

CLRSS AGM

Draft Minutes: Year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022



Sunday, June 26th, 2022

9:30 - 12:00 in-person meeting at the Lake Cowichan Sports Complex, Curling Lounge

Attendance: Voting Members: 15; Non-voting members 1

10:00 President, Ken Traynor, presiding. Call to Order at 10:00

The chair reviewed 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, and
- expect people to speak without blame.

The chair acknowledged 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 chair welcomed new members: Beverly Nimmo and Don Prescott and thanked the attendees for all of their volunteer work for the society in the last year. Regrets from Jim Deck and Rick Bryan were noted.

1.) Adoption of Revised Agenda:

Moved and seconded by Lyndon Keeping and Diana Gunderson that the 2022 AGM agenda be adopted as distributed. CARRIED

2.) Approval of Minutes of the May 30, 2021 AGM :

Moved and seconded by Judy Brayden and Dave DePape that the minutes of the May 30th, 2021 AGM be adopted as amended. CARRIED

3.) CLRSS Committee Reports:

Ken Traynor and various others commented on the committee reports as they were presented.

Moved and seconded by Diana Gunderson and Rosemary Danaher that the 2021/22 CLRSS committee reports be accepted as presented via Powerpoint. CARRIED

The following notes were mentioned during the presentation. The Board agreed to address them in the new year.

Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden: The attendees agreed that the creation of a native fern garden near the existing garden would be an appropriate use of designated money; as well, Jean Atkinson agreed to send the request for signage improvements to Judy Brayden as soon as possible so that new signage can be installed before the September 25th River's Day event.

Fry Rescue: Dave DePape has agreed to lead an analysis as to whether or not the current practice of rescuing fry in the dry season by CLRSS members and others does in fact make a positive impact on fish survival.

Membership: John Quested suggested that because the number of members is a very important factor in the perceived credibility of a society, CLRSS needs to increase those numbers. He suggested that lowering the annual membership fee to a very affordable amount needs to be considered by the new Board. Judy Brayden will ensure that this item is on the July Board meeting agenda.

Weir Update: Ken Traynor reported that the recent Weir Update presentation is now on the Cowichanlakeweir.ca website and he encouraged all members to visit the site to see the shoreline assessment tool etc.

Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary: Diana Gunderson announced that the 2022 scholarship recipient is Alex Sawatsky.

CVRD Local Area Grant in Aid: Ian Morrison reminded the members that the deadline for applying for funds is fast approaching.

The Watershed Through the Lens of Art: Judy Brayden introduced the concept of seed money for the *Ribbon of River coffee table book fundraiser*; the group encouraged her to approach the CVRD Local Area Directors for grant-in-aid, seek monetary donations from individual members, seek sponsorships from businesses, and to expect a sizable donation from our general funds.

The next Board meeting: The July 11th, 2022 meeting will be convened on Zoom. Please use the existing link from the CWB.

4.) Special presentations: Departing Board members Ken Traynor, Chantelle Carden, Lyndon Keeping and Judy Brayden were presented with cards and small gifts in appreciation of their service.

5.) Election of 2022-2023 CLRSS Board of Directors: Ian Morrison conducted the annual Board of Directors Election. Several members were nominated but declined. The following Members-at-large were elected:

Executive Directors:

President – TBN from Directors at the July 11th Board meeting

Vice President and Treasurer – Jim Deck

Secretary – TBN from Directors at the July 11th Board meeting

Members At Large: (1 vacancy remains and a member can be appointed at any time by the Board members)

Jean Atkinson

Rick Bryan

Rosemary Danaher

Dave DePape

Di Gunderson

Rodger Hunter

Beverly Nimmo

Don Prescott (con't.)

Maureen Quested

Moved and seconded by Ken Traynor and Judy Brayden that the above CLRSS members be confirmed as the 2022- 2023 CLRSS Board of Directors. CARRIED

6.) Procedural Motions:

It was moved and seconded by Judy Brayden and Lyndon Keeping that the CLRSS bank signing authority be changed to reflect the newly-elected Board. CARRIED

It was moved and seconded by Judy Brayden and Dave DePape that members agree to waive an audit of the financial report. CARRIED

7.) Motion to adjourn: Diana Gunderson

11:00 Snack Break

Guest Speaker: Brendan Anderson - Fishery Management and Cutthroat Trout in Cowichan Lake

Brendan discussed how fisheries management objectives are decided, how they become regulation and how his current program of monitoring and tagging of Cutthroat Trout in Lake Cowichan fits into that process. Brendan has spent much time focussing on large lakes fisheries management, including the design and implementation of stock assessment programs, mark-recapture analysis, and population modeling. One of his principal areas of focus since moving to the Island in 2015, has been the development of an improved understanding of cutthroat trout life history in the large lakes of the region, and the development of a fisheries management approach to support them. As part of the presentation, he shared the animated video of the movement over three years of tagged cutthroat trout in the three designated regions of Cowichan Lake. **This very engaging video can be found on the Kintama website. The Cowichan lake Cutthroat Trout study visualization is [here](#).**