

# Minutes of the CLRSS Board Meeting

**Monday, August 12, 2019**

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

## In attendance:

**Board members:** Jean Atkinson, Christine Brophy, Rick Bryan, Chantelle Carden, Rosemary Danaher, Karen and Jim Deck, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Mike Patrick and Ken Traynor. CLRSS Members: Lois Atchison, Cate MacNeill.

**Guests:** Tom Rutherford, Lake Cowichan mayor, Rod Peters

**Absent with regrets:** Judy Brayden and Ian Morrison

**Note:** *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.*

<b>Agenda:</b> <b>RMS and CARRIED that the agenda be adopted as amended.</b>	<b>Minutes and Notes Here</b>
<p><b>Introductions of members with reminder about our meeting conduct guideline.</b></p> <p>Using the Fourfold Way we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respect each other by having just one speaker at a time</li> <li>• expect people to speak from the heart with passion</li> <li>• expect people to show up to solve problems and</li> <li>• expect people to speak without blame.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: Priority for this very, full meeting agenda: Items have been ordered so that ongoing and/or emergent issues are dealt with first. Reports have been ordered to respect the fact that some individuals have to leave early. We appreciate their time in this busy stewardship season.</b></p> <p><b>In an effort to reduce the meeting length, could report presenters please consider this guide: What is it that we all absolutely need to leave this meeting having learned from your report? Thank you.</b></p>	
<p><b>Agenda:</b>  <b>RMS and CARRIED that the agenda be adopted as printed.</b></p>	
<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting:</b>  <b>RMS Cate McNeill/Diana Gunderson that the minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CLRSS Board meeting be accepted as amended. CARRIED</b></p>	

**CSSP Report:** Christine Brophy, Project manager, Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project.



Christine and crew at Lake Keeper's workshop at Quamichan Lake.

**Marble Bay- good planting season. 1 more fry salvage. Future meeting with BCCF, Janet and Gavin Bowers**

**Items arising from the August Executive meeting:**

- 1) **RMS Lyndon Keeping/Ken Traynor that the following policy be recommended for Board ratification at the August CLRSS Board meeting (see Appendix 2 below) CARRIED**
- 2) **For Information Only:** The CLRSS will not be participating in the 2019 Youbou Parade.
- 3) **For Information Only:** The September Revisioning process has been postponed until a convenient and workable timeline for all stakeholders can be agreed upon; discussions with members of the Revisioning Committee has not yet been convened.
- 4) **For Information Only:** CLRSS Business turn-around time. In future, the secretary will request feedback by date in the future and hopes that the members will respect this request.
- 5) **Jet Ski issue on the Cowichan River:** (see Appendix 3 below)  
**RMS Judy Brayden/Lyndon Keeping that Ken Traynor write a letter to the Town of Lake Cowichan (and cc to the local detachment of the RCMP) reiterating our concern about the effects of motorized vessels in the lake/upper river in low water conditions. CARRIED**
- 6) **The RAPP line business cards:** Members may take a dozen or so cards for their use when environmental issues are reported to them.

**Item 2: No alternative plan was made for involvement in the Youbou Regatta days. Jill Thompson, from the CWB, will go and pass outdoor hangars on this day. Others suggested public places like Cassy's Coffee House, Grants, the pub, Shop and Save, the community center and the gas station. Ken Traynor and Tom Rutherford will follow up on this suggestion.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:**

- 1) **For Information Only:** The letter written to Aaron Frisby of the Tube Shack (See Appendix 4 below).
- 2) **For Information Only:** The Review of the Private Managed Forest Land Act (see PDF attached to agenda email)
- 3) **For Information Only:** The fundraising committee has agreed to cancel the Wine Survivor fundraising event originally scheduled for Sept. 15, 2019
- 4) **River Clean-Up report: Diana Gunderson** (attached to email agenda) Questions as needed.
- 5) **Gerald Thom Native Plant Garden dedication - 2:00 Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Saywell Park – all members invited to attend.**
- 6) **Fry Rescue:** Parker Jefferson (see Appendix 5 below).

