



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting June 25, 2023, 1-4 pm

Call to Order at 1:00 - -Diana Gunderson, presiding

Attendance: 21

Voting members: 16

Non-voting members: 1

New Members: 2

Guests: 2

Reminder that guests are always welcome, only those members in good standing may vote on motions. General Welcome, and thanks expressed to the 2021/22 Board of Directors and to our volunteers.

Fourfold Way review:

- respect each other by having just one speaker at a time,
- expect people to speak from the heart with passion,
- expect people to show up to solve problems, and
- expect people to speak without blame.

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional territories of the Ts'uubaa-asatx, Ditidaht and Quw'utsun First Nations. We hope that our work together here today will make a positive contribution to our shared future in this valley.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Jim Deck and seconded by Maureen Quested that the 2022-2023 AGM agenda be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of the June 26, 2022 AGM.

Moved by Maureen Quested and seconded by Don Prescott that the minutes of the CLRSS AGM of June 26, 2022, be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

3. 2022 - 2023 Financials.

Moved by Jim Deck and seconded by Don Prescott that the 2022 – 2023 Financials be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

4. 2023 – 2024 Budget.

Moved by Jim Deck and seconded by Cam McCauley that the 2023 – 2024 Budget be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

5. Reports by Leads –

- a. Membership –

- b. Retail
- c. Youth Engagement
- d. Fundraising – Our two sources of general income are from Thrifty Smile Cards and proceeds from bottle returns, about \$1,500 in total. Grants made to publish “Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship” are not included in the fundraising totals.
- e. Bursary
- f. Decibel Coalition
- g. Signature Event – August 26, 2023 “Connecting Through Water Festival” Discover your Watershed!
- h. Fry Salvage
- i. Saywell Park Riparian issues
- j. Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship
- k. Newsletter

6. Nominations for 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors. Presiding Observer Ian Morrison

A committee comprised of Rodger Hunter, Jim Deck and Maureen Quested presented a list of candidates for election.

EXECUTIVE

President –	Jim Deck
Vice President -	Judy Brayden
Treasurer –	Beverley Nimmo
Recording Secretary –	Maureen Quested

Directors-at-large

Director-at-large –	Rodger Hunter
Director-at-large –	Diana Gunderson
Director-at-large –	Jean Atkinson
Director-at-large –	Rosemary Danaher
Director-at-large –	Dave DePape
Director-at-large –	Don Prescott
Director-at-large –	Cam McCauley

There being no nominations from the floor, each of the executive positions was acclaimed.

The slate of seven Directors-at-Large was presented with no nominations from the floor and acclaimed.

The new Board was presented as listed above.

7. Signing authority for Society bank accounts.

Moved by Rosemary Danaher and seconded by Beverley Nimmo that the executive officers of CLRSS be given signing authority for the Society’s bank accounts. **CARRIED**

8. Audit of Society.

Moved by John Quested and seconded by Beverley Nimmo that the Members agree to waive the appointment of an auditor. **CARRIED**

9. Motion to Adjourn.

Moved Rosemary Danaher and seconded by Lois Atchison that be meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

SHORT BREAK

Chris Seeger gave a very interesting talk on bats. He displayed a graphic of standing trees ranging from healthy through ready to fall and decayed to illustrate the diversity necessary in a forest to support bats. These creatures are not well understood and people are not sympathetic to them. The number of mosquitoes, alone, that they eat should make us more appreciative of the species.