

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

Board of Directors Meeting

April 03, 2012

1. **Call to order.** 6:35PM Members present: Clarence DenBok, Therese DesCamp, Margaret Hartley, Richard Johnson, Mike Lesnik. Members of the community present: Judy von Krogh, Henning von Krogh.
2. **Acceptance of the March 05, 2012 minutes,** as amended. M:Richard S: Margaret. Carried
3. **Acceptance of the agenda** as amended. M: Richard S: Clarence. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Lane) Clarence's recruiting drive has netted 15 new memberships which include two corporate memberships. Petty cash account:\$127.62; Water studies account: \$22 365.40 ; Operating account: \$5081.67; Fortis Grant: \$250.31 Special thanks to Wayne Schweitzer who did our tax report form. Motion: Margaret S: Richard *To accept the treasurer's report.* Carried. Motion: Mike S. Lane *Therese will write a letter of thanks to Wayne Schweitzer.* Carried.
5. **Old Business**
 - I. **BCLSS Conference.** the Board brainstormed a list of \$20-25 locally created gifts for presenters, and entertainment for Saturday evening. Mike will pursue this with BCLSS. Scholarships, reduced registration fees for high school and university students, and utilizing the 18 Redfish (UVic) students was also discussed. Motion: (Richard) *SLSS wil put forward \$500 for scholarships for Redfish and high school students to attend the BCLSS conference.* S: Clarence. Carried. *Clarence will also create a press release for the Valley Voice and E-mail the SLSS membership for sponsoring scholarships.*
 - II. **LMP Meeting.** Therese and Richard were invited to Nelson for the meeting of the Kootenay Lake Partnership, the stakeholders' group for the Kootenay Lake Management Plan. Noteworthy topics included the presence of the three levels of government in the LMP process, riparian zone clarification, and archaeological sites. The Slocan Lake was well represented by the SLSS and all three villages.Motion: (Richard) S: Clarence *Therese will write a letter to village attendees thanking them for their support.* Carried. SLSS presented a report on our work in the past 5 years to the KLP: we were informed that it is RDCK's intention that a plan for Slocan Lake will begin as soon as Kootenay Lake is completed. SLSS has submitted Community Initiatives grant proposals to the village councils of New Denver, Silverton, and Slocan City for \$10 000@, and is also requested \$19 000 from Area H, to pursue our 'visioning' process and establishing community values in preparation for our LMP process, which is anticipated to commence in 2013. Board members will attend the appropriate meetings during the next two weeks to present our request.

- III. Red Fish Updates** Richard and Therese met with Nadine Reynolds. There will be 18 students from this UVic-sponsored 300 level course. The students are in environmental and leadership studies. It was agreed that the students will: use a GPS to place disturbed sites on Slocan Lake, assist in setting up and taking down the BCLSS conference. In addition, six teams comprised of 2 Redfish students and 1 high school student knock on doors to 'pre-questionnaire' the communities with questions on: most valued attributes of Slocan Lake, concerns, and a vision of the lake in 20 years, or for their children.
- i. Hills Garlic Festival.** Tabled to May 01 meeting.
- ii. Creel News:** The surveys provide a baseline. This information will be presented at Lake Lies. Thanks to Clarence for pursuing and persisting.
- iii. Invasive Species.** Signs are now in! Thanks to Margaret.
- iv. Science Panel.** David DeRosa, Luce Paquin, Marcy Mahr have already indicated interest, and Margaret is waiting to hear from other local scientists. Margaret hopes to have this group formalized within the next month.
- v. CBWN Update** for May 10-11. Hilary and Richard are presenting on the topic of science and Lake Management Plans. Richard requested that another SLSS Board member attend, if possible.
- vi. Membership fees:** Tabled to September, 04, 2012 meeting.
- vii. Riparian Zone Guidelines.** Presently there is a lack of clarity and continuity concerning riparian zone and foreshore rules, regulations and guidelines. Area H has clear guidelines, but the villages require clarity in their guidelines. Lane and Therese are working with Moraia on wording of a brochure.
- viii. Website.** *Mike will check with Maggie re: the slocanlakestewardship.org url and where it has gone. Clarence and Margaret will develop some specific suggestions for our website audience.*
- ix. Communications.** Articles to Mike by April 24th. These will include, but are not limited to: Lane: foreshore/riparian areas and "being a volunteer"; Clarence: membership drive; Margaret: invasive species updates; Therese: LMP...what it is and where are we?; Richard: summaries of the water studies and including links; Mike: BCLSS conference, developing a calendar. *Mike will approach Kay Ryan about forming and producing the newsletter with an eye towards an early May release. Mike will speak with the Valley Voice to find the cost of an insert and/or a full page 'ad'.*

6. New Business

- I. **protocols**, process, etc. for posting, publicizing. What to post and/or broadcast? Tabled

to May 01 meeting.

- II. **Hospital effluent.** Therese communicated with IHA, who have told her that they don't regulate large outflow systems; therefore, they don't have copies of the reports on Slocan Lake Health Centre. Therese was directed to MOE and she will pursue.
- III. **Chamber of Commerce** has resolved to unanimously support the goals of the SLSS.
- IV. **Board Meeting in Slocan City** will be changed to an information session in Slocan City. The date for this is tabled to May 01 meeting.
- V. **Community Initiative Grant (CI) sessions.** Presentations need to be made and Richard will not be available. *Therese will E-mail the CI grant applications. Via E-mail, Therese will arrange for SLSS presentation coverage of CI grant proposals to the villages and Area H.* It is important for local Area H residents to go to Winlaw to vote on the CI grants on April 14.

7. Correspondance. Nil

8. Motion to Adjournat 9:35PM M: Mike S: Lane Carried

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 01, 2012, 6:30 PM at the Silverton Zion Church