

CLRSS Board Meeting Agenda - Monday, May 3, 2021 – via Zoom, with thanks to the CWB

| Items: Rotating chair: Ken Traynor | Reports and Decisions Made |
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| <p>In attendance - Board Members: Lois Atchison, Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rick Bryan, Chantelle Carden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson, Parker Jefferson, Lyndon Keeping, Ken Traynor. Members: Jim Deck, Bee Greenaway, Dave DePape, Guests: CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison, Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu and Cowichan Watershed Board Executive Director, Tom Rutherford. Absent with regrets: Rodger Hunter, Genevieve Singleton and Maureen Qusted.</p> | |
| <p>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.</p> | |
| <p>The Fourfold Way reviewed:</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</p> | <p>Moved and seconded by Diana Gunderson and Lyndon Keeping CARRIED</p> |
| <p>Motion to accept minutes of April 12, 2021</p> | <p>Moved and seconded by Judy Brayden and Diana Gunderson CARRIED</p> |
| <p>Treasurer's report: 2021/22 Draft Budget included as it comes to the AGM Sunday, May 30, 2021</p> | <p>Moved and seconded by Lyndon Keeping and Chantelle Carden that the 2021/22 Draft Budget accepted as presented. CARRIED</p> |
| <p>Guest remarks from Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu</p> | <p>Kristine reported that Lakeview camping is open, and the Town is working to ensure that campers are complying with the 'in your own health</p> |

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| | <p>authority' Covid restrictions. She updated the members on the ToLC plans to regulate parking at Saywell Park this summer: possible temporary parking lot on Point Ideal Road to alleviate some of the inundation at Saywell. There are seven 'Lady of the lake' candidates this year.</p> |
| <p>Guest remarks from CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison</p> | <p>Ian updated the members on the current state of the CVRD building on Ingram St. after the recent water issue; staff is working from home or is placed at satellite offices, but delivery of CVRD services is necessarily impacted because of this situation. Length of time for full restorations is expected to be at least 3 months.</p> <p>He updated the members on the 'no trespassing' signage that will be erected at the Little Beach pullout on Greendale Road but the property owners. The RCMP are aware of the situation but no deliberate attempts will be made to stop tubers from disembarking. The signs are for the owner's protection.</p> |
| <p>Correspondence: BCCF Request re added CSSP work (See CORRECTED Appendix 4 below) Ken Traynor</p> | <p>Discussion ensued. CLRSS may be asked to suggest some properties for riparian restoration, should this program proceed.</p> |
| <p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Written Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Riparian information signs currently in Saywell Park – Parker Jefferson 2. Watershed Education Centre at the New Weir – Ken Traynor & Dave De Pape 3. Trailer Park at Sutton Creek – Update Ken Traynor 4. Watch the Redds signage – update Lyndon Keeping 5. 2021/22 CLRSS Board nominees - Ken Traynor | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parker reported that his awaiting input from Genevieve on changes that she wished to incorporate. He feels that the process is not difficult, nor will it be costly. 2. Ken reporting that he has applied for delegation status at the upcoming ToLC May 18th Parks and Rec Committee meeting 3. Plans underway. To be announced. 4. Lyndon reported that Joe Saysell in conversations with the Ministry of the environment has been assured that signage about regular fishing rules will be posted. Joe was disappointed with this result. 5. The following 2021/22 CLRSS Board roster is coming forward to a meeting for ratification asap. <p>CLRSS Board Nominees Nominated by Lois Atchison and Bee Greenway</p> <p>Executive Directors: President - Ken Traynor Vice President - Lyndon Keeping Secretary - Judy Brayden Treasurer - Lyndon Keeping</p> <p>Members At Large: Di Gunderson Jean Atkinson Rosemary Danaher Chantelle Carden Jim Deck Dave DePape <i>*Rodger Hunter</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>*Rick Bryan</i> <i>* Rodger Hunter and Rick Bryan have agreed to accept appointments to the 2021/22 CLRSS Board of Directors once 30 days has passed from the renewal dates of their CLRSS memberships</i></p> |
| <p>Leads conversation and updates as needed:</p> <p>a. Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden – Rosemary Danaher (See Appendix 5 below)</p> <p>b. Social – Rosemary Danaher (See Appendix 5 below)</p> <p>c. Monthly Meetings rotating chair: Parker Jefferson in June if able, Lyndon Keeping back-up.</p> <p>d. Membership - Maureen Quested: As of April 29, 2021: 41 total members consisting of: 3 lifetime members 2 new members 36 renewed members</p> <p>e. Fundraising – Maureen Quested NIL</p> <p>f. Decibel Coalition - Diana Gunderson will report on the recent conference that she attended. (See Appendix 7 below)</p> <p>g. Youth Engagement – Chantelle Carden will report on the 'shirt initiative' (See Appendix 6 below)</p> <p>h. Our Watersheds – Through the Lens of Art - Viewing Ecosystems Creatively – Judy Brayden</p> <p>i. Water Monitoring – Bee Greenway NIL</p> | <p>a. Rosemary announced that there would be a May 26/27 clean-up day at the GTMNPG for those able to help with a clean-up of the area.</p> <p>c. Lyndon will be chairing the meeting. With thanks.</p> <p>f. See Appendix 7 for full report.</p> <p>h. Judy thanked all those folks who had been so helpful with the project to date and reviewed that there would be two sections to the initiative: Witnessing the Water and History Meets Climate Change. More details to follow.</p> |
| <p>New Business:</p> <p>1. May 30 AGM format and planning – Judy Brayden and ken Traynor</p> | |

