

SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM.

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

Absent:

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

3. DELEGATION: None

4. OPERATIONS

4:1 Minutes:

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

4:2 Correspondence:

4:3 Financial Report:

- **Moved:** Sally, *“that the March 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**
- **Sampling in association with the Columbia Basin Water Quality Monitoring Project (CBWQMP): Moved:** Margaret, *“that the board approve expenses for miscellaneous equipment for setting up Silverton Creek water monitoring up to \$300 to come from the Operating Account”*. **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.**

4:4 Grant Applications/Reports/Other funding strategies/sources:

- Columbia Basin Trust small grants program (under \$10,000): Call for applications expected around 20 April. Application for support of ‘Wild Days’ is ready to go.
- All of the villages have been made aware of SLSS ‘Science Framework’ plans.
- Other sources of funding: Regional District Central Kootenay (RDCK) will entertain a request for funds in support of ‘Wild Days’ at any time. Silverton Church has money to give to groups towards improving the Silverton and New Denver communities from sale of the church. Deadline for applications is end of May. Arts Council will fund creative projects such as summer theatre. Will require SLSS obtain a partner, and should be kept in mind for next year.
- SLSS will be making Community Initiatives Presentations - to the villages of Silverton (April 16), Area H (April 18), New Denver (April 21) and Slocan (May 11).

4:5 Display Tent:

- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that the board authorize Bob to purchase a canopy from Special Event Sales for \$700”*. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**
- **Moved:** Sally, *“that the funds for the canopy come from the Lane Haywood Legacy Fund, unless another grant is approved”*. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

4:6 Website update and current issues: Maggie, Bruce and Margaret are in the process of updating the SLSS website. It was reported that the SLSS website was hacked and that the website host had disabled the site to the public to prevent further problems. Estimated repairs to the site will take approximately 3 hrs at \$50/hr. It will cost \$60-75 to upgrade the platform with more protection from hacking. **Moved:** Bruce, *“that the board authorize up to \$200 to make repairs to the SLSS website and up to \$100 to upgrade the platform”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**

4:7 New Business

- It was suggested that SLSS adopt the Hidden Gallery approach of announcing the annual general meeting to area residences by mail and including a request for donations.
- Valley Voice SLSS factette: **Moved:** Sally, *“that the board authorize Sally to spend another \$10 four times per year for a color photo to accompany her SLSS factette in the Valley Voice”*. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

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

- Ministry of Forests is interested including SWAMP wetland survey data on its website maps.
- Media Day (for Valley Voice and Nelson representatives) will occur on a 2015 wetland assessment site (on private property).
- SLSS thanks BC Wildlife Federation for providing SWAMP with a new hana/pH meter.
- SWAMP Steering Committee meeting on April 28th.

5:2 Silverton Creek:

- Silverton volunteers were trained by Laura and Jim Duncan from CVWQMP on 23 March in procedures and equipment use for sampling Silverton Creek.
- SLSS thanks Silverton Village Council for grant in aid in form of storage for the Silverton Creek monitoring equipment in the basement of the Firehall.
- SLSS thanks Verena Shaw for entering 2014 CABIN (Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network) water quality data.

5:3 The results from water monitoring on 5 creeks on Red Mountain were sent to residents of Red Mountain. Richard Johnson has returned the equipment used for the monitoring to CBWQMP, so Red Mountain residents will need to borrow the equipment from SLSS (for monitoring the Red Mtn. Creeks) in future.

6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

6.1 Board members were encouraged to volunteer at the New Denver Chamber of Commerce “Airband” competition.

6.2 Therese requested that SLSS consider hosting the refreshments table at next year’s “Convergence” – a conference on environmental and spiritual thought.

7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

7:1 Summit Lake: Sally reported that Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NAFCOR) is delaying logging at Summit Lake until next fall after the toad telemetry study is over. Bruce and Sally will reply to NACFOR clarifying our original questions upon which SLSS will decide if it has a role to play in the monitoring.

7:2 Silverton Creek: Bruce reported that beyond the 5 km mark road work does not appear to have been done and that there has been some logging between 4 and 5 km. Sally will write a letter to Interfor keeping them informed of our continued monitoring of the valley, of the new Silverton Creek water quality monitoring project with CBWQMP, and the clarification on the Bull Trout status published in the Valley Voice.

7:3 Lake Management Plan (LMP): Work on defining the guiding principles continues. There was a meeting with the villages’ RDCK representatives and Walter Popoff (Area H) to discuss how to move forward on a lake management plan or other ways to protect the lake. The meeting stimulated a call from Sangita Sudan (RDCK staff) to remind SLSS that the RDCK planning department’s priority is to update a number of Official Community Plans (OCP). Updating the OCP for area G and D is in progress. Updating the OCP for areas I and J is expected to commence in 2015 and take 2 years to complete. Area H planning is scheduled to commence 2018. This suggests that the Slocan Lake Management Plan is off the table at this point. It was mentioned that OCP without associated bylaws is difficult to enforce. It is our understanding from the meeting that the following commitments were made: Walter Popoff will continue to push at regional level for OCP by-laws and a lake management plan; New Denver Mayor Ann Bunka will research watershed management plans; Counsellor Leah Main of Silverton will look at Economic Development options for support for planning; Mayor of Slocan Jessica Lunn will research Eco-Asset Management planning; SLSS will develop Culture of Stewardship document for possible community discussion. Village and SLSS representatives agreed to meet every 6 months.

9. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Margaret 9:00 PM

Recording Secretary: Ann Meidinger

Reviewed and Approved by the Board: May 4, 2015



Signed: Per _____
President