

CLRSS Board Draft Meeting Minutes - Monday, March 7th, 2022
 – via Zoom with thanks to the Cowichan Watershed Board (CWB)

Every month on the **First Mon**, until **Jun 6, 2022**, 7 occurrence(s)

Apr 4, 2022 06:30 PM

May 2, 2022 06:30 PM

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<p>Items: March rotating chair: With thanks, Rick Bryan</p>	<p>Action: What? By Whom? When?</p> <p>Roster for the next 6 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April - Dave DePape • May - Jim Deck • June - Chantelle Carden • July - Lyndon Keeping • August - Ken Traynor • September - Rick Bryan
<p>In attendance - Board Members: Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rick Bryan, Chantelle Carden, Rosemary Danaher, Jim Deck, Diana Gunderson, Lyndon Keeping and Ken Traynor. Members: Mike Patrick, Maureen Qusted, Genevieve Singleton, Chris Morley, Joe Saysell, Beverly Nimmo and Don Prescott. Guests: ToLC Councillor, Kristine Sandhu and CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison. Absent with regrets: Cowichan Watershed Board ED, Tom Rutherford, Member; Lois Atchison.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>The Fourfold Way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>and</i> • expect people to speak without blame. 	
<p>FYI only Our Strategic Plan (See Appendix 1 below)</p>	
<p>Motion to accept the agenda as printed.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Chantelle Carden and Ken Traynor CARRIED</p>
<p>Motion to accept minutes of February 7th, 2022.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded with amendment by Judy Brayden and Jim Deck CARRIED</p>
<p>Treasurer's report: (See Appendix 2 below) Jim Deck</p>	<p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Moved and seconded by Jim Deck and Lyndon Keeping CARRIED</p>

<p>Guest remarks from the Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu: A bus shelter is being built on South Shore Road using a grant. A port-a-potty will be installed at the Lakeview Park. Kristine will be making a motion to the ToLC Council to keep the Lakeview Park gate open 24/7. She reported that there are three marginalized people in L.C. and no money for town to provide services so pods will be used in Duncan.</p>	<p>Kristine Sandhu reported that questions for the Town of L.C. should be sent directly to staff via email or letter. She would appreciate being copied on the questions and the answers received. CLRSS appreciates having a rep. from the town council at our meetings.</p>
<p>Guest remarks from CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison. The question of how BC Assessment is going to deal with Class 7 Private Managed Forest land will go to UBCM in the fall and hopefully It can encourage BC Assessment to move forward with a decision.</p> <p>Little Beach – There can be no transfer of the property to the CVRD with a Provincial Covenant in place, so this is no likely to be completed before June 2022.</p> <p>MS. Josie Osborne is the new 'BC Minister of Water'; a Watershed Fund has been established. It is a self-sustaining fund for groups involved in watershed activities. Ian is not anticipating anything anytime soon. There is a survey associated with it.</p>	<p>Please refer to Appendix Four on the Agenda for citizen involvement in CVRD-led “community circles in April and May, 2022 regarding consultation on the Official Community Plan (OCP).</p> <p>Comments will help form what our OCP should look like based on what we as a community want.</p> <p>Ian Morrison is to reply to Joe Saysell’s query of who (Names, titles) looks after fish in the river.</p>
<p>Guest Remarks from Cowichan Watershed Board Executive Director, Tom Rutherford. Ken Traynor reported in Tom’s absence. Watershed Board is looking for a new Executive Director as Tom wants more time to play in the river.</p>	<p>Ken Traynor recommended looking at material on the CWB website, click on meetings. Some good material on managing the weir moving ahead.</p>
<p>President’s Report: Ken Traynor reported on CLRSS Upper River Stewardship reported to Heritage River administration and a letter of support for the Nixon Creek log jam Habitat Rehabilitation. (See Appendix 3 below)</p>	<p>Ken Traynor is working on a letter supporting the water sustainability fund, due March 18.</p>
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>1.) CLRSS Member, Mike Patrick, spoke to his request that the Board revisit the CLRSS Mission statement and his request to be assured by the Board that the current focus of CLRSS activities continues to be the upper watershed.</p> <p>CLRSS Mission Statement: <i>To inform and educate landowners, other citizens and government about the environmentally sustainable use and protection of the Cowichan watershed with emphasis on the upper Cowichan watershed and all riparian zones. To work with schools, citizens and other like-minded groups for this purpose.</i></p>	<p>1.) Mike Patrick was assured by the Board that the current emphasis of CLRSS activities continues to be the upper watershed. CLRSS acts as an ambassador with an advocacy and informative role to the rest of the watershed of our activities. There has been no attempt to expand CLRSS efforts or funds from the upper river.</p> <p>Diana Gunderson articulated the difference between the meanings of the words, “focus” and “emphasis”.</p> <p>Judy Brayden accepted responsibility for any confusion and subsequent angst caused by her statement at the recent brainstorming meeting.</p>

