

CLRSS Board Meeting Agenda - Monday, October 4, 2021 – via Zoom with thanks to the Cowichan Watershed Board

Items:	Action: What? By Whom? When?
Rotating chair: Dave DePape	
<p>In attendance - Board Members: Jean Atkinson, Lyndon Keeping, Rosemary Danaher, Jim Deck, Dave De Pape, Diana Gunderson, Rodger Hunter, and Ken Traynor.</p> <p>Members: Mike Patrick, Joe Saysell, and Maureen Quedsted. Guests: CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison, Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu and CWB Executive Director, Tom Rutherford. Absent with regrets: Judy Brayden, Rick Bryan, Chantelle Carden, Lois Atchison, Carrol Patrick, Genevieve Singleton and Elodie Roger,</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 printed.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Lyndon Keeping and Diana Gunderson CARRIED</p>
<p>Motion to accept minutes of September 13, 2021.</p>	<p>Moved and seconded by Diana Gunderson and Lyndon Keeping CARRIED</p>
<p>Treasurer's report: See Appendix 2 below</p>	<p>Acceptance moved and seconded by Lyndon Keeping and Ken Traynor CARRIED</p>
<p>Guest remarks from the Town of Lake Cowichan Councillor, Kristine Sandhu</p>	<p>Reviewed status of construction at Town Hall. All environmental approvals are in place. Prospect Avenue development is going before council and until it does, she has no comment. There was a general discussion on appearances of work being carried out in both riparian areas. While the work may be legal, considerations for environmental, moral and ethical standards should have taken priority.</p>
<p>Guest remarks from CVRD Area F Director, Ian Morrison</p>	<p>Campgrounds were extremely busy this summer which resulted in RCMP being kept busy investigating an increase in various violations.</p> <p>A development permit for a lot in Honeymoon Bay which will encroach on the riparian area was denied. The applicant appealed to the courts and CVRD lost.</p>

	A number of boaters from Port Renfrew were stopping at Bear Lake to clean their boats. RAPP are investigating.
Guest Remarks from Cowichan Watershed Board ED, Tom Rutherford	The final design and costs for the new weir have been finalized. Currently all interested parties are looking for one of them or another party to apply for a license to build and operate the new weir. Discussions on the Interpretive Centre and walkway will not be held until a license holder is approved.
<p>President's Report:</p> <p>1.) Update on the Prospect Avenue property.</p> <p>2.) Update on the Town of Lake Cowichan Hall expansion.</p> <p>3.) Update – sent from Bee Greenway:</p> <p>I thought our membership (especially the long-serving members) might enjoy the fact that our Lifetime Members George and Bill have been honoured by a beautiful cedar bench located in Price Park, Youbou, at the beach where the two of them would spend time almost daily. The effort for this was led by our CVRD Area I rep, Klaus Kuhn. Fellow CLRSS members Rob Somers (who still lives in Woodland Shores) and Gord Davidson (who moved back to Ontario a number of years ago), who also contributed richly to the Lake Monitoring and the Creek Signage projects are mentioned warmly. Possibly something that could be mounted on our website and posted in next newsletter? (See article attached separately)</p> <p>Kind regards, Bee</p>	<p>Ken submitted comment to the Town of Lake Cowichan on the Prospect Avenue development. CLRSS does not support development in the riparian area. In November 2019 BC amended the RAR regulations and will now allow some development with conditions under a hardship variance based on a Report from an environmental professional.</p> <p>A motion by Rosemary Danaher was made and seconded by Diana Gunderson to draft a letter to the Town raising issues about the hall expansion project activities in the riparian area. CARRIED</p>
<p>Business Arising from the Minutes and Written Reports:</p> <p>1. RCU 2021 summary was sent to all regular attendees. (See Appendix 4 below). We will be convening a face-to-face, follow up meeting. Date to be determined. Dave DePape has kindly agreed to facilitate this discussion.</p> <p>2. Report on the Annual River's Day contribution from CLRSS - Judy Brayden (see written report Appendix 3 below)</p>	

