

CLRSS Board Draft Minutes of Monday, October 3, 2022
At the home of Maureen Quested, 10013 March Road, Honeymoon Bay
6:30 p.m.

Items: Volunteer hours	Action: What? By Whom? When?
<p>In attendance - Board Members: Jean Atkinson, Jim Deck, Rodger Hunter, Maureen Quested, Beverley Nimmo, Don Prescott Members: Judy Brayden, CWB rep. Jill Thompson, CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison Guests: Absent with regrets: Dave De Pape, Ken Traynor, Lois Atchison, Rosemary Danaher, Rick Bryan, Diana Gunderson</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 circulated.</p>	<p>Moved: Maureen Quested 2nd : Don Prescott CARRIED</p>
<p>Motion to accept minutes of September 12, 2022</p>	<p>Moved: Maureen Quested 2nd : Don Prescott CARRIED</p>
<p>Treasurer's report: (See Appendix 2 below) – Jim Deck Judy Brayden asked that there be a separate section for recording the financials of the coffee table book. Any donations to the book will flow through CLRSS.</p>	<p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Moved: Jim Deck 2nd: Don Prescott CARRIED</p>
<p>Guest remarks from the Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu</p>	<p>NIL</p>
<p>Guest remarks from CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian noted Meyers Road waterfront is up for sale, with intact riparian area bordered on two sides by beaches denuded of vegetation. We should be ready to approach

	<p>new owners about need for replanting when it has been sold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Referendum on the ballot was for a new funding formula for recreation to make things more even among electoral areas. It will be phased in over 3 years. ● Ian is the electoral rep for UBCM and can take any rural issues to the government ● Ian stated the need to make the letter Ken is writing to Minister Osborne (requesting protection for riparian areas through enforcement of existing laws) concise and with a direct question. ● There should be an accompanying note to the CVRD requesting reinstatement of the welcome letter to new residents with emphasis on the need to respect riparian law. ● Rodger will write the note to the CVRD. He is willing to meet and work with realtors. Judy or Jean agreed to accompany him.
<p>Guest Remarks from Cowichan Watershed Board representative, Jill Thompson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providence Farm approached CWB re a forest management plan. Heather Pritchard and Chris will take a holistic approach. ● Area for therapeutic healing ● Culturally historic (Douglas Fir with Cedar center) ● Jill will reserve the Zoom times

	and forward the links
<p>President's Remarks – Rodger Hunter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify goals, objectives, dreams, and barriers to those • Make plan to overcome barriers • Need sustained inspiration and motivation • CLRSS has had good success with partnerships • Those present spoke of their inspiration to be part of CLRSS • What gets people out?
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watershed tour – Rodger Hunter 2. Rotating chair 3. Newsletter lead/editor 4. Rivers Day Experience – Jim Deck & others 5. Furthering relationship with First Nations – Genevieve Singleton NIL 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. - Rodger envisions watershed tours for winning candidates, educators, CLRSS members covering lake, weir, riparian areas and Shaw Creek. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rodger is to make a plan – where, when, how much to rent bus. - Rodger suggested a speakers series, perhaps at LCS theatre. 2. Motion: by Jim Deck that CLRSS continue with rotating chairs for 2022 - 2023 2nd: Maureen Quested CARRIED 3. Judy Brayden has volunteered to be the newsletter lead/editor for the next 2 years and presented a plan (see Appendix 2) Motion by Maureen Quested that Judy has the board's permission to move ahead with this plan as presented. 2nd: Jean Atkinson CARRIED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to share all our

	<p>knowledge and include more interactive pieces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Witness the water on as many levels as possible – in it, on it, beside it4. Jim Deck reported 100 attendees at Saywell Park for Rivers Day
<p>Leads conversation and updates ONLY as needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden – Lois Atchison/Judy Braydenb. Social and Retail Sales – Rosemary Danaher c. Membership – Mike Patrick/Maureen Questedd. Fundraising – Maureen Quested e. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson NILf. Youth Engagement – Jean Atkinsong. Water Monitoring – Bee Greenway and Dave De Pape NILh. Newsletter – Judy Braydeni. Paddle sport report – Rick Bryanj. Fry salvage – Dave DePapek. Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary - Diana Gundersonl. Cowichan Climate Hubm. CSSP – Genevieve Singletonn. Mitigating Ultraviolet Filter (UVF) contamination in the	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. October 18/25 or 27, 10 - 12 were options for clipping back blackberries. Let Rosemary know if you are able to attend. - tree removal (firs) can wait till Spring - regravelling pathways and adding soil to garden should be done in Springb. Social – Elodie Roger sent a note of appreciation for her get well card. Retail Sales – Total Sales \$340 for a profit of \$105.20 \$32.24 for gifted items (baseball cap for Genevieve's workshop \$17.64 Tshirt for Suzanne who wore the otter costume on Rivers Day \$14.60)c. Membership is around 58d. Fundraising –<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take return-for-cash containers to Duncan Recycle account #484- Thrifty Smile Card for sale from Maureene. NILf. Jean Atkinson had a good meeting with Nicole Larusso of LCSg. – o. NIL

Cowichan watershed – Jean Atkinson o. 6PPDQ monitoring – Mike Patrick	
New Business: 1. Signature Event update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave De Pape regrets he does not yet feel well enough to follow up on the Signature Event at this time. He suggests January.
Stewardship Community Reports: 1. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Groups involved with Rivers Day gave their reports. * Cowichan tribes gave a presentation on their marine unit * They are able to use it in fresh and salt water and along with the coast guard and Malahat First Nations, were able to assist a stranded commercial boat caught up on rocks get free and prevent any damage to the environment.
Motion to Adjourn	Moved: Don Prescott
Important Upcoming Dates: Options for Gerald Thom garden work: Tues. Oct. 18 10 – 12 Tues. Oct. 25 10 – 12 - notify Rosemary and bring maple leaves Thurs. Oct. 27 10 – 12 November 07 at 6:30 – next board meeting at 10013 March Road	

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 	<p style="text-align: center;">Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase youth membership • Re-establish Lake Studies program

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public awareness of how climate change is driving the need for a new weir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with other valley youth programs • Establish youth roundtable
<p>3. Protect Lake Shore Lands</p>	
<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 	

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**APPENDIX 2: CLRSS Newsletter Proposal regarding the 2022 – 2024 CLRSS member newsletters
Submitted by Judy Brayden September 29, 2022**

CLRSS Newsletters 2022 – 2024 Overview

Eight issues per year at six-week intervals beginning

In order to provide recipients with a predictable and reliable anticipation for members, each issue will include the following:

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and to build a sense of community.

1.) What We Need to Say:

- Important notices – Judy Brayden and Jim Deck, to include information about work bees, fundraising information, membership drives, CLRSS member updates, meeting notices etc.

2.) President’s Message: Why we do what we do?

- Rodger Hunter to include one philosophical ideal each issue (ie: stewardship, what is a watershed? what is a water sustainability plan? etc.)

3.) From the Land:

- One native species per issue (animal or plant) with quick facts, how they help the environment, what to look for and pictures. – Genevieve Singleton
- Riparian information (plants one at a time) – Jean Atkinson, pictures of the species in each of the four seasons, Genevieve Singleton

4.) From the Water:

- Water facts; recreational notes from CLRSS co-chair, Rick Bryan (**Pierre LaPaddelle**)
- Flows and weir information – Paper Excellence's weekly report when appropriate, and Leroy Van Wieren
- Issues as they arise (sweepers, Decibel Coalition, aquatic species info and care, invasive species, interventions such as fry salvage) Joe Saysell, Diana Gunderson and others.

