

CLRSS MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 05, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Held at Country Grocer Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m.

ROTATING CHAIR: Jim Deck

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Diana Gunderson; Maureen Qusted; Jim Deck; Diana Gunderson; Don Prescott; Jean Atkinson
Members: Jacqueline Sherk; Judy Brayden; Ian Morrison (Area F CVRD Director); Karen Deck (Area I CVRD Director)
Lois Atchison
Guests: Kristine Sandhu (Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor); Tom Rutherford (CWB); Vicki Macedo
Absent with regrets: Rosemary Danaher; Dave De Pape, Beverley Nimmo

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.

THE FOURFOLD WAY:

- 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.
- Expect people to speak without blame.

ITEMS

1. Approval of agenda
Moved by: Maureen Qusted that the agenda be approved as amended.
2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**
2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting, August 7, as circulated (attached).
Moved by: Judy Brayden that minutes of last meeting be approved.
2nd by: Di Gunderson **CARRIED**
3. President's Comments- attached
4. Guest Remarks – Kristine Sandhu, Councillor, Town of Lake Cowichan: Kristine apologized for the difficulty getting designated parking spaces for the Water Festival. She and the Mayor sorted that out with many thanks from us. New Town offices pretty well completed. Kristine & Judy will look to see if Ribbon of River can be hung in the meeting chamber.
5. Treasurer's Report - attached
Moved by: Jim Deck
2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**
6. Membership:
 - a) Current enrolment – Mike Patrick – 88 6 new; 5 renewals
 - b) Membership year for information and/or discussion: after investigation it was confirmed that the length of the membership year is any part of April 1 – March 31, each year.

ACTION: What? By Whom? When? Where?

Jim Deck will meet with Parker Jefferson, Tom Rutherford and or Dave De Pape and prepare such a letter.

7. Re a letter to the stakeholders regarding the impact that a raised weir would have on future climate-related catastrophes in the river (eg. dead zone in the Cowichan)

The executive agreed that the president will follow this process when writing letters on behalf of the Board:

- Consulting as needed an adhoc committee of member experts
- Draft a letter
- Seek editorial assistance from the Executive Committee or designate
- Include the letter in the Board meeting package for the record

8. Request from CLRSS member Chris Steeger, to represent CLRSS at the XWULQW'SELU (Koksilah) Watershed Plan Collaborative Community Advisory Table (CCAT).

Rationale: As CLRSS works on several CWB Advisory and target groups and as CLRSS is a collaborative member of the CSRT, it behooves us to support this interdependent watershed work. Lessons for the Cowichan can be learned from understanding the legacy of the Koksilah.

9. *Witnessing the Water* update – Judy Brayden

- a) Recommendation: That CLRSS strike an adhoc committee consisting of the existing W the W marketing team plus two others, to plan Phase 3 of the Project, to involve no more than \$2500. This committee would be struck once 75% of the existing books have been sold.
- b) Plans for the Fall
- c) Budget (attached)
- d) CVRD letter of appreciation – attached

10. Rotating chair for October

11. Joe Saysell shared a letter he sent to the Minister of Forests from the Friends of the Cowichan - attached

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Diana Gunderson

Chris will make presentations at CLRSS Board meetings, AGMs, summaries for our newsletters and updates on CCAT progress as requested.

Appointments at end of month

Judy Brayden will chair in October.