

## SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

6:45 PM.

**In attendance:** Bruce Cottingham, Sally Hammond, Therese DesCamp, Margaret Hartley, Bob Fuhrer, Ellen Kinsel, Ann Meidinger.

**Absent:** none.

### 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Moved:** Margaret, *“that the agenda be adopted and followed herein”*. **Seconded:** Sally.  
**Carried.**

### 3. DELEGATION: None

### 4. OPERATIONS

4:1 Minutes:

**Moved:** Therese, *“that the minutes be accepted as amended”* **Seconded:** Margaret.  
**Carried.**

4:2 Correspondence:

- Fresh Water Alliance National E-News with list of up-coming courses: Several of the courses are relevant to SLSS operations and board members were encouraged to register.
- Friends of Kootenay Lake requested information from SLSS on conducting a Community Values survey. Board agreed to help and Margaret will make contact in this matter.
- Interfor’s response to SLSS’s letter concerning logging in Silverton Creek and the Protection of Bull Trout spawning grounds: The board decided that more information was required to fully analyze the response – in particular maps that depict reserve zones and management zones. The board was glad to accept Interfor’s offer to meet on site summer 2015 to further evaluate the situation. Bruce and Sally will continue correspondence with Interfor and find a knowledgeable person to represent us on the site visit. Interfor quoted information from the Valley Voice on Bull Trout spawning in Silverton Creek that the board feels is incorrect. Therese will contact the parties involved in the article and decide on the best approach for correction of the information.
- Response from Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment South (Rick Manwaring) in regard to SLSS letter to NACFOR (Nakusp Community Forest Operations) logging plans in area of Summit Lake: The letter from SLSS to NACFOR was copied to BC Ministry Environment. NACFOR has yet to reply. Bruce and Sally will write a follow-up letter requesting a reply. The board appreciated the opportunity to be involved in monitoring the design for the Summit Lake NACFOR operating area. There was discussion of the board’s lack

of expertise in such design and decided that Sally and Margaret will scout ways for effective involvement and Ann volunteered help as appropriate.

4:3 Financial Report:

- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that the December 2014 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**

4:4 Grant Applications: The grant application to CBT (Columbia Basin Trust) was not accepted. The success rate was low this year, especially for ‘grass roots’ applications, but there was discussion by the board if we should talk to CBT about ways to increase our chances in future. Therese reported that we will hear shortly the reasons for the grant being rejected. An informal meeting was tentatively scheduled for Jan 21 (alternate dates are Jan 24 & 28) to discuss how to continue with SLSS projects without this funding. Bruce will check the BC summer student employment program as a source of help.

4:5 Charity application process: Lorna Visser provided SLSS with her ideas on how to proceed with re-applying for charity status, but requested more information. The board agreed to send this information and ask her to provide further advice on how best to proceed and for an estimate of financial commitment after review of the file.

4:6 New business:

- Ellen reported that accounting confusion is being generated by uncertainty over term of membership in relation to when dues are paid. It was discussed that there is a new policy in this regard and that we are going through a transition period. It became clear during discussion that especially new members were unaware that payment at the AGM could be interpreted as payment for the previous year. **Moved:** Therese, *“that Ellen bring to the next meeting of the board a clear definition of membership that is understandable and workable.”* **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**
- Ann reported that g-mail provides for list serves. The board requested that Ellen and Ann work together to set up a list serve on the SLSS g-mail account that will facilitate mailings to the membership. New regulations requiring membership approval every 2 years for e-mails will have to be accommodated, along with reminders of dues owing.

## 5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT

5:1 Slokan Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project (SWAMP): Margaret reported that SWAMP obtained CBT (Columbia Basin Trust) grant approval and has yet to hear on further grant applications to supplement this funding. However, Slokan River Streamkeepers Society did not receive CABIN (Canadian Aquatic Bio-monitoring Network) funding. They have other funding, but will need to find additional sources to maintain their programs.

5:2 Federal Aquatic Regulations Regarding Invasive Species (FAR): Invasive Species Council of BC (ISC) requested that SLSS officially support their submission regarding the proposed Invasive Species Act. The board decided to support ISC’s comments on FAR with an official letter and a copy of the SLSS logo to add to the submission. Margaret will write the letter and will add our own concerns that penalties must be clearly indicated and resources for implementation provided for the act to be effective.

**6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

6.1 Newsletter and redesigning SLSS logo: Roni Jergenson has volunteered to update SLSS logo, WEB site and Newsletter to provide a public image for SLSS, and has requested a meeting with a subgroup of members to work on this project. Sally will coordinate this meeting.

**7. WATERSHED PROTECTION**

7:1 Willa Mine (Discovery Ventures): Sally reported that Willa Mine has hired a PhD to conduct water testing and the testing is on-going.

7:2 Lake Management Plan: The first exploratory meeting will be held 8 Jan. The group consists of Bruce, Richard Allin, Richard Johnston, Therese, Herb Hammond and Hillary Elliot (will not be able to attend first meeting).

**8. FOR OUR INTEREST**

9:1 Columbia Basin Trust is looking for ideas from the public on where to spend their money for the next 2 years. Suggestions can be submitted through the CBT WEB site.

9:2 Invasive Species Council of BC announced on their website that students in grades 9-12 can apply for funds (\$200-800) under the Stewards of the Future program from the Provincial Government through the lieutenant Governor of BC's office.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, February 3, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Bob

9:10 PM

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Meidinger

**Reviewed and Approved by the Board:** February 3, 2015



**Signed:** Per \_\_\_\_\_  
President