

SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM.

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

Absent: Bruce Cottingham.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3. DELEGATION: None

4. OPERATIONS

4:1 Minutes:

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

4:2 Correspondence: None.

4:3 Financial Report:

- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that the January 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**
- **Garlic Fest: Moved:** Sally, *“that the treasurer be authorized to pay to Garlic Fest \$25 for registration and \$25 for a booth at this summer’s festival”*. **Seconded:** Margaret. **Carried.**
- **Canopy purchase:** SLSS needs a canopy (minimum 10’X10’, with 3 sides that can be attached), a fold-up table and 2 chairs. Bob will research costs.

4:4 Grant Applications/Reports/Other funding strategies/sources: See V. & VI.

4:5 Charity application process: Bruce has provided Lorna Visser with requested information.

4:6 New business:

- The membership list (with e-mail addresses only) is ready to place on SLSS g-mail as a contact group. Ann will send a letter to members requesting that those who **do not** wish to receive e-mails from SLSS reply with a ‘no’. Since Bruce is familiar with the new law, he will OK the letter before it goes out.
- Nancy Anderson’s estate gave SLSS several boxes of material relating to the natural history of this area and her work as a biologist. Ellen will contact Hank Hastings to solicit help sorting through this material.

5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

5:1 Slocan Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project (SWAMP): Sally has resigned as one of SLSS representatives to SWAMP board. **Moved:** Therese, *“that Margaret and Ann be SLSS representatives to SWAMP for 2015”*. **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.** First meeting is Feb 20 afternoon, and Slocan Solutions is having its board meeting that morning in the same place.

5:2 Silverton Creek:

- Pete Corbett has submitted an article to the Valley Voice correcting what was said about Bull Trout in Silverton creek, so SLSS is no longer involved.
- SLSS has been requested by Columbia Basin Watershed Network (CBWN) to become a full member of Columbia Basin Water Quality Monitoring Project (CBWQMP) and assume monitoring of Silverton Creek from Stream Keepers. SLSS will need to commit to 3 years of monitoring involving monthly sampling using CABIN (Canadian Aquatic Bio-monitoring Protocol) April through November (excepting high water month), providing data updates to the coordinator in the format requested, participate in bi-monthly Steering committee meetings (usually via Go-To-Meeting), engage in the interpretation and reporting of the data and engage in the development and delivery of communications plans. At least one member of the monitoring group will need to obtain CABIN certification (on-line course in April). CBWN will provide instrumentation and pay for training, sample shipping and analysis (about \$1000/yr). Personal clothing and minor equipment (e.g. yardsticks) will need to be supplied by individuals or SLSS. Margaret has recruited a group of individuals in Silverton who are interested in doing the monitoring and will initially coordinate the group activities. Jennifer Yeow will train the group (except for CABIN). Margaret will ask Silverton town council to partner with SLSS and provide storage and meeting space and publicity. It was noted that although the Silverton volunteer group is expected to act independently once trained, SLSS will be the responsible body. **Moved:** Margaret *“that SLSS sign onto the CBWQMP for Silverton Creek and ensure that the creek is properly monitored for the next 3 years”*. **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.**

5:3 Carpenter Creek: No news from consultant Lee Hesketh (via Jennifer Yeow) regarding a possible restoration plan for Carpenter Creek. Heavy rainfall over the last 2 years (plus historic mining and logging) has caused major changes to the banks of Carpenter Creek and the Sandon roadbed, as well as to other creekside structures. Therese will check in with Gary Parkstom regarding the Lucerne School focus on ‘adopting’ Carpenter Creek.

6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

6.1 2015 Plans: “Thinking Like A Watershed” project: Revised focus and plans. There are 3 activities which are planned for implementation; funding will be sought for the last two. 1) Friday Market, 2) a 3D Watershed/Wetland model and 3) Wild Days. Potential

funding sources for these activities that were identified are: Gosling Foundation and BC Wildlife Federation Wetlands, as well as Kootenay Savings and the Regional District of Central Kootenay. If SLSS partners with the Hills Recreation Society, it could apply to Slokan Valley Legacy Fund, which requires applicants to have charitable status.

Margaret will check into whether RDCK funds already granted to Slokan Solutions for a public event called "Know Your Slokan Watershed" might be shifted to "Wild Days".

Moved: Ann, *"that SLSS seek a partnership with the Hills Recreation Society to apply to Slokan Valley Legacy Fund for funding of SLSS/Hills participation in Wild Days"*.

Seconded: Margaret. **Carried.**

6:2 Other reports, news, activities and events:

- Newsletter: The newsletter is still in the planning stage - aiming for June issue.
- Volunteer activities: Therese reminded board of the importance of providing low-level volunteer activities for SLSS membership. She suggested that SLSS consider sponsoring a beach clean-up event this summer. Timing, activities and prizes were briefly discussed.

7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

7:1 Willa Mine (Discovery Ventures): Sally reported that both Willa Mine and the Red Mountain Association continue to conduct water testing.

7:2 Columbia River Roundtable: Bruce and Sally are concerned that if SLSS signs on, it might be perceived as political advocacy, which may affect our charitable status application. It was suggested that individuals might sign on.

7:3 New Business/Other: Ellen attended one of four meetings of the RDCK (Regional District of Central Kootenay) – Parks & Recreation and reported that there are plans for an opinion survey in the near future, at which time SLSS could provide input.

9. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Sally

8:35 PM

Recording Secretary: Ann Meidinger

Reviewed and Approved by the Board: March 3, 2015



Signed: Per _____

President

