

MINUTES OF A CLRSS BOARD MEETING (DRAFT) 2023 01 05

Held at Country Grocer Meeting Room

ROTATING CHAIR: Jim Deck

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Rodger Hunter; Diana Gunderson; Maureen Qusted; Jim Deck; Beverley Nimmo; Rosemary Danaher; Don Prescott; Jean Atkinson

Members: Joe Saysell; Judy Brayden; Ian Morrison (Area F CVRD Director); Jill Thompson, CWB; Bee Greenway

Guests: Kristine Sandhu (Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor);

Absent with regrets: Dave DePape; Karen Deck (Area I CVRD Director)

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. Diana Gunderson will sit next to the Chair and keep a list of those wishing to speak on any item.
2. Adoption of Agenda
MOTION: that the agenda be accepted as presented.
Moved by: Maureen Qusted
2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**
3. Minutes of last meeting
Corrections: Councillor Sandhu: Town of Lake Cowichan plans to regreen Kasapi Park.
 Re wallet & RAPP cards: Ian Morrison is CVRD Director for Area F.
 Bee Greenway claims not to be working with the Province, but is spending time lolling in sunny, warm spots.
 Item on no sunscreen testing this summer was submitted by Jim Deck.
MOTION: that the minutes of April 03, 2023 be accepted as amended.
Moved by: Maureen Qusted
2nd by: Di Gunderson **CARRIED**
4. Treasurer's Report – Jim Deck
Motion: that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented.
Moved by: Jim Deck
2nd by: Rodger Hunter **CARRIED**
5. Guest speakers:
 - a. Kristine Sandhu – Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor – The town hall is expected to be finished at the end of June. 4 gardeners have been hired for the summer. Kristine will look into the properties on Prospect and reply to Joe Saysell.
 - b. Cowichan Watershed Board – Jill Thompson – CWB had help from VIU with design of their pop-up tents which they will bring to the Signature Event. The public can ask questions and if not answered at the time, the questions will be referred to an agency best suited to fielding the query.
 Water Sampling – 4 teams of 2 for 10 weeks, 5 Summer: July 1 – Sept. 15 and 5 Fall: Oct. – Nov. 15

CWB is looking for funding for the water sampling.

MOTION: that CLRSS support CWB's "Provincial Water Quality Attainment Sampling Program".

Moved by: Rodger Hunter

2nd by: Maureen Quested **CARRIED**

- c. Ian Morrison – Area F CVRD Director – Little Beach: there will be garbage, signage, and monitoring at Little Beach and commercial users will have to meet standards.

\$100 million Watershed Security Fund – government hopes it will be self-sustaining fund through philanthropic donations.

Policy Regulation Uses – Input Strategy: First Nations Caucus and Prov. Gov't. **Jill will circulate link.**

6. Business Arising

- a. RAPP cards are being printed and will be in the mail in early May for delivery to Youbou, Lake Cowichan, Mesachie Lake and Honeymoon Bay.

MOTION: that magnetic RAPP cards are distributed on a "donation appreciated" basis.

Moved by: Di Gunderson

2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**

- b. Nominating Committee for AGM close to a suggested slate of candidates & no later than May 15, 2023.
- c. Saywell Park Riparian Project (2013 – 2023) Di Gunderson and Jean Atkinson

Although the current problem is over-pruning of the Saywell riparian area, we think it is important that the Board understand the history of CLRSS involvement with Saywell Park. To this end, we have prepared a package for the Board. It will be distributed to board members before the meeting and the committee would appreciate feedback, by email to both Di and Jean.

The next step will be to share the package (possibly revised) with the Town mayor, council and maintenance staff and request a meeting with them. Ideally, the result of the meeting would be a renewed, shared commitment to the use of Saywell Park as a demonstration riparian site (compatible with recreational use) and as a maintenance plan for the future. In any case, we need to find out their present vision, keeping in mind that they are not bound by riparian law as Saywell is a park. If CLRSS and the Town are to work together, the next step would be to meet with staff at LCS with a view to involving students with the use and care of the riparian area.

MOTION: that the Board receive the Saywell Park Riparian Project as presented.

Moved by: Jean Atkinson

2nd by: Di Gunderson **CARRIED**

- d. Invasives – motion made at the last meeting to form a committee on invasives – who will undertake this or is it necessary?

MOTION: that this item be tabled until a later date, perhaps after the AGM.