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| <p>2. CLRSS Honorary Lifetime Membership – Ken Traynor</p> | <p>1. The Zoom meeting will be May 30 (10:00 – 12:00) and the format will be a version of the one followed last year. The PowerPoint reports and the election of officers.</p> <p>2. It was decided to honour two long-time, very dedicated CLRSS members this year.</p> |
| <p>Community Stewardship Reports:</p> <p>1. Cowichan Watershed Board – Tom Rutherford</p> <p>2. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Lyndon Keeping</p> <p>3. Other reports as needed:</p> <p>a. Lamprey update – Genevieve Singleton NIL</p> <p>b. Update from the paddling community - Rick Bryan</p> | <p>1. Tom reported on the Weir Steering Committee meeting at which the issue of cold water return was discussed. Because this is an important component of a successful design a study will be forthcoming to determine exactly how far up the lake infrastructure would have to be installed to ensure the necessary cold water return.</p> <p>Further, Tom reported on the work of a consultant to examine the licence-holder models that could be possible in this case.</p> <p>Tom reviewed the flows data and the Board members indicated that they would appreciate being sent the weekly report from Brian Houle. Judy said that she would forward it.</p> <p>2. Lyndon reported that one of the interesting items at the recent meeting was the study underway to examine the mortality of cutthroat in Cowichan Lake. Apparently the catch rates of cutthroat is down from the historic levels and members wondered if this had anything to do with the Cowichan lamprey, as they feed off that species in their adult stage, before they mate.</p> <p>3b. Rick reminded the members of the fundraising that the paddle sports community had undertaken in order to raise the funds for a feasibility study about the possible inclusion of paddler’s recreational component at the weir.</p> |
| <p>Motion to Adjourn at 8:41 p.m.</p> | <p>Moved by Rosemary Danaher</p> |
| <p>Important Upcoming Dates: Sunday, May 30, 2021 – CLRSS AGM – time: 10:00 – 12:00 Monday, June 7, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.</p> | |

Appendix 1: Strategic Planning Outcomes 2020

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| 1. Increase awareness of and support for building the new weir | 2. Increase Youth Engagement |
| Goals <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 | Goals <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 | |
| Goals <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

The Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021

ASSET

Current Assets

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Island Savings Credit Union General | 10,232.34 | |
| Membership Shares | 5.72 | |
| Island Savings Credit Union Bursary | <u>5,940.57</u> | |
| Total Cash | | <u>16,172.91</u> |

TOTAL ASSET

16,172.91

EQUITY

Members Equity

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| General | 8,298.13 |
| Salmon Fry Rescue Funds | 1,934.21 |
| Bursary/Gerald Thom Fund | <u>5,940.57</u> |

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| TOTAL EQUITY | <u>16,172.91</u> |
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The Cowichan Lake and River Stewardship Society

Income Statement April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

REVENUE

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Membership Fees | 1340.00 |
| Donations | 303.30 |
| Sales | 70.00 |
| Fundraising | 28.00 |
| Interest Revenue | <u>9.78</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE | <u>1751.08</u> |

EXPENSES

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Public Information | 0 |
| BCLSS | 50.00 |
| Insurance | 241.50 |
| Printing Costs | 0 |
| Purchase for Sales | 0 |
| Gifted Apparel | 17.64 |
| Bank Charges | 11.00 |
| Office Expenses | 10.52 |
| Courses & Mtgs | 0 |
| CSSP Activities | 0 |
| River CU | 0 |
| Misc. other | 205.93 |
| Scholarship Fund | 150.82 |
| Fry Rescue | 0 |
| Landowner Education video | 0 |

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| GT Memorial Garden | 751.52 |
| Website Update | 186.60 |
| Strategic Plan | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | <u>1625.53</u> |
| NET INCOME | <u>1625.53</u> |

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Appendix 3: 2021/22 CLRSS Annual Budget

| Category | Draft Budget 2021/22 | Actual 2020/2021 |
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Revenues

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| Total Revenue | \$4500 | \$1751.08 |
| Memberships | 1400 | 1340.00 |
| Donations | 2000 | 303.30 |
| Sales | 300 | 70.00 |
| Fundraising | 800 | 28.00 |
| Interest | 0 | 9.78 |

Expenditures

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Total Expenditures | \$4500 | \$1474.62 |
| Signs | 0 | 0 |
| Accounting | 100 | 0 |
| BCLSS | 50 | 50.00 |
| Society Fees | 250 | 0 |
| Printing Costs | 400 | 0 |
| Purchase for Sales | 100 | 0 |
| Insurance | 0 | 241.50 |
| Bank Charges | 100 | 11.00 |
| Office Expenses | 200 | 10.52 |
| Courses & Mtgs | 0 | 0 |
| River CU | 0 | 0 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 100 | 0 |

