

MINUTES

TUESDAY, October 03, 2023 CLRSS Board Meeting
held at Country Grocer Meeting Room at 6:30

ROTATING CHAIR: Judy Brayden

SPEAKERS' LIST KEEPER:

In Attendance:

Board Members: Judy Brayden, Jim Deck, Maureen Quested, Beverley Nimmo, Don Prescott, Jean Atkinson, Dave DePape

Members: Ian Morrison, CVRD Area F Director, Genevieve Singleton

Guests:

Absent with regrets: Cam McCauley, Jill Thompson, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson

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 here today will make a positive contribution to our shared future in this valley.

Our meeting will follow 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.

Volunteer hours for September: 357 hours

Items	Action
1. Approval of agenda. MOTION: that the agenda be accepted as circulated/amended. Moved by: Maureen Quested 2nd by: Don Prescott CARRIED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action
2. Approval of past minutes – amended minutes attached MOTION: that the minutes of September 05, 2023 be accepted as amended. Moved by: Maureen Quested 2nd by: Beverley Nimmo CARRIED	
3. President’s Remarks – Jim Deck – attached Jim Deck commented that indigenous involvement in all CLRSS activities should be encouraged and that gifting an honorarium respects and values that involvement and is standard practice. MOTION: that we endeavor to insure whatever we do encourages indigenous participation in our society. Moved by: Jim Dick 2nd by: Don Prescott CARRIED	
4. Genevieve Singleton stated that honorariums were important components of indigenous involvement.	
5. Treasurer’s Report – attached MOTION: that the treasurer’s report be adopted. Moved by: Beverley Nimmo 2nd by: Jim Deck CARRIED	
6. Guest remarks: Ian Morrison, CVRD Area F	

At the UBCM meeting, housing was top of the agenda. There is increased pressure to expand development outside of OAC, Official Containment Areas. Houses will go where there is water, but there will be an impact on water & other service issues. Growth will have an impact on the watershed and should be kept within urban containment boundaries. It is important to attend OCP, Official Community Plan, meetings in the fall.

7. Jim Deck's CLRSS letter to Hon. Nathan Cullen and other ministers re urgency of getting on with the weir - **ATTACHED**
8. **Weir Concerned** letter writing campaign – we are trying to get 100 letters written to the government. Ian suggested targeting the premier. **Attached** for your convenience when planning your letter, is the outline from the Lake Cowichan public meeting.

Letters to the editor of newspapers was also suggested.
Ask 2 friends, neighbours etc. to write a letter as well.
Genevieve will use her network to encourage letter writing.
Tom Rutherford's CWB letter - attached

9. Connecting Through Water Report – Dave DePape
General comments:
Felt event was successful
Believed event was close to the goal of 250 attendees
A debrief was sent to exhibitors
Organizing committee will stand down; new organizing committee needed for next S. E.
Move next event to mid-July
Event report to come in December. It will include an overview of the event, planning details, minutes of meetings and recommendations for the 2024 S. E. Planning Committee.
Opportunity for Board comments after report

MOTION: that the 2023 S. E. organizing committee will now stand down, notwithstanding any work left on the final report.

Moved by: Dave DePape

2nd by: Don Prescott

CARRIED

10. Meeting attendees agreed that CLRSS would continue to participate enthusiastically in future River's Day activities.

11. Witnessing the Water

MOTION: that once 75% of existing books have been sold, CLRSS strike an adhoc committee consisting of the existing W t W marketing team (Rodger, Judy, Beverley, Don, Maureen, Jim) and two others to plan phase 3 of the project, to involve no more than \$2500.

Moved by: Judy Brayden

2nd by: Maureen Quested

CARRIED

MOTION: that the CLRSS designate \$500 to the W t W marketing

Attend OCP meetings in your area in the fall!!

**** Individual members to write a letter to the premier and other concerned ministries re urgency for raised weir.**

- Maureen to write to newspaper.
- **Individual members: request that 2 friends, relatives etc. write letters.**

Dave DePape to complete final report on Connecting Through Water for circulation in December.

Form adhoc committee when 75% of books sold.

- Judy, Don
- Maureen, Beverley

committee for a Christmas advertising campaign.

Moved by: Judy Brayden

2nd by: Beverley Nimmo

CARRIED

Fall Markets:

Nov. 4 Lake Cowichan

Nov. 18 Honeymoon Bay

Nov. 25 Youbou

Dec. 10 HUB

12. Approval of amended letterhead – **DEFERRED**

There was agreement to defer this discussion as absent members had strong feelings on the subject and deferral would give them an opportunity to take part.

13. Invasive species – It was agreed that CLRSS could play a role in the invasive species awareness and mitigation work in the watershed.

Aquatic species will be targeted eg. Milfoil, knotweed

Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

Genevieve Singleton volunteered to assist with an invasive species plan.

CVRD has experience with invasive species.

Perhaps an educational/info event could be held at the Hall.

We should start with one or two species and add on other species in future years.

Concern about forming another committee given our sparse numbers, hence over-burdening Board members.

14. Rotating Chairs: Jim Deck, Judy Brayden, Dave DePape, Cam McCauley have agreed to chair meetings on a rotating basis.

15. Future meeting locations – Zoom or in person: Starting in November Board meetings will take place via Zoom.

Genevieve Singleton, Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable, has offered CLRSS the use of their Zoom connection until end of March 2024 and Jim could be an administrator, which we gratefully accepted.

16. Chris Seeger update – attached

17. Jean Atkinson reported that she will be meeting this week with the teacher from Palsson Elementary, Sheila Karrow, who approached CLRSS with the idea of integrating conservation practices into the curriculum as it relates to the neighbouring creek – Oliver Creek.

18. **ATTENTION: all current and future committee heads** – please send minutes of all your meetings to the secretary for circulation to keep the Board somewhat in the loop.

19. Adjournment – Jean Atkinson

- Jim
- Rodger, Judy

Members interested in becoming a rotating chair, please contact Judy Brayden. Training will be provided.

Committee Heads forward minutes of meetings to Secretary for circulation.