Moved by: Rodger Hunter

2nd by: Rosemary Danaher

- e. Signature Event – August 26, 2023, site centric (all happening at one site) to be held at Saywell Park between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

7. Leads' Updates

- a. GTG – Lois and Rosie
Thanks to Don, Judy, Jean, and Di for their solid effort removing blackberries on April 27. Judy, Don, and Di also spread last fall's leaves onto Gerald's Garden.
Blackberry culling was completed on Thursday, May 4.
- b. Retail – one hoodie sold \$50.00 profit is \$9
- c. Membership – Drive at Country Grocer very successful:
16 new members, 9 renewing one of whom was lapsed.
- d. Fundraising - \$310 raised at Country Grocer
- e. Youth Outreach – Health Fair at LCS April 05, 2023 – Diana Gunderson

Jean, Jacqueline, Rick, Lois and I attended this first LCS Health Fair since COVID. We set up a slide show and our brochure display under our CLRSS banner. Our display focused on watershed health, and responsible recreational use of the watershed, promoting not only physical fitness, but supporting mental wellness, a focus of this year's Health Fair. We were able to touch base with a number of staff members and Jean and I will be following up with meetings, soon we hope.

- f. *Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship* Please read the document Judy sent out on Wednesday, April 26 also the budget sent on Monday, April 24. Book being printed in May.
- g. BCCF: Riparian Restoration Project - Elodie Roger – DFO AERF announced that we had not been successful at receiving funding for this project due to the overwhelming number of applicants. However, the project has been placed on the AERF over-programming list. If funds become available, the AERF regional team will inform BCCF of the next steps in the process.

8. New Business

- a. **Sponsorship** in the name of CLRSS – Carter Quested (grandson) is playing for the Junior Shamrocks and requires sponsorship. Maureen will pay the sponsorship cost but give the naming rights to CLRSS. This means:

- CLRSS LAKE STEWARDS name on home and away Jerseys
- The sponsor will be featured on the team web site. (see BC Junior B Tier 1 Shamrocks lacrosse)
- The sponsor will be on the Fan Face Book site.
- Sponsor can provide a website link or business card to use on
Team social media sites.

MOTION: that the CLRSS Board approve the sponsoring details as listed above.

Moved by: Maureen Quested

2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**

- b. White foam issue at river's edge – pictures of the foam were sent by a kayaker, Edmond Duggan, to CWB and Jill forwarded them to Kristine Sandhu and Maureen. Kristine has referred the matter to town staff. Edmond has been given RAPP line contact information.
- c. **Bursary:** CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION Please do not share outside of CLRSS until after awards presentation on June 15th (6 p.m.) when the names of the winners will be revealed. Hopefully, Caroline Thom will attend again as presenter.

The School Awards Committee have selected a GTMB winner who has been a top student from grade 8 through 11 and will likely be again this year. This student is enrolled in Biology at VIU and is hoping to pursue a career in Environmental Studies. She has been a leader in a number of school environmental initiatives (the most notable of which has been the revitalization of the school garden over the past couple of years)

- c. **Purchase of Square** Interac Machine – Jim Deck
 - The cost to purchase device is \$59.
 - The device is useful when selling the book, memberships or merchandise remotely. We are currently missing out on these sales when people don't have cash.
 - The unit will permit credit card purchases with a fee of 2.65% and debit card transactions at \$0.10 each. These charges are for the Square device only. Each financial institution may have their own charges in the range of \$1 - \$5 but that is generally at the expense of the purchaser.

MOTION: that CLRSS purchase one Square Interac Machine and that it be under the direct control of the Treasurer.

Moved by: Jim Deck

2nd by: Don Prescott **CARRIED**

d. **Roundtable April 18 – Jim Deck**

- Cheri Ayers, a fish biologist, reports that their studies show that fry found in the swampy-flood plains area are typically larger and weigh more. This is because there is more food present and the fry do not have to work hard to swim around. In the fast-moving streams, there is less food and the fry must work harder.
- Heather Prichard reports they have planted 150 cedar trees in a prov. Park and there are not many places to plant them with forests all around.
- Barry Hetschko reports there are real concerns about the new developments going up around Somenos Marsh.
- A number of comments made re Earth Day 2023 activities.

9. Adjournment: Moved by – Rosemary Danaher

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 05, 2023, Country Grocer at 6:30