

Minutes of the CLRSS Board Meeting
Monday, December 2nd, 2019
6:30 Lake Cowichan Country Grocer Meeting Room

In attendance: Board members: Chantelle Carden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Lyndon Keeping, Mike Patrick and Ken Traynor. **CLRSS Members:** Lois Atchison, Peter Noble, Rodger Hunter and Katharine Staiger. **Guests:** CWB Executive Director, Tom Rutherford, and Lake Cowichan Mayor, Rod Peters. Area F Director Ian Morrison **Regrets:** Judy Brayden, Jean Atkinson, Rick Bryan, Jim Deck, Karen Deck, Bee Greenway, Cate MacNeill, Maureen Quested

Item	Action: What? By Whom? When?
We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territories used by the Cowichan, Lake Cowichan and Ditidaht First Nations for centuries. We hope that our work together here today will make a positive contribution to our shared future in this valley.	
Motion to accept the agenda as presented/amended.	Moved and seconded by: Rosemary Danaher & Di Gunderson CARRIED
Motion to accept minutes of the November 4th, 2019 meeting.	Moved and seconded by: Parker Jefferson & Lyndon Keeping CARRIED
Treasure's written report: Lyndon Keeping.	See Appendix 1 below. Moved and seconded by: Lyndon Keeping & Mike Patrick CARRIED
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oliver Park a project of the Salmonid Society, BCCF and TLC Fire Department: Ken Traynor and Diana Gunderson 2. CSSP Update: Diana Gunderson, Jean Atkinson, Ken Traynor 3. Riparian infraction (Pine Point, Youbou property): Ken Traynor 4. Landowner Education: any update about Love Your Lake program? 5. Update on RCU response to misinformation about the contribution by VIMS to the annual River Clean-up: Ken Traynor and Diana Gunderson 6. 2019 CLRSS Re-visioning – Next step: Ken Traynor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diana Gunderson reported on recent mtg. Some planting done in Oct.; a Section 11 permit is in place for work until March Trail bldg.; work on hold while funding clarified may need to do more fundraising as FireSmart funds cannot be used. Group includes 2 school reps. Will hear when possible planting activities are proposed. 2. BCCF has hired Danny Swainson for the Coastal Restoration Project Work. We will meet with BCCF in new year about collaboration on lake front planting. 3. No report. 4. Judy Brayden and Katherine Staiger met with Caitlin McKenna (Sutton Group West Coast Realty) about working with realtors on shoreline issues and use of CLRSS video. Got referrals to 4 realtors. 5. See Appendix 2 below. 6. See Appendix 3 below. Ken Traynor reported on outcomes to date and plans for the planning committee to come to January mtg. with next steps report. Rodger Hunter spoke about the importance of us looking at “organizational

<p>7. Update regarding our Retail Sales agent: Rosemary Danaher</p>	<p>wellness” issues, not just programming. We need a dependable revenue stream; we should consider hiring part time staff as part of building our capacity.</p> <p>7. Rosemary Danaher reported our CLRSS Nov. sales were \$100 for profit of \$22.60. We requested permission to shop local and try a Vancouver Island embroidery business. We received our logo and it was sent to JustSew. T-shirt and hoodie order due January. At this point in time, the new embroidery supplier is competitive re prices and uses the same clothing brands we are accustomed to. Richmond business, Cowichan Embroidery, will continue to do our headgear. Postage extra.</p> <p>Get well card sent to Jean Atkinson, whose health is happily improving.</p>
<p>Stewardship Reports:</p> <p>1. Cowichan Watershed Board: Tom Rutherford</p> <p>2. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable: Parker Jefferson</p> <p>3. Other committee reports</p>	<p>1. Tom Rutherford reported on CWB activities. 1. Work on developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Koksilah River has started , FLNROD is working on a scoping exercise in collaboration with Cowichan Tribes. 2. Heather Pritchard is leading a review of the Targets set under the original Cowichan Watershed Plan for current relevance, success and possible updating. 3. A new Water Security Fund is being considered by the BC Gov't to fund watershed work province-wide. 4. Committee is starting work to develop an In-season water decision-making framework to guide Catalyst's operation of the weir. 5. Chum returns are below target of 160,000 at 100,000 this year but still much higher than any other river systems on the island. 6. The RFP for the Design of the Weir has been posted and in an excellent development, Leroy van Wieran has been hired by CVRD to be the Project Manager for the weir project and has started work.</p> <p>2. Parker Jefferson reported on the Sustainable Roundtable mtg - Coastal Invasive Species is doing a Knotweed survey throughout the watershed this fall; BC parks will be doing restoration work on the Cowichan River Footpath this year. A hybrid Chinook Coho cross has been identified in the Cowichan system. Fin clips done by Parker Jefferson and Bob Crandall over the last 4 years helped identify these fish. It is thought that drought induced low flows have altered Chinook run-timing leading to overlap with coho spawning.</p> <p>3. Ian Morrison reported on CVRD Board activities. Aaron Stone, the Mayor of Ladysmith, was elected as Board Chair for this year so Ian Morrison will no longer sit on the CWB.</p>
<p>New Business:</p> <p>1. Christmas Party update: FYI only Judy Brayden is reporting with thanks that several people responded to her email about assistance. The event is Sunday, December 15th from 3:00 –</p>	

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report – November, 2019

	CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash
CLRSS General Account	11,082.19	37.50	11,194.69
to be deposited	150.00		
Salmon fry rescue funds			1,577.40
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities			\$9,617.29
Bursary Account Total			\$5,832.33
Comments: Donation of \$150 to be deposited on behalf of Trish McAdie with 37.50 to be transferred into Bursary account.			

Appendix 2: Letter to the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of North Cowichan



**Cowichan Lake & River
Stewardship Society**

P.O. Box 907
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November 8, 2019

Re: The public was mis-informed by the Vancouver Island Motorsport Consortium (VIMS) regarding any Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society (CLRSS) involvement in the consultation process.

Dear Mayor Siebring,

It has come to our attention that statements were made at the public hearing on the VIMS facility rezoning application about our organization and this process. We are writing to you and through you to your council to set the record straight.

The **Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society (CLRSS)**, in compliance with the "CLRSS Policy on Donations/Sponsorship", did not accept a donation from the Vancouver Island Motorsport consortium, did CLRSS DRAFT Board Meeting Agenda – December 2nd, 2019 – Ken Traynor

not give them permission to use the CLRSS name, and do not endorse their expansion proposal. Acting on this issue, the CLRSS applied the following three principles from the "CLRSS Policy on Donations/Sponsorship":

1. CLRSS reserves the right to decline a donation.
An offer of a monetary donation by the VIMS consortium to the 2019 CLRSS Annual River Clean-up was declined. However, In response to VIMS we suggested that they could alert their staff to the opportunity to participate as volunteers, as we urge all valley residents who support our values to do.
2. Use of the CLRSS name or logo or any description of the CLRSS and its activities by a donor or donor organization requires the written permission of the CLRSS. Without our knowledge or permission the CLRSS name was used in a support statement for the VIMS expansion project.
3. CLRSS acceptance of a donation does not in any way imply endorsement of the values, actions or initiatives of the donor or donor organization.
Use of the CLRSS name in the promotion process was seen to imply our endorsement of the expansion initiative.

The Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society (CLRSS) was not involved, in any way, in the consultation process regarding the expansion of the VIMS facility.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Traynor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Traynor CLRSS President