

## CLRSS Board Draft Minutes of a Meeting held- Monday, November 7, 2022

By Zoom courtesy of the Cowichan Watershed Board

<b>Items:</b>	<b>Action: What? By Whom? When?</b>
<b>Rotating chair: Rodger Hunter</b>	
<b>In attendance</b> - Board Members: Jean Atkinson, Rick Bryan, Rosemary Danaher, Jim Deck, Diana Gunderson, Beverley Nimmo, Don Prescott, Maureen Quested, Rodger Hunter, Rick Bryan, Dave De Pape Members: Mike Patrick, CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison, Jill Thompson, Cowichan Watershed Board, Bee Greenway	
We 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.	
<b>The Fourfold Way:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• respect each other by having just one speaker at a time</li> <li>• expect people to speak from the heart with passion</li> <li>• expect people to show up to solve problems <i>and</i></li> <li>• expect people to speak without blame.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motion to accept the agenda</b> as circulated.	<b>Accepted by consensus.</b>
<b>Motion to accept minutes</b> of October 3, 2022	<b>Moved: Maureen Quested</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Dave De Pape</b>
<b>Treasurer's report:</b> (See Appendix 3 below) – Jim Deck <b>Motion to accept the treasurer's report.</b>	<b>Moved: Jim Deck</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Diana Gunderson</b>
<b>Guest remarks</b> from the Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu NIL/ ABSENT	
<b>Guest remarks</b> from CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison Ian spoke briefly about the progress of an application for development of a large piece of property near Caycuse, in which the 40 owners have adopted a positive attitude towards the abandonment of the 'sliced bread' method of water access in favour of the CVRD's recommendation of a shared use waterfront with a few shared docks over individual dock construction and ownership. He also referred to issues of riparian concern in the region. He pledged to bring forward to the CVRD Board the notion of a 'Rural Residency 101' introduction letter to be sent to new owners within the various regional areas of CVRD. This introduction letter would assist	

new rural property owners to negotiate the complex system that is regional government. He would insist that in Area F, riparian bylaw understanding would be the most important issue to be conveyed to new owners.

**Guest Remarks** from Cowichan Watershed Board representative, Jill Thompson

- CWB member Stuart Pagaduan reflected on the new Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skeweyul logo that he created, and taught us how to pronounce it in hulquiminum. It will be a regular feature of Watershed Board meetings as a step in our commitment to reconciliation.
- There is a good new video about Roundtable's Rivers Day, held Sept. 25, 2022 (with CLRSS participating)  
<http://www.cowichanstewardship.com/riverday.html>
- Oliver Brandes, POLIS Water Sustainability Project, has been an advisor to the Watershed Board for the last 12 years; this was formally reconfirmed by the Board  
<https://poliswaterproject.org/team/>
- Watershed Board's Strategic Review is underway – Setting the Course – recognizing how much things have changed since 2010, including climate change projections and the recognition of Indigenous authority to co-govern watershed; CWB members will be reviewing their mandate and role in light of these shifts.
- Kelly Locke, eco-forester, made a Green Shores presentation  
<https://stewardshipcentrebc.ca/green-shores-home/>  
<https://resilientcoasts.ca/>
- Todd Carnahan, WildSafe BC, spoke about human-wildlife conflicts and how it needs a year round focus in this area. Seeking resources to expand the educational program.  
<https://wildsafebc.com/>

**President's Remarks from Rodger Hunter**

Rodger Hunter elaborated on his view that water stewards and the greater population need to be inspired to be caring stewards. He expressed that real experiences in nature inspire people as was apparent when folks engaged in the watershed tour. This month, he is very cognizant of 'lest we forget' in the usual sense of the phrase, but also to include remembering and sustaining motivation to care about our environment. He recalled that the initial reason to begin the CWB Speaker's Series was to inspire people to become informed stewards of the watershed.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

- a. Meyers Road property
- b. Note to CVRD about reinstating welcome letter with emphasis on the need to respect riparian law.
- c. Rodger's plan re watershed tours.

d. Speakers' series.

e. Rotating chairs starting with December Zoom meeting.

f. Newsletter – first edition under new format

Newsletter continued –

- 79 people received it
- 60 people opened it
- It has been put on the website along with minutes

g. Ken Traynor completed the letter re the need for Riparian Enforcement & support for the weir and sent it to Minister Osborne and local gov't.