**Item 6: Parker Jefferson reported that Robertson River and Sutton Creeks are still producing. Fry look good, 30,000 fry have been moved and rescue will continue to end of month.**

**Cowichan Watershed Board report and Weir Ready Campaign:** Tom Rutherford, CWB Executive Director

**Tom Rutherford reported that the pumping date is being pushed back to Aug 27-28.**

<b>CVRD Report:</b> Ian Morrison, CVRD Board Chair and Area F Regional Director	<b>NIL report</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> See Appendix 1 below <b>RMS Lyndon Keeping/Rosemary Danaher that the report be accepted as printed/distributed. CARRIED</b>	
<b>Communications/Education as needed:</b>	
<b>Landowner Education:</b> Ken Traynor – Lake Levels and Your Beach	Ken Traynor reported that Woodland shores, Creekside, Swordfern Way, Youbou Rd and Sa-seen-os Point presentations were very well-received.
<b>Fundraising Report:</b> Maureen Qusted	<b>NIL</b>
<b>Retail Sales Report:</b> Rosemary Danaher	Rosemary Danaher reported: \$11.58 profit
<b>Social Report:</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>Membership Report:</b> Mike Patrick reported that the July 31, 2019 total was 84 members.	
<b>Strategic Plan Committee Reports - Due to length of meeting agenda, NIL reports may be recorded.</b> <b>A. Regional Meetings:</b> i.) Stewardship Roundtable – Co-chair, Parker Jefferson <b>B. Land Stewardship:</b> i.) CSSP – See above <b>C. Water Stewardship:</b> i.) Water monitoring: Ken Traynor ii.) Stream signage – NIL report.  <b>RMS and CARRIED that the above reports be adopted as presented.</b>	Item C. Ken Traynor reported that 13 samples were taken from long weekend (Duck Pond to Greendale Trestle to Little Beach and outflow) were sent to ALS-global for analysis.  Results for residual sunscreen expected Aug 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019  FYI Informal tuber count Aug 4 <sup>th</sup> : 1278 tubes; 2086 tubes over August long weekend.  He commented that he saw very little garbage.
<b>Motion to Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.</b>	
<b>Important dates:</b> <b>September 9<sup>th</sup> Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</b> <b>September 28<sup>th</sup> Quw'ut'sun River Celebration 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b> <b>October 7<sup>th</sup> Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</b> <b>November 4<sup>th</sup> Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</b> <b>December 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular CLRSS Board Meeting – 6:30 Country Grocer meeting room</b>	

## Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report – Lyndon Keeping

July 2019 Treasurer's Report							
		CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash			
CLRSS General Account		12,828.66	1961.34	11,131.82			
to be deposited		264.50					
Salmon fry rescue funds				1,577.40			
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities				\$9,554.42			
Bursary Account Total				\$5,460.51			
CLRSS 2019/20 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 30/06/2019							
Revenue				Expenditures			
CODE	Category	Budget	Actual	CODE	Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Total</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8500</b>	<b>6,003.60</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>5,322.92</b>
4100	Memberships	1300	1,252.00	5270	Signs	300	0
4110	Donations	2000	2,732.10	5610	Accounting	100	0
4200	Sales	590	625.88	5615	Public Information	1500	87.34
4460	Fundraising	4600	1,390.00	5625	BCLSS	50	50
	Interest	10	3.62	5630	Society Fees	125	190
				5640	Printing Costs	400	191.54
				5650	Purchase for Sales	400	983.18
				5685	Insurance	300	0
				5690	Bank Charges	25	3.15
				5700	Office Expenses	300	63.19
				5730	Courses & Mtgs	0	345.42
				5735	CSSP Activities	500	2152.76
				5736	River CU	1000	642.89
				5737	Fundraising Expenses	100	0
				5740	Misc. other	300	18.64
				5900	Scholarship Fund	800	238.00
				6000	Fry Rescue	300	356.81
					Gifted Apparel	0.00	0.00
					GT Memorial	500	303.66

					Garden		
					Website Update	1000	37.69
					Strategic Plan	500	0

## Appendix 2: CLRSS Policy on Acceptance of Donations/Sponsorships

### Background:

CLRSS appreciates in-kind contributions and/or monetary donations from individuals, local/regional businesses, and local/provincial/federal governments. These may be applied to the ongoing work and/or specific projects that CLRSS undertakes.

