

**CLRSS Board Meeting Draft Agenda – Monday, Dec. 05, 2022**  
**ZOOM with thanks to the Cowichan Watershed Board for facilitating**

**ROTATING CHAIR: Jim Deck**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Rodger Hunter; Jim Deck; Jean Atkinson; Diana Gunderson; Beverley Nimmo; Rosemary Danaher; Don Prescott; Maureen Queded; Rick Bryan;

**Members:** Mike Patrick; CVRD Director Area F, Ian Morrison; CVRD Director Area I, Karen Deck; Cowichan Watershed Board, Jill Thompson; Judy Brayden;

**Guests:** Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu; CSSP team member, Elodie Roger

**Absent with regrets:** Dave de Pape, Lois Atchison, Bee Greenway,

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

<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>ACTION: What? By Whom? When?</b>
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**1. AGENDA**

Move introduction of Jason Anson to Leads #j and add CSSP – Elodie Rodger Leads #k

**MOTION:** That the agenda be accepted as amended.

**Moved by:** Rodger Hunter

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Diana Gunderson                               **CARRIED**

**2. MINUTES of November 07, 2022**

**MOTION:** There being no errors or omissions, the minutes of November 7, 2022 be accepted as circulated.

**Moved by:** Maureen Queded

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Rosemary Danaher                               **CARRIED**

**3. TREASURER’S REPORT for November – See Appendix I – Jim Deck**

a. Discussion & inclusion of “Witnessing the Water” heading – Donations: CVRD \$2500; Tony Green Estate \$1000; Town of Lake Cowichan \$500; CLRSS \$1000

b. Budget for “Witnessing the Water” – as circulated by Judy see APPENDIX 4

c. **MOTION:** That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as circulated with the addition of the line for donations to “Witnessing the Water”.

**Moved by:** Jim Deck

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Diana Gunderson                               **CARRIED**

**4. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – Rodger Hunter**

Shaw Creek is an inspiring place. We should visit Shaw Creek to inspire us to ensure its protection.

See Newsletter for expanded comments. Mike Patrick and Jean Atkinson will work with Rodger to develop a plan to visit Shaw Creek.

## 5. GUESTS' REMARKS (if they wish)

- a. Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu  
Town Hall work is ongoing. The bathrooms have been closed at Saywell Park due to vandalism. Rebar around the old water pipe in the river has been removed but it still presents a danger as some bolts are loose. There will be a big campaign in the Spring to reduce bear/human interactions – new garbage cans. Lake Cowichan has one of the worst records for bears being put down.
- b. CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison – update on 'Rural 101' letter to new residents  
Welcome letter is still being worked on. Honeymoon Bay also has bear/human interaction problem. Ian suggested that when requesting information from a government body, approaching the staff first and sending a cc to the elected official is the best way. He also suggested Judy approach Area E, D and I Directors, City of Duncan, and Municipality of North Cowichan with request for funding "Witnessing the Water"
- c. CVRD Area I Director, Karen Deck  
Karen thanked CLRSS members who helped in her election campaign.
- d. Cowichan Watershed Board representative, Jill Thompson  
Cowichan Tribes and CVRD are the two main partners in the Watershed Board. There is a large hole to fill with Tom Rutherford stepping down. A grant from the Real Estate Board is helping keep Tom onboard for 3 years. The Koksilah has been added into the Cowichan Watershed area. The Board will focus on working groups with Chairs and Co-Chairs.

