

**Minutes in draft of CLRSS Board Meeting– Monday, June 5th , 2023
6:30 at Country Grocer Meeting Room**

ROTATING CHAIR: Jim Deck

In Attendance:

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

Members: Lois Atchison; Karen Deck, Area I CVRD Director; Ian Morrison, Area F CVRD Director;

Guests: Jessie Paras BCCF; Tom Rutherford, CWB;

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

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?

1. **AGENDA**

MOTION: That the agenda be accepted.

Moved by: Maureen Qusted

There being no dissent, the motion was accepted.

CARRIED

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

MOTION: There being no errors or omissions, the minutes of May 01, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Moved by: Maureen Qusted

2nd by: Rosemary Danaher

CARRIED

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- To be circulated will by email.

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

- Karen Deck, Area I CVRD Director – Focusing on strategic plan and housing with environmental concerns in mind; climate change as it pertains to our lakeside community.
- Tom Rutherford, CWB – Heather Pritchard is overseeing 7 working groups and working on the restoration of small streams.
With respect to the weir, Paper Excellence, First Nations, CWB, CVRD are working on licensing and ownership. June 30 is a 'next step' meeting.
A LOT IS HAPPENING IN THE WATERSHED. (Can't be commented on at this time.)
- Ian Morrison, Area F CVRD Director – There will be a press announcement on June 06 regarding the estuary.

Keep reporting infractions to the RAPP line. The more reports they receive, the more likely they are to take action.

Environmentally friendly steps will be installed at Little Beach to try to protect & preserve the bank where tubers emerge from the river. CVRD is contracting with businesses like the Tube Shack.

- Jessie Paras, BCCF – 174 water samples have been taken showing sunscreen additives in water but not in super high concentrations. 5 year program hoping to see variations in numbers. Partnered with Save Your Skin and set up 4 sunscreen dispensers locally in Lake Cowichan. Jessie is working on creating materials and strategies in the use of sunscreen and how to convey this knowledge to users of sunscreen.
- Judy Brayden asked Jessie to write an article for the newsletter re sunscreen use.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a. RAPP Cards were distributed to those who wanted them
- b. Saywell Park Riparian Project – Jean and Diana are waiting for a meeting with the Mayor and the Superintendent of Works, Jas Sandhu.
- c. Sponsorship – letter of thanks received from Carter Quedsted
- d. Bursary – Awards presentation on June 15. Winner to be announced at AGM.
- e. Signature Event –
 - Expect to have about 10 exhibitors
 - Exhibitor package will be sent out by June 17 for return by July 15
 - Event Name: Connecting Through Water; Discover your Watershed
 - A passport will be developed that will include all exhibitors and offer an opportunity for a draw prize for filling in ballot. The passport will focus on key messages.
 - Goal statement: Attendees will understand that their well-being is connected to the well-being of their watershed.
 - Attendance goals: 500 over time; 200 – 250 this year

6. **Leads Updates**

- a. a. Fundraising – Maureen - **\$240** Smile Cards and **\$20** magnetic RAPP card
- b. b. “Witnessing the Water – an authentic relationship” – sorting books Saturday, June 10
Checking books – Sunday, June 11 at Judy Brayden’s; Potluck picnic dinner afterward.

7. **New Business**

- a. Tubing – a resident living on the River near Little Beach complained about disrespect for riverfront owners, public drinking and tubers using private property as a bathroom
RCMP involvement is important in removing liquor. Suggest series of rotating seizures.
Lack of jurisdiction over the river & its use is a problem.
- b. AGM – at the Curling Lounge at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 2023
Bring your own coffee cup.
Ian will preside over elections.
Revised agenda will be sent out in advance of the 25th meeting date.
- c. Roundtable – Joe Saysell Milfoil checking Stations for boats is a big issue

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Rosemary Danaher

NEXT MEETING: Will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 03 at Country Grocer even though it is a stat holiday.