

**SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 3rd 2014, Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

6:35 pm

In attendance: Bruce Cottingham, Sally Hammond, Margaret Hartley, Therese DesCamp.

Absent: Angie Simpson.

Guests: Lorna Visser, Clarence DenBok.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Sally.

“that the Agenda be adopted as amended and followed herein” **Carried.**

3. DELEGATION/PRESENTATION

Lorna Visser congratulated the Board on the work completed so far on the Lake Management Plan. Lorna indicated that she and others were interested to know what the Board was planning as the next steps towards achieving a Lake Management Plan following the implementation of the Guidance Document. The Chair indicated that the Board intended to discuss that matter at its Strategic Planning review session scheduled for July. Lorna offered to volunteer in any capacity to support the Board as well as work on future initiatives towards a LMP.

4. APPROVAL OF THE 03/06/2014 MINUTES

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Margaret

“that the 03/05/14 minutes be accepted as amended.” **Carried.**

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Operating account: \$2479.62

Water studies: \$616.97

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Bruce.

“that the Lane Haywood Legacy funds be transferred from the General Operating Account to an appropriate Savings Account selected by the Treasurer” **Carried.**

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Sally.

“that the Treasurer will change the name of the ‘Water Studies Account’ to ‘Projects Account’ and will deposit the CBT grant for the Culture of Stewardship Project into this account.” **Carried.**

Moved: Sally. **Seconded:** Margaret

“that Bruce be reimbursed \$550 and \$106.40 for expenses incurred setting up the office and phone account.” **Carried.**

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Sally.

“that the Board ratify the motion passed by email vote to pay Moraia Grau the \$3915.15 still owing to her for completion of the Water Study Report.” **Carried.**

*Note: the cheque issued to M. Grau was written with an incorrect amount and a new cheque with the correct amount will be issued to her by the Treasurer.

Moved: Sally. **Seconded:** Therese.

“that the Treasurer’s report, as presented by the Chair, be accepted as read.” **Carried.**

6. OLD BUSINESS

6:1 SWAMP: The field team has been training in several sites and have done their first assessment work. Richard Johnson, Janice Arendt, and Verena Shaw have done some surveys in Bonanza and Hunter Siding, while working on a protocol for the Project’s bird assessments. BCWF (Neil Fletcher and Jason Jobin) delivered the loaned field equipment and guidebooks to Marcy Mahr at the SLSS office. The Exec, Committee will meet in the next couple of weeks.

6:2 Culture of Stewardship Project (CSP): The ‘iNaturalist’ program is set up with generous help from the Selkirk College GIS program. Users will also be able to access it from the SLSS website. The CSP committee is working on several summer programs and events: Centennial Park eco-story telling, advertizing I Naturalist, a kiosk at the Friday Market, “10 Things You Can Do” list and prize, beach clean-up and a weed pull.

6:3 Carpenter Creek: Lee Hesketh toured the creek, guided by Craig Pettitt and Hank Hastings and accompanied by Sally and Margaret. Numerous areas of sloughing or bank wash-out were noted between Three Forks and Sandon. He will be back working on the Slocan River in July and has committed to stop by again and do a survey/assessment when the water level is lower. Therese will coordinate with locals interested in stabilizing and restoring the Creek and arrange for them to work with Lee.

6:4 Gravity Sports FLNRO application: N/A.

6:5 Willa Mine: Discovery Ventures financing fell through, development on hold.

6:6 AWG: Invasives monitoring: CKIPC has funding (FWCP) for the milfoil survey in the region’s small lakes. In Slocan watershed, in order of priority, Summit, Wilson, Beaver, Fish and Bear, Slocan will all be surveyed if there are sufficient funds. The survey team may need to borrow a local boat with an electric motor. The Veliger Monitoring program will start in June. There will be a community invasives identification and boat washing workshop, location to be decided later. There is an ‘App’ (Report-a-weed). There are a few ‘Clean, Drain and Dry’ signs left from last year’s projects and may be installed at Beaver or Little Slocan Lakes.

AWG: 20 attendees. Disinfection, Border boat inspections (Crystal will take action), Data and Mapping (Ian Parfit/Selkirk-Biodiversity Atlas) and new maps viewed, Columbia River Basin Conference (in the U.S.), the need for Didymo signs, all discussed along with updates of activities from attendees. There are numerous upcoming FLNRO “treatment sites” only two of which will be treated with herbicides.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7:1 **Moved:** Bruce. **Seconded:** Therese.

“that the Board accept Daniel Hellyer’s letter of resignation with a reply of thanks acknowledging his contribution during his time as a Director.” **Carried.**

7:2 Discussion about which festivals and events the Board will commit to this summer. SWAMP is participating in Endless Adventures Slocan River boating weekend. SLSS will have a presence at Toadfest and Garlic Festival.

7:3 Therese and Bruce have a meeting set on June 13th to plan strategies going forward with the LMP.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8:1 Several email communications have been forwarded to the Board over the past month.

9. ORGANIZATIONAL HOUSEKEEPING

9:1 Appreciations: Andrea Katolic for the bookkeeping work she did for SLSS this winter; Richard Johnson for wrapping up the Water Studies Report; Ellen Kinsel for disc of photos she donated to SLSS. Thank you letters: Sally.

9:2 Bruce will review the 'Membership File' with Clarence.

9:3 Bruce will manage getting a link to the SWAMP Phase I Report on the website.

9:4 Strategic Plan Review meeting: 9am -12pm, July 26th.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Margaret.

"that an in camera session of the meeting begin." **Carried.**

Moved: Therese. **Seconded:** Bruce.

"that the in camera session of the meeting close." **Carried.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

9:35 pm.

Moved: Sally. *"that the meeting be adjourned."*

Next meeting: August 5th, 2014. Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.

Respectfully submitted:

Margaret Hartley.

Recording Secretary.

***Note: Corrections in blue text.**