5) Regular CLRSS Report from the Area Directors: Diana Gunderson had previously suggested that we create a regular agenda item at which time the Area Directors would be given the opportunity to apprise us of upcoming development permit applications that could impact sensitive ecological areas.</p> <p>CVRD Website has a list of development permit application under development services page. Five development permit applications are listed for Area F and Area I. We need someone to keep an eye on that list and see if there is anything controversial and give us a way to ask our area representatives for an update.</p> <p>Ian Morrison expressed development permits are very specific things that even elected officials are reluctant to intervene on as they are based on the official community plan. Development permits are a different “animal” than development applications. The only reason a permit is refused is if they haven’t met the requirements of a permit. Important to monitor development applications.</p> <p>6) Mile 77 Park Plan: Jean Atkinson and Lynden Keeping if applicable. Jean’s Report: Picnic shelter will be built with a main idea to create two paths off the main path and create two natural beaches by clearing away vegetation to create a path to a natural path. Jean will keep us informed on further development.</p> <p>7) Committee Chairs: Report on meeting plans. (see Appendix 2 below)</p> <p>Education Committee Meeting Date: Call for a meeting in the next month.</p> <p>Communications: Will meet at the end of the month after the inaugural meeting with the CVRD and final vote on the referendum.</p>	<p><i>minutes from this meeting.</i></p> <p>3) <i>Work party on November 12 from 10am to 12pm</i></p>
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<p>8) Area Directors' Report on development that could impact sensitive ecological areas: This email was sent to CVRD Directors Kuhn and Morrison: Hello Ian and Klaus:</p> <p>Thanks for all the support that you have shown for the work of our society in its ongoing effort to raise awareness, educate and generally support environmental care of sensitive ecological areas around the Cowichan Lake and River shores. To that end, the CLRSS Board has agreed that we will be monitoring development permit applications in Areas I and F as they appear on the CVRD website. Should we have any questions or concerns about a specific application, we would then invite the pertinent Area Director to a subsequent Board meeting to address them. Of course we have always done this informally, and either or both of you have attended our meetings as you are able. This would formalize the process somewhat. Also, should either of you have an ecological issue that you wish to discuss with us, you would always be welcome to do so by simply contacting Ken or myself.</p> <p>Sincerely, Judy Brayden CLRSS Secretary</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report: Leroy Van Wieren (see Appendix 1 below) RMS Leroy Van Wieren/Diana Gunderson that the treasurer's report be adopted as distributed. CARRIED</p>	
<p>Fundraising Report: Maureen Quested Idea to have a Beer & Burger Night.</p>	
<p>Retail Sales Report: Rosemary Danaher</p> <p>Christmas Orders are recommended by Rosemary, phone or e-mail her to put an order in.</p>	
<p>Social Report: Rosemary Danaher</p>	
<p>Strategic Plan Committee Reports - Due to length of meeting agenda, NIL reports may be recorded.</p> <p>A. Regional Meetings:</p> <p>i.) Stewardship Roundtable: Ken Traynor Parker gave a recap on the salmon fry rescue report. Final number won't come out until later; however, numbers are positive for Chinook salmon, yet they are tending to be smaller in size (no conclusive evidence as to why). 500 returning adults in 2009 compared to 9000 to another 7500 this year. Flow management has a lot to do with this, especially during the critical spring time.</p> <p>Genevieve said Sonia Furstenau's assistant Maive McGuire, came to the meeting and expressed her support for the work done by the Roundtable. Next week's discussion will be on the Lake Cowichan Sewage outlet and use of underwater drones. Reminder that these meetings are held third Thursday of the month, which are opened to the public in the fish health building (1080 Wharncliff, Duncan) at 9am to noon. Genevieve will put anyone interested on the mailing list. Website: www.cowichanstewardship.com</p> <p>ii.) Education:</p> <p>iii.) Communications Committee: Chantelle Carden</p>	

- see updates for meeting later this month)

iv.) Membership: Mike Patrick

Remind everyone that membership is now \$8 for the year. Membership is around 90.

B. Land Stewardship:

i.) CSSP: Diana Gunderson and Jean Atkinson reported on the scheduled site visit

Diana's message from Craig from BCCF: We had 5 realtors come out to the CSSP tour on October 26 and went to 4 sites, all showed positive signs of growth, which received positive news from all attending realtors. An idea came forward for CLRSS to think about a second mini tour sometime soon with the new council and mayor.

Diana and Jean had a meeting with Craig in early October: Came to attention that more copies of the Maintenance manual need to be produced. Craig suggested that we write a little note to date the manual's logo. Idea is to produce more by January 2019 as per our schedule.

