

## SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

**March 2, 2015, Therese DesCamp's home, New Denver, BC.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 PM.**

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

**Absent:**

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved:** Sally, *"that the agenda be adopted and followed herein"*. **Seconded:** Ann  
**Carried.**

**3. DELEGATION: None**

**4. OPERATIONS**

4:1 Review and approval of Minutes February 3, 2015:

**Moved:** Ann, *"that the minutes be accepted as amended"* **Seconded:** Therese  
**Carried.**

4:2 Correspondence:

- Selkirk College request for us to describe SLSS mandate and activities to Integrated Environmental Planning students during their field trip to New Denver on Thursday March 12. Margaret and Bruce agreed to represent SLSS and recruit Richard Johnson and Marcy Mahr to describe SWAMP.
- TechServ Student Internships: Board decided that we were too late to write a proposal requesting a TechServ student this summer, but that the program should be kept in mind for next year.
- Lane Haywood Bursary at Lucerne school: The school is looking for training opportunities for grade 7-11 students that would be supported by this bursary.
- Columbia River Basin Roundtable requested that SLSS endorse its principles and become a member: It was decided that individual board members may wish to endorse and join, but, given the Society's focus and capacity, it would not at this time.
- Springer Creek Restoration and Preservation Alliance (SCRAPA) requested that SLSS provide comments to BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) about Slocan Village's proposed hydro-electric project on Springer Creek: Sally will write a letter to FLNRO with concerns of society of whether the design will allow for restoration of fish spawning in the creek.

4:3 Financial Report and related motions:

- **Moved:** Margaret, *"that the January 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board"*. **Seconded:** Therese **Carried.**

- **Moved:** Therese, *“that representatives of SLSS participate in the on-line Theory of Change Intensive sponsored by the Fresh Water Alliance at a cost of \$120”*. **Seconded:** Ellen. **Carried.**
- **Moved:** Sally, *“that \$827.61 in Projects Fund be made unrestricted and transferred to Operating Funds”*. **Seconded:** Margaret. **Carried.**
- The corporate tax forms for 2013 and 2014 are ready to be signed and sent in. The board thanks Ellen for researching and bringing SLSS up to date. “Ellen did a real piece of work.”

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

4:5 Membership Review: lists, communications, applications, annual fees

- In order to fulfill obligations under the new anti-spam legislation, the board agreed to send a single e-mail to individuals on our contact list and to lapsed members giving these individuals the option to receive e-mail news from SLSS and to re-join. The board will be sent a list of these members and is encouraged to review the list so that unnecessary e-mails are not sent. The board also will be sent a proposal for changing SLSS membership fees policy that is the result of a discussion between Ann, Ellen and Bruce for their consideration before the next meeting.
- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that SLSS cancel our Pay-Pal account as it is expensive and infrequently used”*. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

4:6 Charity application process: Work in progress.

4:7 Website update: Work in progress.

4:8 New business/Other:

- Canopy: Bob reported that the REI canopy on sale was of picnic rather than commercial quality. Commercial quality canopies are available out of Vancouver and Edmonton for \$500-600 and that shipping is very expensive. He will continue to compare the 2 options.
- Ellen has sorted through the boxes of material from Nancy Anderson’s estate. She has kept for SLSS: 1994-6 information on logging in Denver Flats, an old survey from the Slocan Valley Watershed Alliance, a handwritten and typed list of the plants in Denver Flats, a copy of a letter written by Nancy to Christie Clark (Premier) voicing concerns on the effect of logging on her farm, and a copy of a letter to Valhalla Wilderness Society about fish in Carpenter and Silverton Creek.

## 5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

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

Slocan Solutions Society's application to FWCP (BC Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program) for SWAMP (Slocan Valley Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project) Phase 3 (2015) was not successful, but Streamkeepers got all they asked for, so the SWAMP program will continue through Columbia Basin Trust funding and Streamkeepers.

5:2 Silverton Creek Water Quality Monitoring Project (WQMP): Jody Cliff and Claire de la Salle have committed to the CABIN (Canadian Aquatic Bio-monitoring Network) training, and 5-6 other individuals from Silverton have committed to performing the monthly monitoring of Silverton Creek. CABIN training is paid for by the CBWQMP (Columbia Basin Water Quality Monitoring Program). As well there will be \$600 to share among the individuals who do the data entry and another stipend for the monthly monitoring. SLSS will need to set aside funds for start-up materials, such as women's size waders, yardsticks and rope.

5:3 Invasive Species: Nothing new.

5:4 New Business/Other:

Application to Fortis (for Science Framework) was not accepted because Fortis did not consider the project within their catchment.

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

6.1 2015 Plans: "Thinking Like A Watershed" project: Revised focus and plans.

Ellen and Therese have 2 grant applications ready to send in: one to Slocan Lake Legacy in conjunction with the Hills Recreation Society to support Wild Days presentation, and one to Kootenay Savings to support construction of a watershed model. The Gosling Fund will only accept one application, so she sent a query to the fund to determine which of Wild D Days and Thinking Like a Watershed would be more acceptable.

6:2 Other reports, news, activities and events: logo, newsletter target audience, focus and timing

Several board members examined sample logos made by Ronnie Jurgensen and found them very nice (innovative and playful). Ronnie will continue to put together possible logos for SLSS and design the SLSS newsletter.

## **7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY**

7:1 Watershed Protection updates: Willa Mine, Silverton Creek, Summit Lake: Nothing new.

7:2 Lake Management Plan and related processes:

Second meeting of our SLSS group occurred and the development process regarding principles and policy continues.

7:3 Other reports, news, activities, events: Columbia River Roundtable (table):

7:4 New Business/Other: RDCK Master Planning Process – Parks & Rec. : Nothing new.

**8. IN CAMERA SESSION:**

**Motion to go In Camera:** Therese. **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.**

**Motion to come out of In Camera:** Ann. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

**9. FOI (for our interest):**

**10. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton.**


**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Ann

**Time:** 9:39 PM

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Meidinger

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

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