

**Draft Minutes CLRSS Board Meeting– Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**  
**ZOOM with thanks to the Cowichan Watershed Board for facilitating**

**ROTATING CHAIR: Jim Deck**

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Don Prescott; Di Gunderson; Jean Atkinson; Maureen Quested; Jim Deck; Rick Bryan; Beverley Nimmo; Rosemary Danaher;

**Members:** Joe Saysell; Mike Patrick; Judy Brayden; Ian Morrison (Area F CVRD Director)

**Guests:**

**Absent with regrets:** Dave De Pape; Kristine Sandhu; Rodger Hunter;

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:** Please note that with the change of the January meeting date, there is every likelihood that members have not had the time to complete very much society work. To that end many reports etc. will be NIL. This will also shorten the meeting length.

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

1. **AGENDA**

**MOTION:** That the agenda be accepted as amended.

**Moved by:** Don Prescott

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Rick Bryan

2. **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** There being no errors or omissions, the minutes of December 5th, 2022 be accepted as circulated.

**Moved by:** Maureen Quested

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

**Re:** minutes of Dec. 19, 2022 meeting: **MOTION:** that the minutes of Dec. 19, 2022 be accepted as circulated.

**Moved by:** Maureen Quested

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Beverley Nimmo

**CARRIED**

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MOTION:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated

**Moved by:** Jim Deck

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

4. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Rodger Hunter - NIL**

5. **GUESTS' REMARKS (if they wish)**

- a. Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu - **NIL**
- b. CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison – CVRD Directors are sharpening their pencils for budget preparation. Riparian degradation has been noticed along the lakeshore. Regional Directors are working to get the Local Government Act modernized so that there are repercussions for people breaking riparian laws.  
The UBCM is trying to upload back to the provincial government issues of widespread concern.
- c. CVRD Area I Director, Karen Deck - **NIL**
- d. Cowichan Watershed Board representative, Jill Thompson - **NIL**

## 6. **Business Arising from the Minutes of this meeting as well as the special meeting of December 19, 2022**

- a. Issue: The usual practice of moving the CLRSS regular meeting to the second Monday of the month in those months in which a holiday occurs on the first weekend of the month is creating scheduling conflicts for two of the four executive members, our co-chairs.

Options presented at the December 19<sup>th</sup> special meeting:

- A. Agree to meet only on the first Monday of the month and defer or skip the rare meeting on which a very special holiday (eg. Christmas) falls on the first Monday of the month.
- B. Choose another regular meeting day.

**MOTION:** that the regular monthly meetings of CLRSS be held on the first Monday of the month; if that should fall on a statutory holiday such as Canada Day, a decision on either rescheduling or cancelling will be made at the regular meeting in the month preceding the statutory holiday.

**Moved by:** Maureen Quested

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Di Gunderson **CARRIED**

- b. Watershed Tours- plan and budget – Rodger Hunter - **NIL**
- c. Speakers’ Series – collaboration with CWB – Jill Thompson – put off until January - **NIL**
- d. Contact with Pam Woodruff – Dave De Pape – hold over until January – **NIL**

## 7. **Leads Updates**

- a. Gerald Thom MNPG – Rosemary Danaher & Lois Atchison - **NIL**
- b. Social & Retail Sales – Rosemary - \$20 in sales; \$4.88 profit
  - a. 3 thank you cards for donations to *Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship*
  - b. 1 get well card
- c. Membership - Mike - 62
- d. Fundraising – Maureen - **NIL**
- e. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson – great progress has been made on limiting excessive boat noise. Transport Canada has announced they are proposing decibel limits be imposed on both boat manufacturers and operators. Legislation could be imposed by the end of 2024 with implementation by 2025.
- f. Youth Engagement – Jean Atkinson - **NIL**
- g. Paddle sport – Rick Bryan – Rain has brought more paddlers out on the river. Paddle Sport groups are looking at being more assertive re signage to increase safety. They are also going to be bringing forward the idea of writing a letter to the Ministry re safety concerns.
- h. Fry Salvage - Dave De Pape - **NIL**
- i. 6PPDQ sampling – Mike Patrick - **NIL**
- j. CSSP – Elodie Roger – **NIL**

## 8. **New Business:**

- a. Miracle Close riparian destruction – Jim Deck will meet with Dee Watt re property on Miracle Close. **We are reminded we are not the police and can only recommend healthier approaches and offer positive examples.**
- b. Jean Atkinson and Ken Traynor attended a WSB Target meeting Dec. 16.  
TARGET: to protect and restore functioning of streamside, lakefront, wetland and estuarine habitats of Cowichan Lake, Cowichan River and Koksilah River.  
Indicators:
  - 1. By 2025, 50% of intact riparian habitats along CL, CR, and KR are protected.

2. By 2025, 10% of disturbed riparian habitats along CL, CR, and KR have undergone successful restoration treatments.

The group wanted further discussion on Indicators, as they felt the %'s were arbitrary and there is a need to brainstorm a working plan, taking data that exists and establishing a baseline of what the riparian areas are like now, i.e. what's intact now, and what is damaged.

Kelly Law, a project co-ordinator of the Green Shores project, has asked to meet with Jean, another good collaboration.

Jean has met another young realtor, Karli Ann Fortin who wants to be informed. [Jean will supply our video and follow up with the realtor.](#)

- c. Jean was concerned that the Town of Lake Cowichan was over zealous in their pruning of the riparian area on each side of Gerald's wharf. In the past, we have suggested cutting windows or view corridors rather than wholesale cutting. She would like to see CLRSS renegotiate with the Town on how the riparian area is managed. Ian Morrison suggested a scientific or professional based approach, i.e. recruit a qualified professional. Chris Morley is such a person and [Joe Saysell will take Chris Morley to look at the pruning and forward his comments.](#)
- d. **MOTION:** [Moved that Rosemary have 50 traditional CLRSS thank you cards printed and ask Judy Brayden to mock up the post card idea for thank you cards.](#)

**Moved by:** Rosemary Danaher

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

**CARRIED**

#### 9. STEWARDSHIP COMMUNITY REPORTS

- a. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck – **NIL**
- b. Joe Saysell reported that the Ministry said NO to the request to close the river for 4 months in the fall because of the guiding industry.

10. *Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship* : Judy will be sending out a series of emails to the Board on this, our book, and is requesting feedback in 12 – 24 hours. Too late to reply after that.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN – Rosemary Danaher**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

Treasurer's Report for December 2022



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