

## SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton, BC.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:45 PM.

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

**Absent:** Bob Fuhrer (away on business)

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**3. DELEGATION:** None.

**4. OPERATIONS**

4:1 Review and approval of Minutes:

**Moved:** Sally, *“that the minutes from May 4, 2015 be accepted as amended”*

**Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

Business arising from the Minutes: None.

4:2 Correspondence: None.

4:3 Financial Report and related motions:

- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that the April 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**
- Board members were reminded that all expenses/invoices must filter through Bruce and Ellen. This should include a copy of the hours submitted by SLSS to Mainstreams on behalf of individuals working on Silverton Creek water quality monitoring, as well as courier or lab fee invoices that are submitted by SLSS to Mainstreams.
- Lane Haywood funds: There are no restrictions or direction from the estate on how these funds should be used. The board feels that we need a policy since as the board changes, so will the number who knew Lane. It was decided to table the discussion for another meeting in the near future.

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

- It is not yet official, but it seems that SLSS will be awarded \$9680 by the Columbia Basin Trust Small Programs Grants in support of Wild Days, half of a watershed model, a large illustrated map for display and smaller maps for distribution. Quotes for insurance came in \$1300 lower than expected, and Therese is negotiating with Columbia Basin Trust to transfer this amount from insurance to support environmental education and volunteer organization for Wild Days.

- The SLSS application to Kootenay Savings to fund the other half of the watershed model for Wild Days was not funded.
- \*SLSS received \$7500 from “the Villages” (\$2500 each) in support of the Science Framework study. This is sufficient to start the program by doing the situation analysis and interviews, which will then be the basis for applying for a Seed Project Grant from fish and Wildlife Compensation Board to support the final forum component of the study. After this SLSS will be in a position to apply to various agencies for support of action plans which result from the forum of the Science Framework Study.

#### 4:5 Membership Review:

The board was presented with a proposal to change the membership by-laws that resulted from a sub-committee meeting (Bruce, Ellen, Ann). The proposal was:

1. That a yearly membership in SLSS be from 1 October to 30 September. This would facilitate accounting and clarify who can legally vote at the AGM.
2. That we strike the option of paying for a membership with volunteer hours. SLSS should not be in the position of having to provide work to any individual who demands this option.
3. That all membership forms and payment go through the Society treasurer to facilitate accounting.
4. That the membership application forms be revised to reflect the new laws concerning e-mail messaging and the new term of membership (if accepted).

**Moved:** Therese, *“that the board adopt the above membership proposal (dated 25 Feb 2015) , and that resolutions #1 and #2 be taken to the Fall AGM.”* **Seconded:** Ellen.  
**Carried.**

4:6 Equipment & Supplies Purchases: The display tent has been purchased and will be delivered to Calgary. The Board will look for somebody going to Calgary in June to bring the tent to New Denver.

4:7 Charity application process: Tabled for now except for checking to see if the West Coast Environmental Law Institute does pro-bono work for small organizations in this area.

4:8 New Business/Other: None.

## 5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

5:1 Slocan Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project (SWAMP) update: SWAMP minutes are on their web site. Of note: There are 2 Wetland Workshops scheduled – one each in North and South Valley.

5:2 Silverton CreekWQMP/Carpenter Creek:

Since we have water quality monitoring equipment for the Silverton Creek project, it would be a good time to find a small group of people in New Denver who are willing to monitor water quality in Carpenter Creek - as is being done by the Red Mountain Association for that area.

5:3 Springer Creek:

The Micro Hydro proposal for Springer Creek is an opportunity for SLSS to help with restoration of the mill site. If nothing evolves by August in which we can participate, SLSS will consider a meeting with the Village and SCRAPA.

5:4 Invasive Species: There are plans for sniffer dogs at the border.

5:5 Science Research Framework update: In progress.

5:6 New Business/Other:

**Motion:** Bruce, “ *that SLSS write an advertisement for the Valley Voice endorsing the principles in the Rosebery Summit Lake Trail Initiative, and send an e-mail to SLSS members encouraging them to read the proposal and state that SLSS is supporting the ecological principles and practices outlined in the report.*” **Seconded:** Ellen. **Carried.** Sally and Therese will provide the initial drafts for the Board’s review.

## 6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

6:1 2015 Plans: “Thinking Like a Watershed” Project: In progress.

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

Newsletter: **Motion:** Sally, “*that SLSS authorize no more than \$550 to print copies of an SLSS newsletter and copies of a Kid’s page.*” **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

6:3 New Business/Other: None.

## 7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

7:1 Watershed Protection updates:

- Willa Mine has an infusion of \$7M capital through a new investor – no word yet on further exploration or development.
- NACFOR (Nakusp Community Forest) is asking for permits log in the Summit Lake region. SLSS questions whether permits can be granted before results from the toad studies are in.

7:2 Lake Management Plan: RDCK (Regional District Central Kootenay) process stalled; SLSS process in progress.

7:3 Other reports, news, activities, events: None.

7:4 New Business/Other: None.

8. In Camera Session: Discussion of hires to support Wild Days.

**Motion:** Therese, *“that the Board enter in camera session.”* **Seconded:** Margaret.  
**Carried.**

9. FOI (for our interest):

- Toad fest will be August 12 & 13 this year.
- SIFCO are performing studies to determine how forest fire patterns and regimes in the Slocan Valley will be affected by climate change.

## **9. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

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

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Ann, 9:32 PM

**Recording Secretary:** Ann Meidinger

**Reviewed and Approved by the Board:** July 7, 2015



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

\*Note: Amount of Community Initiatives Funding actually received for the Science Framework study subsequently corrected at a later date to a total of \$5777. representing funding from two Villages and RDCK Area H.