<p>Leads conversation and updates ONLY as needed:</p> <p>a. Gerald Thom Memorial Native Plant Garden – Lois Atchison</p> <p>b. Social and Retail Sales – Rosemary Danaher</p> <p>c. Monthly Meetings rotating chair for November, 2021 – with thanks to Jim Deck</p> <p>d. Membership – Maureen Quested</p> <p>e. Fundraising – Maureen Quested – has suggested that it is not possible to host an in-person Beer-n-burger night as a fall CLRSS fundraiser in 2021.</p> <p>f. Decibel Coalition – Diana Gunderson - NIL</p> <p>g. Youth Engagement – Chantelle Carden</p> <p>h. Water Monitoring – Bee Greenway</p> <p>i. Newsletter – Chantelle Carden</p> <p>j. Fry salvage – Dave DePape</p> <p>k. Gerald Thom Environmental Studies Bursary – NIL</p> <p>l. Cowichan Climate Hub - update</p>	<p>a. Subsequent to this meeting members are reminded to bring maple and alder leaves to the GTNPM Garden asap.</p> <p>b. Rosemary reports that there were sales of \$80 at the RCU.</p> <p>d. Maureen reports we now have 72 members.</p> <p>f. Diana reports that the coalition are looking for anyone with video and sound of load boats on the lake.</p>
<p>Stewardship Community Reports:</p> <p>1. Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable – Jim Deck</p>	<p>The Cowichan Stewardship Roundtable met outdoors at Bright Angel Park on Sept 23.</p> <p>Parker Jefferson reports that Steelhead Salmon stocks appear to be collapsing in the Cowichan River much like they are in the Skeena and Fraser Rivers. Reports were made by others. Discussions were held on the organization of River Day.</p>
<p>Motion to Adjourn</p>	<p>Moved by Rosemary Danaher</p>
<p>Important Upcoming Dates:</p> <p>October 2 – 31, 2021 Events – WildWings Nature & Arts Festival (wildwingsfestival.com)</p> <p>October 21, 2021 – Special facilitated meeting – future of CLRSS and the RCU. 6:30 p.m. Cowichan Sports Centre Curling Lounge.</p> <p>November 8, 2021 - Regular Board meeting</p>	

Appendix 1: Strategic Planning Outcomes 2020

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

September 2021 Treasurer's Report						
	CASH in Bank		Cheques/Transfers	Available Cash		
CLRSS General Account	10,797.07		0.00	10,822.57		
to be deposited	25.50					
Salmon fry rescue funds				1,934.21		
Total Cash Available for CLRSS General Activities				\$8,888.36		
Bursary Account Total				\$6,630.19		
Comments: donations from Rivers Day to be deposited						
CLRSS 2021/2022 Financial Report Budget to Actual - 30/09/2021						
Revenue			Expenditures			
Category	Budget	Actual	Category	Budget	Actual	
Total Revenue	4500	4,000.45	Total Expenditures	4,500.00	2,481.81	

Memberships	1400	1,080.00	Signs	0	257
Donations	2000	1,016.25	Accounting	100	0
Sales	300	0.00	BCLSS	50	50
Fundraising	800	1,904.20	Society Fees	250	0
Interest	0	0	Printing Costs	400	0
			Purchase for Sales	100	0
			Gifted Apparel	100	218.4
			Insurance	0	0
			Bank Charges	100	0
			Office Expenses	200	876
			Courses & Mtgs	0	8
			CSSP Activities	0	97.92
			River CU	0	0
			Fundraising Expenses	100	0
			Misc. other	500	0
			Transfers to Bursary Fund	500	0
			Fry Rescue	300	0
			Landowner Education	500	0
			GT Memorial Garden	400	34.45
			Website Update	100	728.36
			Watershed Art Project	800	0
					0
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					211.68

The costs paid out for the entire Watershed art activities is \$1011.68. This does not represent the actual costs and many hours and materials were donated by individuals. With thanks. Judy will advise Rosemary of an appropriate message of thanks to major supporter, professional photographer, Cim MacDonald.

Appendix 3: 2021 River’s Day Event, Saturday, September 25th, 2021

The event was a tremendous success and was perhaps the best organized River’s Day event to date. Genevieve Singleton and Parker Jefferson worked tirelessly to arrange and officiate the day. It began with the Cowichan Hatchery staff netting and removing several large, spawning salmon for use in the hatchery. The opening ceremonies were heartfelt and well-received. CLRSS hosted a table with three main topics for discussion/sharing on it: Retail sales of hats and shirts, a hand-ons, ‘Ribbon of River’ awareness activity and a dedicated display about the new weir at Lake Cowichan. Jean Atkinson had prepared well and was able to answer many queries about the background of the weir replacement. Many thanks to Jean Atkinson, Judy Brayden, Rosemary Danaher, Diana Gunderson and Lyndon Keeping for efforts to make the day a success.

Appendix 4: CLRSS Annual River Clean-up Summary of Debrief - amended

Background for this document:

NOTE: For ease we have chosen to use the words “partner and partnership” in this document. We understand that use of this term was not agreed upon by the entire CLRSS group.

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Carrol Patrick, Judy Brayden and Ken Traynor have prepared this document for your perusal. It represents the synthesis of the information/feedback/comments recorded on the charts at the 2021 RCU debrief meeting of September 21, 2021.