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| Misc. other | 500 | 205.93 |
| Scholarship Fund | 500 | 150.82 |
| Fry Salvage | 300 | 0 |
| Landowner Education | 500 | 0 |
| Gifts (apparel) | 100 | 17.64 |
| Project GT Memorial Garden Project | 400 | 751.52 |
| Website Update Project | 100 | 37.69 |
| Watershed Art Project | 800 | 0 |

Appendix 5: GTMNPG and Social

1. No retail sales - if anyone would like to buy a new t-shirt or baseball cap etc, contact Rosie either by email or phone.
2. Thank-you card hand delivered to LC Town Office re \$100 grant to replace Gerald's vandalized directional sign.
3. Gerald's Garden - no storm or wilful damage to the garden. It looks like the 2 yellow violets you planted survived the winter - we have green leaves at the moment. Parker's lilies are a no show at this point. **Gerald's garden needs its first weed and maintenance work sometime in May - will be weather dependent. We will erect the new directional sign to Gerald's garden at the same time.**

Appendix 6: Youth Engagement

Students were absolutely fantastic 2 weeks ago. They are planning the following projects:

- 1) an all-school clean-up (they are working on receiving school permission with the principal to work around COVID rules)
- 2) signage on the river from LCS (in collaboration with CLRSS) to help with garbage clean-up. In addition, they are also looking to talk to Tubeshack as a group to discuss with their needs to "encourage" Tubeshack to help with keeping the river clean.
- 3) Native plant gardening for next year planning.

Next Steps:

- 1) Noni wants me to meet with them one more time so they can update me with them on their process.
- 2) This would be a good time for us to bring in Noni and let her know now that we have engaged with students - is there a possibility of incorporating actions like this into a summer camp and what would the interest be?

Appendix 7: Decibel Coalition Report

Boating on BC Lakes-A Diverse Future

(April 28, 2021-Hosted by BCLSS and attended by representatives of at between 12 and 20 shoreline ambassador/stewardship groups).

After a brief introduction from Darryl Arsenault (BCLSS Director), there were six presentations, four of which dealt directly with boating.

1. **Impacts of Wake Boats** (Heather Larratt – Larratt Aquatic Consulting Ltd.)
Presented results of studies on differences between natural wakes, ordinary boat wakes and wake boat wakes, and their effects on sediment disturbance, shoreline erosion and small boater safety.
Wake Boats are limited to USA lakes over 8 meters
“Smart Wake Safe Boating” posters available from the Okanagan Regional District.
“Water Traffic Inside a Lake” video available from BCLSS.
2. **Restoring and Protecting Shorelines the Natural Way** – Darryl Arsenault – (Arsenault Environmental Consulting Ltd.)
Presented some photos of properties with wave damage, erosion and failing retaining walls, and showed how natural vegetation helps, and how the use of “Hugelkultur”, which is quite an involved/complex process is likely the best way to repair such damage.
3. **Working to Create Boating Decibel Limits** – Alan Drinkwater (Canada Decibel Coalition Western Canada Rep)
Presented some “did you know” information: For every 10-decibel noise level increase, loudness doubles! Out of 9,000 boats purchased today, 2,000 are intrusively noisy, many having twin V8 engines, many of these with bypass switches (illegal). Some of these boats are sold with no noise abatement at all. Manufacturers have been approached and would support some limitations.
Today, federal legislation has no performance standards, so when RCMP have brought charges regarding extreme boat noise the cases are thrown out as the RCMP “are not mechanical experts”. RCMP and the RCMP Marine Unit are receptive to more efficient and effective procedures.
The Decibel Coalition proposes a decibel limit law of 75 decibels at a distance of 100 meters.
Transportation Canada responds to lobbying. The Coalition which presented at the recent Canadian Marine Advisory Committee (CMAC) forum, has increased the number of member groups, adding organizations from Quebec and BC. Alan is contacting regional governments, asking for support. He has had success in the Okanagan and is attending a CVRD meeting sometime in May.
CDC will participate in the September CMAC forum where boat stereo/music/noise will be added to the presentation.
4. **Management Lessons from Lake Windermere** – Shannon McGinty (Lake Windermere Ambassadors)
Presented a summary of the plan for wake zones in a very shallow lake (6-8 meters).
5. **Foreshore Integrated Management Planning** – Georgia Peck (Living Lakes Canada)
Presented some mapping/surveying examples available to Developers and Community Planners and briefly summarized FIMP (Foreshore Integrated Management Program), Shim (Sensitive Habitat Inventory Mapping) and FIM (Forestry Inventory Mapping).
6. **Electric Boats** – Captain Mark Fry (Templar Marine Group)
Presented photos of “Templar Boats” (there are other manufacturers) and listed some features: small wakes dissipate 50 feet out, a 26-foot boat goes 33 knots, noise level max. 60 decibels.
Boats are expensive to buy (\$59000 and up) but cost little to run (can be plugged into a regular socket).