Idea: Judy make changes to text including the date on logo and Jean hand them out. Finalize this at Landowner education meeting.

Conversation Ken Traynor had with Sandy Stinson, she took a number of pieces to update her website of this work. Idea: when she makes a sale of anyone who is on the lake or river, we need to come up with a package to include to pass on to somebody who is a new owner on the shoreline. Impressive work and shows how much we need to report out on the work we do.

BCCF report: Emphasis of work put on in the park similar to the river and increase work around the river and approaching work in the river to approach land owners in the region.

ii) Landowner Education: Judy Brayden

a. Realtor Event: Ken Traynor

b. Stewardship signs: Leroy Van Wieren

c. CSSP Maintenance manuals: The deadline for completion of this is January 15th, 2019

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C. Water Stewardship:

i.) Water monitoring: Ken Traynor

Ken reported that now that the rainfall has increased, water monitoring will be starting every Tuesday. Leroy is leading the lake team, Rick and Ken will be to north shore, Roger Hunter and Barry Hetschko will be doing the south shore.

ii.) Stream signage: Wardroper Creek update.

Sign was lost at the Wardroper creek, will be updated and put up.

RMS Rosemary Danaher/Lyndon Keeping that the above reports be adopted as presented. CARRIED

<p>New Business:</p> <p>1) Sunscreen in our waters: Ken Traynor</p> <p>Idea that we need to understand the fresh water science, the question of alternatives and then communication around this. Lyndon to help with the science background on this over the next two or three months.</p> <p>Tom mentioned that the Watershed Quality Work Meeting is coming up this week and mentioned in addition to the research piece, that we need to see what is out there with respect to research on fresh water impact, the education piece (i.e. signage), and monitoring (so we know what is happening).</p> <p>We can have water samples and sub straight samples analyzed for oxybenzone (4 sample sites and sample those area 5 times). Looking at \$20,000-25,000 for funding that can be joint through a grant. Once we have the science and monitoring complete, we can work with retailers on promoting sunscreens that are oxybenzone free. Get additional funding for educational pieces under a joint grant. In addition, get money for a literature review for proper research to be done.</p> <p>Tom has an opportunity monthly to update on the Cowichan Tribes environmental committee – who are supportive of the project.</p>	<p>4) Lyndon to look into research on oxybenzone in fresh water over next 2-3 months.</p> <p>5) Lyndon and Ken as part of the committee (with Tom)</p>
<p>Adjournment: RMS Rosemary Danaher that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41p.m. CARRIED</p>	
<p>Important dates:</p> <p>December 3rd, 6:30 CLRSS Board Meeting 6:30 Country Grocer, Lake Cowichan</p> <p>December 2nd Christmas Party 4:30 at the Lake Cowichan home of Leroy and Marion Van Wieren</p> <p>Leroy to invite group at 4:30 on Sunday December 2. Judy sent out spreadsheet and what to bring. 9818 Miracle Way.</p>	<p>6) Anyone attending Xmas party to sign Judy's spreadsheet.</p>

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report

October 2018 Treasurer's Report			
	CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash
CLRSS General Account	13,277.36	0	13,277.36
to be deposited	0.00		
Salmon fry rescue funds			1,577.40
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities			\$11,699.96
Bursary Account Total			\$4,352.46
Comments:			

CLRSS 2018/19 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 31/10/2018			

Revenue				Expenditures			
COD E	Category	Budget	Actual	COD E	Category	Budget	Actual
Total	Revenue	7300	7,516.34	Total	Expenditures	7,700.00	3,883.94
4100	Memberships	1600	1,356.00	5270	Signs	500	0
4110	Donations	2600	2,068.30	5610	Accounting	100	0
4200	Sales	1000	450.00	5615	Public Information	500	179.55
4460	Fundraising Interest	2100	3,637.07	5625	BCLSS	50	50
		0	4.97	5630	Society Fees	100	125
				5640	Printing Costs	1000	0
				5650	Purchase for Sales	800	218.23
				5685	Insurance	1300	268.47
				5690	Bank Charges	30	12
				5700	Office Expenses	520	272.47
				5730	Courses & Mtgs	300	0
				5735	CSSP Activities	500	727.79
				5736	River CU	700	920.51
				5737	Fundraising Expenses	300	25
				5740	Misc. other	100	228.11
				5900	Scholarship Fund	500	500.00
				6000	Fry Rescue	400	356.81

Appendix 2: Standing Committee Structure Review – Updated October, 2018:

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