

Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

Board of Directors Meeting

May 07, 2013

Zion United Church, Silverton, B.C.

1. **Call to order.** 6:34 pm. Members present: Clarence DenBok, Therese DesCamp, Sally Hammond, Margaret Hartley, Lane Haywood, Mike Lesnik. Absent: Bruce Cottingham
2. **Acceptance of the May 07, 2013 Agenda.** M: Lane S: Clarence Carried
3. **Acceptance of the April 02, 2013 Minutes,** as amended. M: Sally S: Lane Carried
4. **Treasurers Report.**
 - a. Motion (Lane): \$10 membership to the the Slocan Streamkeepers be approved. S: Sally. Carried
 - b. Motion (Lane): \$20 be provide to CMI conference presenters representing SLSS. S: Margaret. Carried
 - c. Motion (Lane) A donation of \$90 be made to the Zion United Church be made for SLSS use of the facility from April through September, 2013. S:Margaret Carried
 - d. Motion (Lane) Treasurers report be accepted. Operating: \$2308.01 Petty cash: \$96.04 Fortis: \$250.31 Water Account: \$15 606.30 S: Margaret Carried

5. **Old Business**

- a. Willa Mine Committee Report. Freedom of information act has resulted in more information released. Walter Popoff has requested a public meeting from the mining company. A full environmental assessment will be required if a full mining development occurs. The mining company has sent letters to five First Nations Bands. Our water testing results have been forwarded, and will continue to be forwarded to Glenn Hendrickson from the Ministry of Mining and also to the mining company.
- b. Tailing ponds in Sandon. (Note: informal conversation with Klondike Silver Mill & Mine-Jody Cliff) Water quality and acidity above and around the mill are annually tested by independent engineer, who sends the results to the Ministry of Mines. Water levels in the dykes (3 mine tailings ponds) are regularly monitored. Pond 'fines' test' as alkaline.
- c. Carpenter Creek is presently running muddy
- d. LMP: no report

- e. Newsletter due date: May 21 to Mike
- f. CMI conference May 10. *Sally and Therese presenting. Margaret setting up.* Mike attending
- g. Geezer Fish. *Mike will take over* from Richard and make the necessary arrangements if Richard does not wish to continue
- h. Wetlands Project with BCWF. Registration seats are available. Hunter Siding will be the site. Hills Firehall for the classroom. Working group will meet June 12. *Margaret and Mike will collaborate on an article* for the Valley Voice.
- i. Red Fish School of Change. May 17th barbecue at Nadine's. Sally, Lane, maybe Rayn will attend . May 16th, *Margaret will be working with* Lucerne and Redfish students. May 21 pot luck at Lesnik's who are supplying turkey. May 21st the Redfish students will present their results.
- j. Kootenay Lake Partnership (KLP) Report: Sally and Margaret. Future boat washing stations hoping to pair with boat pump out stations. Conservation and cultural values sites on Kootenay and Slocan Lakes are to be assessed by John Cathro (RPF) and Wayne Choquette. AHI is proceeding. DFO (Tola Cooper) via phone said the reorganization of DFO is still uncertain, but she will send out information on new contacts when available. Tola is leading a 'Standards' group which will make KLP Management plans a high priority. KLP public information sessions (7 open houses; 4 public, 3 targeted stakeholders) are being planned-Ryan will contact Therese re: Slocan Lake. Nicole Kapell (Ktunaxa Nation Council) says Cultural Values for Slocan Lake should be embedded in the Guidance Document; KLP likely funds.
- k. Slocan Streamkeepers AGM Report: Sally and Margaret. Jennifer Yeow presented a slide show on their work. There were 13 participants. The Lemon Creek entrance to the Slocan River has very cold water from its source, Sapphire Lakes. This makes it the best stretch of fish habitat i.e. bull trout, in Slocan River. Temperature monitoring on the river continues long term. Experimenting with various methods of effective bank restoration and wetlands continues.
- l. Imagine Results: SLSS positions/policies. SLSS values statement presents SLSS positions. The SLSS filter is the ecological impact upon the watershed. *Clarence will attempt to fine tune this statement.*
- m. Strategic Planning Document. Therese presented a synopsis of our collations, which were distributed yesterday. Therese highlighted the structure and priorities of the Strategic Planning session. *The Board is asked to:* read the Strategic Planning document, divide the objectives and "drill down" i.e. put timelines to these, especially in the areas that we each can work. Would like approval during our BOD June 04 meeting.
- n. SLSS Coordinator: tabled

- o. Summit Lake Stewardship Society: No report

6. **New Business**

- a. Website and password protocols. A file with SLSS passwords will be held. The treasurer will be keeping all official operational files. Margaret will continue keeping the official records.
- b. Rosebery Log Dump. Letters have been written by residents requesting repairs be made to the failing cribbing.
- c. FOI. Margaret met with Peter Roulston to discuss his list of concerns and had a good dialogue. Nakusp's new boat launch does not have a boat washing station. The crane is still in deep water in Rosebery Log Dump area. The SLSS Riparian Area Brochures will be sent to all realtors, electronically. The New Denver boat washing station needs to be moved, however, funds are not available presently, and may require further fund raising. All sturgeon sightings should be tallied by SLSS and annually reported to Fisheries Biologist Matt Neufeld. From the SIFCo AGM: A cut block has been approved above Vevey Creek Wetlands on Red Mountain this summer. Forester Tom Bradley plans several measures to ensure protection of the wetland.

7. **Correspondance**. One Email requesting the Imagine Project's website location

8. **Next Meeting**: June 04, 2013

9. **Adjournment**: 9PM