- Replies with thanks from Alistair's and Sonia's offices

**Leads conversation & updates ONLY as needed:**

- a. Gerald Thom Native Plant Garden – Lois Atchison/  
Rosemary Danaher

- a. Haven't heard of any sale as yet of Meyers Road property.
- b. Ian Morrison is encouraging reinstatement of the welcome letter with emphasis on the need to respect riparian law.
- c. **Rodger needs to present concrete plans and a budget for watershed tours and establish a Committee to be convened by Rodger (with suggested members: Rodger Hunter, Joe Saysell, Diana Gunderson, Genevieve Singleton, Rick Bryan, Jean Atkinson, Kristine Sandhu)**
- d. **Speakers Series needs more thought. Jill will see about collaboration with Watershed Board speakers.**
- e. Rotating Chairs:
  1. Dec. 5 - Jim Deck
  2. Jan. 9 – Rick Bryan
  3. Feb. 6 – Don Prescott & Beverley Nimmo
- f. Newsletter – Judy would like more feedback on newsletter content. The consensus was that Judy can work on the logo to make it work better for the newsletter.
- g. The letter requesting Riparian enforcement and in support of the weir is in Appendix 4.

- a. **Maple and alder leaves are needed for Gerald's Garden. You can spread them yourself or notify Lois or Rosemary immediately if you drop them**

- b. Social and Retail Sales – Rosemary Danaher
- c. Membership – Mike Patrick
- d. Fundraising – Maureen Quested  
Smile Cards - \$300  
Bottle Depot Account #484 - \$119
- e. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson
  
- f. Youth Engagement – planting at Forest Research Center
  - Jean Atkinson **Nov. 14 CLS Youth will be planting at the Forest Research Centre. Jean and Diana will attend. Students are also going to take out blackberries at Olson Manor in the Spring.**
  
- g. Water Monitoring – Bee Greenway and Dave De Pape  
**Water monitoring is finished for the year. Bee mentioned the new data collection method does not leave her with any data.**
- h. Paddle Sport – Rick Bryan reported a Nov. 11 annual paddle at Stoltz, 2 minutes at the Burma Star Cairn monument, then proceed downstream. There should be 30 – 40 paddlers.
- i. Fry Salvage
- j. G. T. Environmental Studies Bursary –  
- deferred until January 2023
- k. CSSP – Genevieve Singleton **NIL**
- l. UVF contamination in watershed – Jean Atkinson **NIL**
- m. 6PPDQ monitoring – Mike Patrick – sampling has started but no results yet. Awaiting another rain storm.

- off.
- b. **NIL**
- c. **62 members: 55 regular and 7 lifetime members**
- d. **Fundraising: \$419**
- e. **Decibel Coalition: letter of thanks for donation**  
**Can. Marine Advisory Council has rec. boating meeting on Nov. 9 and will be presenting policy options for boating. Safe Quiet Lakes umbrella group is try to deal with problem of wake boats (a larger problem in shallow lakes) Check out the CMAC website.**
- f. **MOTION: that CLRSS pay for a dozen pairs of leather gloves for students and suggest that Olson Manor make a donation to the Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary. Moved: Jean Atkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Deck**  
**CARRIED**  
**Replanting will be up to Elodie and CSSP**
  
- h. **Judy to toss cookies to paddlers.**
- i. **Dave De Pape will investigate the notion of whether or not fry salvage is valuable. Question: Is it still valid to rescue fry in 2023?**  
  
**Jim Deck reported that Genevieve would probably like to repeat this year's Rivers**

<p>n. Signature Event – <b>Did Rivers’ Day events have any influence on your thinking about a Signature Event?</b></p>	<p><b>Day format in the future.</b></p>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tshirt prices – Rosemary Danaher –</li> <li>2. Should we reissue invitations to elected officials to attend our meetings?</li> <li>3. Website updates – in response to questions from a new member – Mike Patrick <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Listing of board contact info</li> <li>b. How to report RAPP violations</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Olson Manor – see Appendix 1 – Jean Atkinson <b>SEE:</b> Youth Engagement under Leads headline</li> <li>5. Watershed Restoration Plan query from Pam Woodruff – Dave De Pape was to discuss with Pam</li> <li>6. October Treasurer's Report – Jim Deck</li> <li>7. Zoom meetings and holiday dates</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pricing of merchandise deferred until December mtg.</li> <li>2. <b>MOTION that the Area I director be invited to attend CLRSS meetings.</b> <b>Moved: Maureen Qusted</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Prescott</b> <b>CARRIED</b></li> <li>3. <b>MOTION that Board contact information and RAPP line information be added to the website.</b> <b>Moved: Maureen Qusted</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup>: Jim Deck</b> <b>CARRIED</b></li> <li>4. <b>See Youth Engagement comments from Jean Atkinson under the Leads Conversation &amp; Updates headline</b></li> <li>5. <b>Dave De Pape will contact Pam and report back.</b></li> <li>6. <b>See Appendix 3</b></li> <li>7. <b>There should be no problem having Zoom meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, if the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday is a holiday.</b></li> </ol>
<p><b>Stewardship Community Reports:</b></p> <p>Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck See Appendix 2</p>	
<p><b>Motion to Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>Moved by Diana Gunderson</b></p>
<p><b>Important Upcoming Dates:</b> <b>December 5, 2022 – Board meeting on Zoom</b></p>	