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Watershed Tours- plan and budget – Rodger Hunter - **NIL**
- b. Speakers' Series – collaboration with CWB – Jill Thompson – put off until January
- c. Contact with Pam Woodruff – Dave De Pape – *hold over until January*

## 7. Leads Updates

- a. Gerald Thom MNPG – Rosemary Danaher & Lois Atchison
  - Please hold leaves until weather improves, 5 bags awaiting spreading
  - Town has been cutting riparian area around Gerald's dock
  - Shrubs & trees cut to 4' on left & look OK; on the right a little shorter & unattractive
  - Blackberries now in easy view & access and can be clipped if anyone wants to do that
  - Clip into 6 inch pieces and leave to decompose
  - Keep a record of your hours for Maureen
- b. Social & Retail Sales – **Prices** – Rosemary  
**MOTION:** That the price of extra large Tshirts be raised to \$22.  
**Moved by:** Rosemary Danaher  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Diana Gunderson **CARRIED**
- c. Membership: 62
- d. Fundraising – **NIL**
- e. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson – awaiting next newsletter
- f. Youth Engagement – Jean Atkinson
  - Jean and Diana attended the Forestry Education Centre when students were there planting.
  - Please see December Newsletter for excellent article by Jean.
- g. Paddlesport – Rick Bryan – low water levels have helped with instruction; looking at signage and mitigation of hazards in the river
- h. Fry Salvage – update on possible Study – Dave De Pape - **NIL**
- i. 6PPDQ sampling – Mike Patrick – last sample taken was the middle of November

- j. New member, Jason Anson – website, newsletter – introduction by Judy Brayden – Jason did not attend the meeting but we hope he will be a liaison with realtors and work on riparian concerns.
- k. CSSP – Elodie Roger – 4 year project “Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration” worth 1.4 million or \$350,000 per year
  - Project will build on 7 years of the Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project
  - Project will target the creation and rehabilitation of fish habitat to support juvenile and adult salmonids, with emphasis on Chinook, Coho, Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout
  - Project will focus on identifying areas of highest restoration priority
  - Outreach with property owners
  - Will co-ordinate with other conservation groups
  - Will hire and train local crews including First Nations and youth
  - 4 full-time field technicians and local experts hired for 4 months annually
  - Aim to develop a long-term monitoring plan

#### 8. **New Business**

- a. CWB – Setting the Course Survey – Judy
  - Judy has been asked by CWB personnel to represent CLRSS ( a good opportunity to link in her book ‘Witnessing the Water’) on a Watershed Connection Group with the focus of advancing the target which is:
    - THE PEOPLE OF THE COWICHN VALLEY UNDERSTAND & VALUE THAT THEIR WELL-BEING IS INTERCONNECTED WITH THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR WATERSHED. MUKW’STEM’O’S LHILHUKW’TUL, *everything is interconnected.*
  - Judy wondered if anyone else would like the opportunity.

*As there were no volunteers, Judy will represent CLRSS on a Watershed Connection Group. Rick Bryan will represent Paddlesports.*

- b. Request from BCCF for letter of support: See Appendix 2
- c. Letter of support: See Appendix 3
- d. Vegetated Shoreland Buffers presentation  
***Golden Rule: Any buffer is better than no buffer.***

#### 9. **STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY REPORTS**

- a. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck – Parker Jefferson gave an excellent presentation on Bats in the Cowichan Valley. Several different species have been identified. Bats have been moving from Island, Mainland, Washington, Oregon and Northern California probably due to climate change.

#### 10. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Rosemary Danaher

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 02, 2023**

#### APPENDIX 1

**November 2022 Treasurer's Report(As at November 30, 2022)**

	CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash
CLRSS General Account	15,012.71	-	15,012.71
to be deposited	-		
Salmon fry rescue funds			1,934.21
<b>Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities</b>			<b>13,078.50</b>
<b>Bursary Account Total</b>			<b>7,188.70</b>
Comments: \$85.68 in gifts were presented to former executives at AGM. T-shirt \$14.60 and cap \$17.64 gifted on River Day.			

