

CLRSS Board Meeting Tuesday, August 08, 2023
MINUTES

Chair: Jim Deck

No volunteer hours were collected at this meeting.

In Attendance:

Board Members: Don Prescott, Beverley Nimmo, Di Gunderson, Jean Atkinson, Jim Deck, Rosemary Danaher, Dave DePape, Judy Brayden and Cam McCauley

Members: Lois Atchison, Mike Patrick, Joe Saysell and Nancy Nelles

Absent with regrets: Maureen Quested

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

We reviewed that we will:

- 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.

1. Approval of agenda: It was moved and seconded by Rosemary Danaher and Judy Brayden that the agenda be adopted as amended with the inclusion of the Treasurer's Report for July 2023 - Carried.
2. Approval of June minutes: It was moved and seconded by Judy Brayden and Don Prescott that the minutes of June 2023 be accepted as distributed – Carried.
3. Approval of the July Treasurer's Report: It was moved and seconded by Jim Deck and Beverley Nimmo that the Treasurer's report of July 2023 be accepted as presented – Carried.

Further Judy Brayden moved, and Beverley Nimmo seconded that the first item on the August 16th Executive Committee meeting agenda be the proposed uses of the \$2500 Regional Grant in Aide recently received from the CVRD Area F Director. Carried.

4. Connecting Through Water Festival – Program Lead Dave DePape, reported on the details that have been finalized to date. See attached Appendices. A plan was devised to overcome some site-related, logistical, stumbling blocks.

It was agreed that Judy Brayden would print an inexpensive label containing: Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society and the web address and affix to the 40 posters that have been printed.

5. The Connecting Through Water – Discover Your Watershed draft budget: Jim Deck moved, and Dave DePape seconded that the budget be accepted as amended. Carried.

It was agreed by consensus that Jean Atkinson could order additional Riparian Care Manuals for the event as it was agreed that this approximately \$150 item could be easily accommodated within the draft budget.

Budget for Connecting Through Water Festival 2023

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| a. Printed Material | | |
| Passport | 500 | |
| Garden Primer | 500 | |
| Poster | 200 | (150.71) |
| advertising coupon | 300 | (259.88) |
| Stickers | 300 | |
| Signs | 350 | |
| Newspaper Ad | 550 | |
| Miscellaneous | 100 | |
| b. Tent rental & set up | 400 | |
| c. Arts & crafts supplies | 175 | |
| d. Bubble zone supplies | 50 | |
| e. Face Paint | 50 | |
| f. Stamps & ink pads | 50 | |
| g. Prizes | 50 | |
| h. Equipment & table covers | 300 | |
| i. Honorariums | | |
| Search & Rescue | 250 | |
| Social Media | 50 | |
| Indigenous Participation | 500 | |
| j. Insurance | 500 | |
| k. Miscellaneous | 250 | |
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| | \$ 5425 | |

6. With the agreement of the meeting, an additional informational item was brought forward by Joe Saysell.

Joe reported on the recent and very devastating fish kill on the Cowichan River between Mile 70 and Skutz Falls. He reported that this area is a "dead zone" and recent dive evidence showed that there were no live specimens of fish or crayfish in this area. The *suspected* reason is a mysterious combination of climate factors that resulted from the unprecedentedly long and extreme hot spell.

It was agreed by consensus that possible action resulting from this report would be included in the August 16th Executive Committee meeting agenda.

Adjournment at 8:30 Don Prescott