

## **SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**

**January 5, 2016, Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER: 3:38 PM.**

**In attendance:** Therese DesCamp, Sally Hammond, Ellen Kinsel, Ann Meidinger, Bob Fuhrer, Norbert Ruebsaat.

**Absent:** Brad Raymond

### **2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved:** Ann, *“that the agenda as amended for January 2016 be adopted and followed herein”*. **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.**

### **3. DELEGATION: None.**

### **4. OPERATIONS**

4:1 Review and approval of Minutes:

**Moved:** Ann, *“that the minutes from November 3, 2015 be accepted as amended.”*

**Seconded:** Ellen. **Carried.**

4:2 Business arising from the Minutes: None.

4:3 Correspondence: None

4:4 Financial Report and related motions:

**Moved:** Ellen, *“that the December 31, 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**

4:5 Website update and current issues: Norbert will bring suggestions to the next board meeting about the SLSS website design and public relations.

4:6 New Business/Other:

- Letterhead – Logo adopted by board earlier. How to put the logo into a letter is still under discussion.
- Newsletter – Aiming for late spring publication.

### **5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

5:1 Slocan Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project (SWAMP) update:

Interim reports were presented at the meeting of SWAMP in November. Current projects are on track and flowing smoothly. Applied to CBT for additional funding for 2 project areas that research from past 2 years indicated were particularly important. Bonanza Corridor Study was not funded, but Invertebrate Assessment Study was funded.

5:2 Silverton Creek WQMP (Water Quality Monitoring Project):

- Last creek monitoring was in October. Monthly data has been entered into WQMP data bank.
- CABIN (Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network) assessment completed on Silverton Creek by Jody Cliff and Claire de la Salle. Data still needs to be entered into Environment Canada data bank.
- A first version of communication plans for Silverton WQMP was submitted, but needs a lot more work (Ann).
- Ann attended WQMP steering committee meeting in Nov. Items from this meeting that were noted are: 1) Velocity measurement results from different individuals have been found to be “wildly” different – an issue that needs work. 2) The project coordinators are working on obtaining swift water training especially for groups like Silverton Creek who regularly deal with fast/deep water. But it will be expensive. 3) Discussions for expansion of the number of projects funded will begin soon (more or new creeks to be monitored) and there will be a request for applications.

5:3 Other Water Quality Monitoring (Carpenter/Bonanza Creeks): Groups have been formed (Margaret) and trained (Margaret and Richard Johnson) to do basic analyses of water from Carpenter and Bonanza Creeks using WQMP equipment from Silverton Creek project. Margaret has also arranged permission for use of Silverton Hall by the extra 2 groups.

5:3 Invasive Species: Margaret requested that a SLSS board member attend Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS). There were no volunteers from the board.

5:4 Science Research Framework update: Marcy Mahr submitted the final version of results from the Resource Analysis and requested a meeting in early February to discuss these results and to plan for the next phase (Science Forum). Questions arose around how far SLSS should go with pursuing ‘science’ projects in face of recent funding decisions and changes to the board membership. It was decided that the meeting with Marcy in February was the appropriate forum for this discussion and that we needed to ensure that both Margaret Hartley and Richard Johnson were there to be part of the discussion.

5:5 New Business/Other: none.

## **6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

6:1 Project update and implications:

CBT did not fund SLSS ‘Wild Days’ proposal for this year. Applications to other funding agencies will be made this spring. It was suggested that there needs to be a discussion of other ways to do education.

6:2 Other reports, news, activities and events: Ellen is trying to get a submission of clips from Wild Days ready for the Film Festival in Silverton.

6:3 New Business/Other: none.

**7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**

7:1 Watershed Protection updates:

Willa Mine: Discovery Ventures has said that it will start activity soon on the Willa Mine. Red Mountain Residents Committee (RMRC) has been actively talking to the Ministry of Energy and Mines about placement of the settling pond and SLSS will write a letter in support of the RMRC.

**8. In Camera Session:** (Possible 2015-16 Director vacancies and recruitment plan).  
**Moved:** Sally, *“that the board move in camera”*. **Carried.**

**9. FOI (for our interest):** None.

**10. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016, Zion United Church, Silverton.**

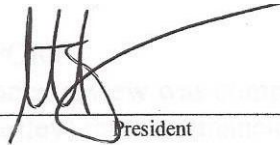
**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Ann, 5:56 PM

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Meidinger

**Reviewed and Approved by the Board:** February 9, 2016

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



President