CLRSS 2022-2023 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 30/11/22						
Revenue			Expenditures			
Category	Budget	Actual	Category	Budget	Actual	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>3,449.53</b>	
Memberships	1400	940	Signs	200	362.54	
Donations	300	4,100	Accounting	0	-	
Sales	300	370	Public Information	50	-	
Fundraising	2000	1,500	BCLSS	50	50.00	
Interest	0	0	Society Fees	0	-	
			Printing Costs	100	-	
			Purchase for Sales	200	120.96	
			Insurance	900	963.00	
			Bank Charges	0	13.00	
			Office Expenses	200	248.20	
			Courses & Mtgs	100	83.05	
			CSSP Activities	0	-	
			River CU	0	-	
			Fundraising Expenses	100	-	

Misc. other	0	500.00
Scholarship Fund	550	280.00
Fry Salvage	300	-
Gifts Apparel	250	-
GT Memorial Garden	400	400.00
Website Update	100	428.78
Signature Event	500	-

**APPENDIX 2** *click on PDF to view letter*



BCCF New Project  
Proposal Introductic

- o BCCF is requesting a letter of support for Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Fund Application
- o 5-year project – ‘Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration’
- o Project will target the creation and rehabilitation of fish habitat to support juvenile and adult salmonids with emphasis on chinook, Coho, Cutthroat and Rainbow Trout

**APPENDIX 3**



**Cowichan Lake & River  
Stewardship Society**

PO Box 907

Lake Cowichan, B.C.

VOR 2G0

November 25, 2022

**Attn: DFO – Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund proposal for the Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration Project.**

Dear Grant Selection Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the **Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society (CLRSS)** to provide this letter of support for the British Columbia Conservation Foundation’s (BCCF) project proposal for the Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund available through DFO in

hopes of continuing the important shoreline restoration work started under the Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project and to be continued through this new 5-year Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration project.

The proposed *Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration* project builds upon the successful Cowichan Shoreline Stewardship Project (2014-2021) which contributed to:

- The hiring of 35+ Cowichan Tribes members and local students over 7 years.
- The restoration of 18,758 square meters of fish habitat since 2014 (4.22 percent more than scheduled).
- The restoration of 32 sites around Cowichan Lake.
- The addition of 7,859 native plants to the shoreline.
- Increasing local capacity for shoreline restoration - 2,000 hours yearly volunteered by community members.
- The identification of 14 new sites ready to receive shoreline restoration through this new project proposal.

The AERF proposal will allow BCCF to restore new areas of the shoreline that were identified as most degraded and exposed to wind and wake actions. These shoreline ecosystems play a significant role in ensuring the survival of adult and juvenile Salmonids. With greater community education and aquatic and riparian ecosystem restoration, we believe in the Cowichan Lake Riparian Restoration Project's ability to increase our community and ecosystem's resilience to climate change, development pressures around the lake and predicted lake water-level fluctuations.

A successful AERF proposal will hopefully provide BCCF with the means to improve salmon habitat connectivity around Cowichan Lake over a period of 5 years and build local capacity for long-term salmon habitat stewardship with local residents, First Nations and conservation partners.

The **CLRSS** supports this project and we look forward to growing our partnership towards a healthier and more resilient watershed in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Traynor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Traynor for Rodger Hunter

CLRSS President

APPENDIX 4

Number of	350		500		350		500	
					Option 4			
Friesens	17.04 per t	5964	14.68	7340	16.82	5887	12.58	6290
Photography		500		500		500		500
Layout		500		500		500		500
Desktopping Spica Boc		500		500		500		500
Delivery	.94 per box	329.57/box		285	.94/box	329.57/box		285
Tax	0.05%	298.2		367		250		250
Sundry		100		100		100		100
<b>Per book</b>	<b>23.41</b>	<b>8191.2</b>	<b>19.19</b>	<b>9592</b>	<b>22.92</b>	<b>8066</b>	<b>16.85</b>	<b>8425</b>
Income		5000		5000		5000		5000
		3191.2		4592		3022		3425

Price: \$30 for copies 1 – 4; copies 5+ \$25

Profit on 30 = \$13.15; on \$25 = \$8.15

Note: If we proceed with further donations, the first 250 books will be needed to recoup our costs before profit is made. If we have donations for the balance, the total earnings will be  $\$13.15 \times 500 = \$6575$  for this run. Future runs will cost less.