### Policy:

1. CLRSS retains the right to decline a donation.
2. CLRSS will view every donation with the same level of appreciation, regardless of the size or nature of the contribution.
3. CLRSS determines the use of any donation(s) or in-kind contribution(s).
4. Acceptance of donations does not in any way imply endorsement of the donor/corporation.

### Policy on Use of Donor logos by CLRSS:

5. Name(s) of individual(s) or corporate donors may be listed in CLRSS promotional information, at the discretion of the CLRSS and with the permission of the donor.
6. Multiple logos (used in promotional materials) will appear at a similar size and will be displayed in a similar manner, as determined by CLRSS.
7. No CLRSS program shall carry the sole name of an individual or corporation.

### Policy on Use of CLRSS Logo by Others:

8. Any use of the CLRSS logo and/or any description of the CLRSS and its activities by a business or other organization requires the written consent of the society

## Appendix 3: Jet Ski Issue

Good morning Mr. Traynor:

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the use of jetskis and powerboats on the upper part of the Cowichan River. My wife and I live on the part of the river adjoining the big pool. In the last year one of our neighbours has acquired two powerful jetski's. (approximately 250 hp) Even though for the most part they drive them at a slowish speed I wanted to report to you my observations of what this is doing to the river, especially as it is so low. As he is our neighbour if any action is or can be taken we would appreciate your discretion as we are friendly with them but are not familiar with the rules. (I believe there is a 7.5 hp limit below the Greendale Trestle) As you know for the most part the water on the river is beautiful and clear. When even one of these jetski's is taken up river (even at a slow speed) almost immediately the water, almost the width of the river, becomes completely cloudy. As you approach the line of travel of the jetski the amount of sediment in

the water is truly surprising. As you know once out of the big pool the depth of the river is very shallow. I am very concerned for the state of the fish eggs in the river bottom as they are almost certainly being displaced. It seems that if there are no regulations put in place this problem will only get worse, as there are now indications of people using the jetski's to ferry kids upriver to float down. I can only see this resulting in detrimental effects to the river and it's health. Can you tell me if there are any engine size limits in this area of the river, and/or if anything can be done? Thank you for your efforts!

#### **Appendix 4: Letter to Aaron Frisby of the Tube shack I Lake Cowichan**

Dear Aaron,

Firstly, we would like to state that we appreciate your collaboration and interest in the work of the CLRSS. Your involvement and support for our annual river clean-up and the Gerald Thom bursary has been important contributions. Moreover, we recognize your role as an educator on sunscreen use to many visitors of the river. Preserving this special watershed has to be a community effort.

This year, Cowichan Lake is approaching zero storage for the first time in its history, which means the river ecosystem and its associated wildlife is highly stressed. The fishery is being closed as of July 15 in an attempt to mitigate the stress that high temperature and low water levels have on the fish. Wildlife such as river otters, the Great Blue heron, kingfishers and mergansers, that depend on the river to live and raise their young are also particularly vulnerable this summer due to the low water levels.

In an effort for our society to carry out its due diligence with matters of the stewardship of the watershed, we would like to express our concern about the Guinness Book of World Records project that you are involved in. The acute increase in river traffic during the event could have a significant and irreparable impact on the river's wildlife. We ask you to reconsider hosting the event at this time. Such a gesture in support of the ecological welfare of the Cowichan River would be viewed favourably by many, perhaps resulting in a positive spinoff in your profile in the community.

Thank-you for your willingness to consider our concerns, and again for supporting the work of the CLRSS. We hope to be able to continue working with you to preserve this watershed for the future.

Sincerely,  
Ken Traynor  
CLRSS President

## Appendix 5: from the Discourse – Cowichan This Week

### Photo of the week.

*Every week I want to feature photos of Cowichan. If you have one you'd like to share, send the photo to [jacqueline@thediscourse.ca](mailto:jacqueline@thediscourse.ca) along with your name, when and where it was taken, and what you want to say about it.*



**Submitted photo:** Parker Jefferson

Volunteers with the Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society rescue young fish out of an isolated pool on the Robertson River for transport to nearby Bear Lake. In total this year, volunteers have moved 30,000 fish, Parker Jefferson, the society's vice president, tells me. Thanks, Parker, for the awesome photo and info.