

CLRSS MINUTES OF APRIL 03, 2023 (DRAFT)

**ROTATING CHAIR:** Rick Bryan

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members:** Rodger Hunter; Diana Gunderson; Maureen Qusted; Rick Bryan; Jim Deck; Beverley Nimmo; Rosemary Danaher; Don Prescott; Dave DePape

**Members:** Jacqueline Sherk; Joe Saysell; Judy Brayden; Ian Morrison (Area F CVRD Director); Karen Deck (Area I CVRD Director) Jill Thompson

**Guests:** Kristine Sandhu (Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor); Tom Rutherford (CWB)

**Absent with regrets:**

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.

**ITEMS**

**ACTION:** What? By Whom? When? Where?

1. **MOTION:** That the agenda be accepted as amended. Add Facebook Use to New Business #d; and *Witnessing the Water* to Leads #i.

Moved by: Maureen Qusted

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Deck

**CARRIED**

2. **MOTION:** That the minutes of March 06, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Moved by: Maureen Qusted

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

**CARRIED**

3. **MOTION:** That the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Jim Deck

**CARRIED**

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Don Prescott

4. a. Remarks by Ian Morrison Area F CVRD Director

- Little Beach has been acquired as CVRD parkland
- Expect to put in curb stops and port-a-potties among other up-grades.
- Air quality is very bad in the Valley, so use Mead Creek Recycling rather than burning. Free garden waste recycling (under 3” diameter for logs, branches)

- b. Remarks by Karen Deck Area I CVRD Director

- Will look into installing a purple air monitor in Youbou

- c. Remarks by Kristine Sandhu Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor

- New bathrooms at Centennial Park
- Proposed new Public Works office
- Trees will be planted to regreen Ohtaki Park and the bus stop on Lake Cowichan Road
- Commissionaires to monitor parking starting May long weekend

d. Remarks by Tom Rutherford, CWB

- Cowichan Weir Project has challenges of:  
Funding & licensing and ownership
- CVRD submitted for licence on behalf of partners
- WCB working with Min. of Environment on 5 yr. program  
Lower Watershed – Year 1  
Upper Watershed – Year 2 Shaw Creek to Stoltz Pool  
Establish long term data set  
5 half days of sampling in summer & fall . . . . .

Maureen to organize volunteers  
When more details known

Bee Greenway met with provincial officials on who is doing what in the watershed.  
Probably no sunscreen sampling this year but info team will show up at events.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- a. Input on weir from CLRSS to CWB – our Signature Event will provide Information on the weir
- b. Signature Event: Dave, Mike, Jim, Maureen, Jean, Jacqueline  
Dave will organize the next meeting and update materials
- c. Matter of dock extension & boom logs east of Gordon Bay has been Returned to complainant for action
- d. Jean and Diana have been working on an information package re the Intent of CLRSS work in Saywell Park for the Board and the next step is to approach the town of Lake Cowichan.
- e. CLRSS wallet cards & Rapp Card – Judy shared samples on screen  
Ian suggested Area D might be able to fund initiative with \$500.

**MOTION:** That CLRSS spend \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars) to purchase the RAPP & Wallet cards.

Judy will take care of ordering cards.

Moved by: Rosemary Danaher

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Don Prescott

**CARRIED**

GTG – cleanup will be held mid to end of April.

**6. LEADS' UPDATES**

- a. GTG – Garden cleanup mid to end of April.
- b. Social – cards sent to Caroline Thom – sympathy  
& Mike Patrick – get well
- c. Retail – 1 ball cap sold
- d. Membership: Membership & hot dog event at Country Grocer on April 16,  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- e. Fundraising: \$148 raised at Bottle Depot  
\$240 raised through Smile Card sales
- f. Decibel Coalition – for new information, look at websites of Decibel Coalition  
or Safe Quiet Lakes
- g. Youth Outreach – LCS Health Fair, Wed. April 5: Diana, Jean, Lois, Jacqueline,  
Rick to man table and talk to students 9 – 9:30 set up
- h. Paddlesport – low flow levels but good for instruction  
Youth kayak fest in April
- i. *“Witnessing the Water”* – Judy expressed thanks to Brenda & Ian Morrison  
for the donation of a display unit to be used at book sales at markets and art  
and craft sales. Book stores, museums, libraries to take books.  
Board members will be given information to send out to their contacts to sell books.  
The book will be a historic document of what the river looked like in 2022.

- j. Fry Salvage: is under the licence of Cowichan Lake Salmon Enhancement Society
- k. Dave mentioned the huge contribution Bee has made, and continues to make, working with the Province on the new reporting system and data base.

Executive consideration  
needed before AGM

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominating Committee – Rodger Hunter, Jim Deck, Maureen Quested
- b. Invasive Species – post card idea  
Milfoil; knotweed  
Yellow flag iris classified as unnatural species; has good & bad points  
Invasives should be considered as a new focus when next Board is looking at the Strategic plan.

**MOTION:** That a committee be formed to consider post card idea and invasives.

Moved by: Rodger Hunter

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

**CARRIED**

- c. Newsletter to include: decibel newsletter; health fair;  
Membership drive; Jacqueline to help identify invasive species

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Rosemary

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 01, 2023

**In person meeting** at Country Grocer meeting room at 6:30 p.m.