

SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY
Board of Directors
November 3, 2015 – Silverton, BC

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:40 pm

Present: Bruce Cottingham, Margaret Hartley, Bob Fuhrer, Ellen Kinsel, Sally, Hammond, Therese DesCamp
Absent: Ann Meidinger

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolved (DesCamp/Hammond) that the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

3. OPERATIONS

a) MINUTES

Resolved (Hartley/DesCamp) that the Minutes of the meeting held September 30, 2015, be adopted as circulated with minor corrections. CARRIED

b) CORRESPONDENCE

A letter and CV was received from biologist Audrey Gagne-Delorme. The secretary will respond indicating the information will be kept on file.

c) FINANCIAL REPORT

The year end financial review was completed by volunteer Susie O'Donnell.

Resolved (Kinsel/Hartley) that the financial statements reviewed for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting to be held November 15, 2015. CARRIED

Financial statements for October were not available.

d) GRANT APPLICATIONS

- An application has been submitted for the CBT Environmental Grant. A copy of the application will be distributed to board members.
- An application is being prepared for the FWCP Seed Money Grant (due November 13) to continue with the Science Framework project. It was noted that additional funding will be required to complete the project, and the Villages and RDCK will be approached for their financial support.

e) WEBSITE

The website is being brought up to date with copies of minutes.

f) AGM PLANNING

Discussion took place regarding the agenda and details for the AGM. Board members should arrive at 1:00 pm to assist with setup. Margaret will arrange to borrow the community data projector; Bob will organize refreshments; Therese will handle memberships; Sally will demonstrate the watershed model.

4. SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT

a) SWAMP

Three separate applications have been submitted for the 2016 season

- An in-depth biological assessment of the Bonanza Corridor.
- Restoration of a wetland on private land in the South Valley.
- A survey of rare and endangered flora and fauna in the Slocan Valley

As well, the CABIN (benthic invertebrates in the wetlands) project was successful in receiving funds for 2016.

b) SILVERTON CREEK

The Water Quality Management activities are complete for this season. It is hoped to continue this work next year.

c) WQMP FUNDING

Funding will continue for two more years. The program will extend to additional creeks if there are individuals willing to perform the tasks.

Resolved (Hammond/DesCamp) that up to \$60 be allotted from the Silverton Cr. WQMP funds, for refreshments at a wrap-up meeting of the projects volunteers.
CARRIED

d) RECORDS

Peter Roulston's journal with records of his secchi dips has been received from his estate. Bob will transcribe the data and return the journal to the family.

e) INVASIVE SPECIES

A letter from Art Joyce was received. Ann has offered to look into the issues. Sally will follow up with Art.

f) REAL ESTATE PACKAGE

Clair de la Salle loaned a package of materials she has assembled for real estate agents to give to purchases of waterfront properties. It was agreed that we will request that we can keep the package as a template for assembling a similar package for our area.

g) VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

- Sally, Therese, and Bruce met with the Village of New Denver mayor, council members, and CAO who expressed interest in knowing more about water quality monitoring.
- Board members are requested to review the current OCP for discussion at the December SLSS meeting as the Village is requesting feedback.
- SLSS was alerted to upcoming changes to the marina and was provided a graph indicating lake levels and temperatures.
- SLSS was provided the opportunity to rent Knox Hall for all its meetings for an annual fee of \$300 rather than an hourly use rate.

h) OTHER

- Sally wrote a letter on behalf of SLSS to the Inspector of Mines regarding renewal of development activities at the Willa Mine on Red Mtn.

- Kalesnikoff has been requested to develop a forestry stewardship plan for the entire area.
- FLNRO has developed a Cumulative Effect Framework (Feb 2014).

5. IN CAMERA

Resolved (DesCamp/Kinsel) to move *in camera* for further discussion.

6. FOI

- There is concern regarding the increase of water required for the possible doubling in size of a hydro system on Dennis Creek and what effect that will have on bull trout spawning.
- Board members are requested to read the Water Sustainability Act for discussion at the December meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2015, 6:30 pm

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:30 pm

Recording Secretary: Ellen Kinsel

Reviewed and Approved by the Board: January 5, 2016



Signed: Per _____
President