

SLOCAN LAKE STEWARDSHIP SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 PM.

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

Absent:

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Ann, *“that the agenda for July 2015 be adopted and followed herein”*.

Seconded: Therese. **Carried.**

3. DELEGATION: None.

4. OPERATIONS

4:1 Review and approval of Minutes:

Moved: Therese, *“that the minutes from June 2, 2015 be accepted as amended.”*

Seconded: Sally. **Carried.**

4:2 Business arising from the Minutes: None.

4:3 Correspondence:

The Society received a bill for \$650 for Director’s Liability Insurance. The annual fee has not changed since last year.

Moved: Bruce, *“that the Board authorize \$650 to Kootenay Insurance Services from the general funds for Director’s Liability Insurance.”*

Seconded: Ellen. **Carried.**

4:4 Financial Report and related motions:

- **Moved:** Ellen, *“that the April 2015 Financial Statement be accepted by the Board”*. **Seconded:** Ann. **Carried.**
- **Reallocation of internet funds:** The Society no longer needs internet in the office. \$525 was allocated for this purpose in the Wild Days grant. It needs to be determined if this money can be reallocated into a miscellaneous category that can be used for other purposes.
- Another \$300 was required to incorporate additional features into the watershed model (original negotiated price was \$2500). If the internet funds can be reallocated, they could be used to cover this expense.
- The illustrated map will be ready for next Friday’s market in New Denver. It would be best if printed in color and on ½ letter size. Again this will be dependent on the availability of money reallocated from ‘internet’.
- The society has received cheques for ‘volunteer’ hours, lab expenses and courier fees from the Water Quality Monitoring Project (WQMP). The current volunteers

have offered their ‘pay’ (\$300/mo) to the society, and this amount will go into general funds. It is the Society’s discretion whether ‘volunteer’ pay allotment goes to volunteers or is used by the Society, and the Society will need to form a policy on this issue.

4:5 Charitable Status Update:

The Society terminated its previous application for charitable status after receiving 40 questions in response from Canada Revenue. Ellen is going through this application process for other groups and believes that the Society provided more material than required, and that this is what raised concerns and the 40 questions. Ellen volunteered to fill out an application for charitable status on behalf of the Society if it looks reasonable upon her review.

4:6 Grant Applications/Reports/Other funding strategies/sources:

The Society received \$5770 from Regional District of Central Kootenay through the Community Initiatives Program toward the Science Framework.

4:7 Website update and current issues:

Bruce reported that both he and Maggie Raymond have been getting notices of SLSS web site problems and vulnerability. Maggie has also indicated that she will no longer take responsibility for the SLSS web site after July.

Moved: Margaret, *“that the Society change the hosting of the SLSS website to Secure-By- Design and authorize up to \$300 for this purpose.”* **Seconded:** Sally. **Carried.**

4:8 New Business/Other: None.

5 SCIENCE AND WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

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

- A date will be set soon for ‘Media Days’ – where SWAMP technicians take representatives of the media into the field.
- Ecologists hired to survey wet areas for SWAMP are quite excited about the Bonanza Creek area. In particular there is a fen with Sundew (carnivorous plants) and a swamp with big trees that are highly unusual for this area. If media do not mention the Sundews after Media Day, the Society will consider a separate media release, although the Society needs to consider what the result of publicity will be for the Sundews.
- SWAMP wetland survey data is on the SWAMP web site and available for others to use.

5:2 Silverton Creek WQMP/Carpenter Creek:
Jolene Wragett (Ministry of Environment, MOE) will be present for the next Silverton Creek collection as part of a check on citizen scientist programs for the MOE.

5:3 Invasive Species:

- Veliger sampling is tentatively scheduled for the middle of July.
- The new name for the Central Kootenay invasive species society is CKISS – Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society.
- There are worries about Bull Frogs invading the Kootenay through irrigation canals in Idaho.
- **Motion:** Sally, *“that SLSS congratulate Margaret on being awarded the Volunteer of the Year award by CKISS for spearheading efforts in Slocan Valley to prevent invasion by Quagga and Zebra Mussels.”* **Seconded:** Therese. **Carried.**

5:5 Science Research Framework update: None.

5:6 New Business/Other: None.

6. EDUCATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

6:1 Wild Days update:

Two contracts have been awarded: Educational Coordinator to Marcy Mahr and Volunteer Coordinator to Theresa Tremaine. The watershed model is in progress.

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

Newsletter update: In progress.

6:3 New Business/Other:

The canopy has arrived but will need a wheeled device or a heavy bag with handles each end for transport. Ann tasked with finding such a bag to facilitate transport and storage.

7. WATERSHED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

7:1 Watershed Protection updates:

Willa Mine: Further exploration and development is possible this year in the form of a 10,000 ton bulk sample. Classified as a 'small mine', it does not have to follow all regulations. After permit issued, Red Mountain Residents Assoc. (RMRA) and SLSS have 30 days to write a letter of concern (unknown when next permit will be issued).

LH Mine: 10 days of drilling took place recently, exploration planned again this fall. The Mines Inspector will keep RMRA apprised of new developments. SIFCo will install a gate on the access Road 200 in order to control mine traffic.

RMRA is returning to weekly water sampling of the five watercourses on Red Mtn. which may be affected by the two mining operations.

7:2 Lake Management Plan & related processes: Nothing new.

7:3 Other reports, news, activities, events:

Dr. Janice Brainy (University of British Columbia) is studying climate change effects on alpine lakes, and has been in the area taking temperature, pH and looking at oxygen isotopes. This will form a baseline against which to compare results taken again in the fall. In particular the isotope analysis will provide information on the age of the ice melting from glaciers.

7:4 New Business/Other: None.

8. In Camera Session: Possible 2015-16 Director vacancies and recruitment plan.

9. FOI (for our interest): None.

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Zion United Church, Silverton.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Therese, 8:55 PM

Recording Secretary: Ann Meidinger

Reviewed and Approved by the Board: September 1, 2015



Signed: Per _____
President