<p>2.) A Progress Report on the visioning of a 'CLRSS Signature Event' - Chantelle Carden (see Appendix 3 below); We also needed to set a date in April to convene a membership-wide CLRSS meeting to decide on this direction.</p> <p>3.) A Dragon Boat Festival fact-finding report was presented by Rosemary Danaher; Concerns and contradictions re fundraising & indigenous Involvement were brought to the table. Genevieve Singleton reiterated that her intention was to support a new community member with networking, not to involve the society in the actual event.</p> <p>4.) Covid protocol and the CLRSS meeting location for April and on was discussed. Lyndon Keeping suggested in person meeting every 2nd month, with Zoom for those who wish to use it.</p> <p>5.) CVRD OCP Community Workshops (See Appendix 4 below) Please see guest remarks from Ian Morrison, above.</p> <p>6.) Possible education session request to FLNR re Riparian area regulation and development requests. (See Appendix Five below)</p>	<p>2.) Judy Brayden will secure the Curling Lounge for an April, in-person, membership-wide, CLRSS meeting to decide on the direction of a 'CLRSS Signature Event' (ASE).</p> <p>3.) Moved and seconded by Rosemary Danaher and Judy Brayden that Ken Traynor send an email to Brian Aubrey, wishing him well with his endeavour, but to inform him that we are unable to provide any funding or organizational assistance for this event. CARRIED</p> <p>4.) The April 4th, 2022, Board meeting will be in person, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Maureen Qusted, 10013 March Road in Honeymoon Bay. Those who wish to join via Zoom need to inform Maureen asap.</p> <p>6.) It was moved and seconded by Diana Gunderson and Rosemary Danaher, that Chris Morley and Joe Saysell approach Andrew Appleton of FLNR on behalf of the Friends of the Cowichan and CLRSS, requesting an education session regarding riparian area regulation and development requests for people/groups in the valley. CARRIED</p>
<p>Leads conversation and updates ONLY as needed:</p> <p>a. Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden – Lois Atchison-</p> <p>b. Social and Retail Sales – Rosemary Danaher NIL</p> <p>c. Monthly Meetings rotating chair for April 2022 –</p> <p>d. Membership – Maureen Qusted NIL</p> <p>e. Fundraising – Maureen Qusted NIL</p> <p>f. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson – There will be a 2 year delay for Transport Canada to get regulations in place on boat noise and mufflers.</p> <p>g. Youth Engagement – Chantelle Carden NIL</p>	<p>a.) There will be a work party in April, weather permitting, time TBA</p> <p>c.) See rotating roster at the top of these minutes.</p>

<p>h. Water Monitoring – Bee Greenway and Dave De Pape NIL</p> <p>i. Newsletter – Chantelle Carden reported that the newsletter will be coming out soon.</p> <p>j. Paddlesports report: Rick Bryan reported that conditions are good for instruction in the river right now.</p> <p>k. Fry salvage – Dave DePape NIL</p> <p>l. Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary - Diana Gunderson</p> <p>m. Cowichan Climate Hub NIL</p> <p>n. CSSP – Genevieve Singleton reported that the CSRT will be proceeding with Rivers' Day in some capacity</p> <p>o. Lamprey - Genevieve Singleton NIL</p> <p>p. Mitigating Ultraviolet Filter (UVF) contamination in the Cowichan watershed</p>	<p>i. Get your newsletter items and any pictures to Chantelle Carden</p> <p>p. Mike Patrick reported that the program has been extended for another year. When he needs volunteers, he will advise members.</p>
<p>New Business: NONE</p>	
<p>Stewardship Community Reports:</p> <p>1. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck reported that there were few fish carcasses in the Lake and Upper River this winter. Chum run was down significantly; virtually no chum fry to be seen. Bears and eagles will be in trouble with drastically low chum numbers.</p> <p>Fishermen dropping anchor in spawning beds are creating havoc – looks like a plowed field. Steelhead can be considered lost on the coast.</p> <p>Joe Saysell of the Friends of the Cowichan, is continuing to recommend that the upper river be closed from December 01 to March 31. He feels that this would protect 90% of fish.</p>	
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Moved by Rosemary Danaher</p>
<p>Important Upcoming Dates: Apr 4, 2022 06:30 p.m. in person May 2, 2022 06:30 p.m. Jun 6, 2022 06:30 p.m. July 4, 2022 06:30 p.m. August 8, 2022 06:30 p.m. Sept. 12, 2022 06:30 p.m. Sept. 25, 2022 All Day River's Day Event</p>	