## Appendix 1 Olson Manor

Good evening. Was great to meet you and Jean today.

I did call Jack after I left the Manor and spoke to him on the meeting and gave him an update.

For the removal of the blackberries - students

If we could get something together in writing that we can provide to the Board for their approval

A letter of assurance that the students from LCS are coming to Olson Manor at 61 King George Street Lake Cowichan are participating as a class/project with LCS - the project details - students from LCS will attend to remove blackberries on-site they will cut down and remove / project will be done annually weather permitted in fall/spring 2023 and annually thereafter and mayhaps a proviso that this is weather permitting and at the discretion of the teacher supervisor, yourself.

Then the Board can in turn submit a letter of approval for LCS students, so it is all covered for liability or any other concerns that you, the school or the Board may have with respect to the project.

The Board as well, would like to make an in-kind contribution to \_\_\_\_\_ (for you to designate where or what financial donation we can make for the project – whether a one-time or annual)

I also indicated that Jean advised on the funding application and possible removal of the invasive lily and fern vine growing at the river's edge and up along the stairwell.

If part of the removal of the vine is to be done by the students, higher up on property, perhaps we could also include that – invasive planting as you the supervisor are knowledgeable about.

I hope this has addressed some of the discussions we had today, if I have missed anything, please let me know.

This is exciting and Im looking forward to moving this project further to fruition. Hoping that the River Stewardship is able to get funding to get further into this project in 2023

If you need to contact me, my cell is 250.466.0168 for texts, or home for messages at 250.749.6123

Regards,

Roni-Lee

## Appendix 2: Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable Notes

October's meeting was held on October the 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting started off with a review of the Quw'utsun Sta'lo' Skweyul (Cowichan River Day) which was held on September 25, 2022. This celebration was held at five locations in the valley and attracted almost 750 visitors, up considerably from last years approximately 400. However, last years was held in the middle of the pandemic. This year's celebration received federal grants to help celebrate a grand reopening after the pandemic. After some discussion we went around the table to receive an update from the 10 groups present this month. The meeting ended with a presentation from Tristan Douglas who spoke on Blue Carbon Storage in the Cowichan Estuary. Tristan worked with CERCA, Environment and Climate Change Canada and other researchers to assess microplastic contamination in the Cowichan estuary. In addition, he investigated the link between intertidal biofilms, their production of essential fatty acids and shorebird foraging. The paper he wrote as lead author with Goetz Schneragel and S. Kim Juniper will be available on the website in the near future.

## Appendix 3: October Treasurer's Report

October 2022 Treasurer's Report(As at October 31, 2022)			
	CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash
<b>CLRSS General Account</b>	<b>14,878.48</b>	-	<b>14,878.48</b>
to be deposited	-		
<b>Salmon fry rescue funds</b>			<b>1,934.21</b>

<b>Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities</b>	<b>12,944.27</b>
<b>Bursary Account Total</b>	<b>7,181.73</b>
<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.</b>	

Revenue			Expenditures		
Category	Budget	Actual	Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4000</b>	<b>6,370.10</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>3,043.76</b>
Memberships	1400	860.00	Signs	200	362.54
Donations (1)	300	3,600.00	Accounting	0	-
Sales	300	410.00	Public Information	50	-
Fundraising	2000	1,500.10	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	11.75
			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	24.26
			Signature Event	500	-

**Notes: (1) \$2500 is a donation from the CVRD and \$1000 is a donation from Tony Green. Both donations are to assist the publication of the coffee table book being prepared by Judy Bryden**

## Appendix 4 Letter to Minister Osborne



Call for Better Riparian Area Enforcement Support for Funding Cowichan Weir.msg