We have moved sequentially from the information on the chart to summaries of the overall “feel” of the charts in Section 1, to a pivotal question facing CLRSS written in Section 2.

This document is intended for your perusal and consideration. An in-person meeting will be convened between October 4th and November 1st so that a fulsome discussion can be facilitated. This is a nominal cost for CLRSS. Dave DePape has graciously agreed to facilitate this meeting. Date and time TBA.

A revised 2021 RCU Report has been pasted at the *end of this document*.

Sincerely,

Carrol, Judy and Ken

Section 1: Summaries from the charts and conversation of September 21, 2021

Topic by Chart	Significant question(s) that arose	Generalized Summary of the content from record sheets gathered at RCU 2021 debrief session	General Recommendations for all Future Events/Activities/Partnerships
Organization on the Day	Is CLRSS able and willing to work collaboratively in an effective manner?	<p>Organization involves high levels of communication between parties, which appeared lacking in this event.</p> <p>CLRSS has high expectations of Organizational Excellence in all that it undertakes. We may</p>	<p>Improve communications regarding details with partner(s).</p> <p>Assume entire control of any portion of an event for which we have assumed fiduciary responsibility.</p> <p>Enhance our presence by making expanded use of all</p>

		<p>not have made this clear to our partner in this event.</p> <p>All collaboration requires risk-taking, authentic communication, time, diligence, and commitment. We may not have committed fully to this partnership.</p> <p>The time has arrived when "prizes" or rewards are unnecessary in a stewardship event.</p>	<p>advertising opportunities in the greater community.</p> <p>Trust others to "do their jobs" without the need for CLRSS to know/understand every detail of the operation.</p>
Registration: online and in person	Did the registration meet the needs of the individual partners?	<p>While the registration generally worked well, the organizational needs of the CLRSS were generally not met. This item in any partnership deserves clear communication.</p>	<p>Improve communications regarding details with partner(s).</p> <p>Assume entire control of any portion of an event for which we have assumed fiduciary responsibility.</p> <p>Trust others to "do their jobs" without the need for CLRSS to know/understand every detail of the operation.</p>
Breakfast		<p>CLRSS is well-prepared and practiced in providing refreshments to any CLRSS sponsored community event.</p>	<p>Reduce waste and be aware of public health, at all opportunities.</p>
Lunch		<p>CLRSS is well-prepared and practiced in providing refreshments to any CLRSS sponsored community event.</p>	<p>Reduce waste and be aware of public health, at all opportunities.</p>

Safety		People generally felt secure.	Raise membership awareness of the contribution made to community events by SAR by giving them an annual donation.
Garbage	As the divers are now collecting the largest volume of garbage from the river, is shoreline and surface cleaning still necessary in this form?	The shoreline is being cleaned regularly throughout the tubing season, therefore the need for shoreline cleaning at a formal, community-wide, clean-up event is likely unnecessary.	
Bottle Drive	Does the bottle drive need to be an independent event or does it need to be a part of the annual RCU?	The CLRSS bottle drive model works well and consistently raises funds. It was never a fundraising event, but over time it began to cover our RCU costs.	
Site Location and Layout	Is Saywell Park a generally better location than Central Park?	Generally people supported the use of Saywell Park over previous locations.	
Stewardship Zone	Is this our future?	A good idea, well prepared and received.	Ensure that the location and visibility of such an important component is considered in future.

Section 2:

A core question that needs to be addressed:

The 2021 RCU experience aside, do we continue to embrace the concept of an annual CLRSS River Clean-up going forward?

Yes or No.

Section 3:

2021 River Clean-up Statistical Report:

CLRSS DRAFT Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 4th, 2021 – JD, JB and KT

Comparison from 2018 RCU

Area	2018	2021
Participation	136 people involved, 42 of whom stayed on site.	89
Other	500 kg of trash and 300 bottles and cans removed from the river	

2021 Annual River Clean-up Statistics

ATTENDEES / VOLUNTEERS

- 47 General Public
- 11 Tube Shack
- 21 CLRSS (Board members 9; Gen. membership 12)
- 10 Paddlesport participation (see breakdown below)

89 TOTAL

52 volunteers registered online.

2021 Paddlesport Report (included above) Participants included 2 grads of *Summer Student Recreation Project*

PADDLESPOrt PARTICIPATION

- On land (70 Mile Trestle) 2 (Victoria)
- Canoe, Kayak (Skutz To Marie Canyon)
- 2 (Cowichan Valley)
- 1 (Thetis Island)
- 3 (Victoria)
- 2 (Bowser / Courtenay)