Appendix 1: Strategic Planning Outcomes 2020

1. Increase awareness of and support for building the new weir	2. Increase Youth Engagement
<p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase public support ● Increase community understanding of new weir benefits ● Increase public awareness of how climate change is driving the need for a new weir 	<p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase youth membership ● Re-establish Lake Studies program ● Collaborate with other valley youth programs ● Establish youth roundtable
3. Protect Lake Shore Lands	
<p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Protect critical undeveloped shoreline and tributary habitat ● Promote protection for Shaw Creek watershed ● Expand shoreline riparian habitat restoration work to tributary creeks 	

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

February 2022 Treasurer's Report			
	CASH in Bank	Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash
CLRSS General Account	11,516.19	-	11,516.19
to be deposited	-		
Salmon fry rescue funds			1,934.21
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities			9,581.98
Bursary Account Total			6,878.20
Comments:			

CLRSS 2021/2022 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 28/02/2022

Revenue			Expenditures		
Category	Budget	Actual	Category	Budget	Actual
Total Revenue	4500	4,965.95	Total Expenditures	4,500	3,682.10
Memberships	1400	1,220.00	Signs	0	257.00
Donations	2000	1,041.75	Accounting	100	-
Sales	300	80.00	BCLSS	50	50.00
Fundraising	800	2,624.20	Society Fees	250	-
Interest	0	0	Printing Costs	400	-
			Purchase for Sales	100	218.40
			Gifted Apparel	100	-
			Insurance	0	876.00
			Bank Charges	100	11.00
			Office Expenses	200	97.92
			Courses & Mtgs	0	-
			CSSP Activities	0	-
			River CU	0	166.65
			Fundraising Expenses	100	-
			Misc. other	500	34.45
			Transfers to Bursary Fund	500	934.74
			Fry Rescue	300	-
			Landowner Education	500	-
			GT Memorial Garden	400	-

Website Update	100	24.26
Watershed Art Project	800	1,011.68

Appendix 3: Support Letter Nixon Creek log jam Habitat Rehabilitation.



Cowichan Lake & River
Stewardship Society
February 10, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support for the Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society funding request to support **Nixon Creek log jam Habitat Rehabilitation**.

The Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society (CLRSS) regularly supports and collaborates with the Cowichan Lake Salmonid Enhancement Society (CLSES) in their work with Lake Cowichan School, their outdoor education classes and for fry salvage in May and June.

Nixon Creek is a significant tributary to Cowichan Lake and is important fish habitat in the western end of the Lake. While we have not been up to the problem site ourselves we have reviewed the photographic, map and google earth images and descriptions provided by those who have visited the site.

CLRSS supports this funding application and the submission of a Section 11 application to restore the affected fish habitat. We feel this project would make an important contribution to our collective effort in the Cowichan valley to address these serious watershed challenges and help build up our region's resilience to climate change impacts.

Sincerely,

Ken Traynor

President Cowichan Lake &
River Stewardship Society

Appendix Four:

The Cowichan Valley Regional District is planning a series of consultations on its official community plan. There will be a series of CVRD-led "community circles" in April and May. Residents can also organize and lead their own community circles and the CVRD is offering resources and training for those who wish to do so. Residents are also invited to complete online workbooks in order to respond to key policy goals, such as responding to climate change, managing infrastructure, expanding transportation options and CLRSS DRAFT MINUTES OF Board for Meeting of March 7th, 2022 – Maureen Qusted, Ken Traynor and Judy Brayden

protecting the environment. Access the surveys, register for the community circles and [find more information here](#).

Appendix Five:

Chris Morley and Mike Patrick have been following up on the Riparian infringements at the Stanley Creek property in the Town. They have been in touch with the FLNR representative who reviews these kinds of applications for the Ministry. They think it would be a good idea to ask Andrew Appleton from FLNR if he or someone from his staff would give a presentation about the RAPR process to the town, CVRD, CLRSS and others -- i.e., developers, QEPs, etc. This would hopefully clear up any confusion about who is responsible for each step of the process and when it must occur.