**Shawnigan Basin Society Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7pm – AGM Minutes**

**SBS Office – Shawnigan Village**

**Board Members:**

Bruce Fraser, President

Rod Garbutt, Vice-President

Shirley Astleford, Director

Shelagh Bell-Irving, Director

Mackenzie Brooks, Director - absent

Susanne Darby, Director

Carolyn Dowell, Director

Kelly Loch, Director - absent

Mar Martinez, Director - absent

Bill Savage, Director

**Employees of the Board:**

Kelly Musselwhite, Executive Director

Jenny Berg, Web Designer/Bioengineering Field Assistant

**Guests:**Sierra Acton (Area Director),Bill Hook (Shawnigan Research Group), Cliff Evans (Resident), David Munday (Registered Professional Biologist), Paul Doherty (Environmental Consultant - specializing in contamination), Bernie Juurlink (Shawnigan Research Group)

**1. Call to Order/Welcome** – Bruce

* Introductions around the table

**2**. **Election of Board of Directors** – Rod

* Nomination of Paul Doherty and David Munday
* Nomination to remove Mackenzie Brooks and Mar Martinez from Board (Mar to remain an Ecological Design Panel member)
* **Moved and carried**
* Nomination of remaining Directors slate
* **Moved and carried**
* Nomination of Dr. Bruce Fraser as President
* **Moved and carried**
* Nomination of Rod Garbutt as Vice-President
* **Moved and carried**
* Motion for Secretary
* **No nomination made**
* Nomination of David Munday as Treasurer
* **Moved and carried**

**3. Appointment of Executive Director** – Bruce

* Motion to extend Kelly Musselwhite’s contract as ED for another year
* **Moved and carried**

**2. Area Director’s Report** – Sierra

* Shawnigan Research Group (SRG) made a presentation at the last CVRD Board Meeting
* An effort is being made to put pressure on the province to remove the contaminated soil
* Discussion took place in the manner with Premier John Horgan
* “Rally for Removal” event was a success
* A letter writing campaign will be next
* There is a harmonization effort taking place at the CVRD for sub-regions regarding by-laws and land use planning
* The Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Bylaw was voted last week by the CVRD Board as the coming referendum question asking for a $750,000 regional function
* Information about this proposed bylaw will go to the public soon
* Additionally, an AAP (Alternative Approval Process) for another $750,000 for regional affordable housing is being considered by the CVRD (which will support grant funding from the Federal Government)
* MoE is wrapping up the Shawnigan Lake attainment report on the upper creek assessment
* Upper creek sampling current taking place and MoE is interested in the SRG’s efforts of sampling for water quality and sediment program
* MoE is also interested in working with community volunteers for water sampling ie 5 samples in 30 days
* Milfoil – Shawnigan Lake School hired Madrone Environmental and the CVRD will include a Milfoil Plan in their 2019 Invasive Species program
* CVRD has added Milfoil to its invasive species list and Area Director, Sierra Acton will initiate a roundtable discussion from Area B
* Soil Bylaw – workshop and the question of how enforcement and management will be funded is to take place to prepare for the bylaw’s approval at the province
* Thank you Sierra!

**3. President’s Report** – Bruce

* Nothing to report

**4. Executive Director’s Update** – Kelly

* See below

**5. Approval of Minutes** for adoption from April 10, 2018

* **Moved and carried**

**6. Unfinished Business**

* Bernie (SRG) – focus of group is to demonstrate to MoE that the SIA site is leaking
* MoE has hired a qualified professional to indicate there is no leaking
* There is no evidence to support that conclusion, yet evidence to support the opposite
* There is no proper storm drainage system on site
* Comparisons are being made between Steve Eldridge’s upstream well (baseline) and those being monitored by MoE
* Well #6 has many components ranging from 4 to over 100 X higher than allowances
* MoE holds the position that the readings taken by the SRG are within normal standards

**7. New Business**

**7.1. Director’s Insurance and Volunteer Canada** – Kelly

* Purchased for coming year

**7.2. Last Fiscal Budget** – Kelly

* Copies available to those interested

**7.3. This Fiscal Budget** – Kelly

* Copies available to those interested

**7.4. Proposed Budget** – Bruce

* to be brought forward at next meeting as per new Treasurer
* potential to integrate work of the SRG
* Kelly and Dave to work out a proposal of efforts/expenses for new year

**7.5. CVRD RSC Mtg, April 25, 2018 (Referendum Bylaw)** – Bruce

* Kelly and Bruce attended and heard the proposal put forward by staff and subsequent arguments made by the CVRD Board of Directors
* Bylaw passed in a vote and will be on ballot in October 2018 municipal election

**8. Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 5, 2018

**9. Adjournment**