

**Shawnigan Basin Society Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 02, 2024 – Minutes  
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

**Time: 19:00 – 21:00**

**Board Members:**

Dave Munday, President  
Bernhard Juurlink, Vice President  
Shirley Astleford, Treasurer  
Paul Doherty- Secretary  
Bill Savage, Director

Bryn Wyka, Director  
Cliff Evans, Director  
David Hutchinson, Director  
Linda Gregory, Director  
Marcy Fenske, Director

**Guests:** Kim Barnard, Diane Ferry, Shelagh Bell-Irving

- 1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions – Dave M.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes– Dave M.**
  - 2.1. Approved March 2024 Minutes as amended
- 3. Presidents Update – Dave M.**
  - 3.1. Strategic Partnership with CVRD
    - 3.1.1. Meet with CVRD on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with Clayton Postings (General Manager of Strategic Services), Keith Lawrence and Jeff Wark, to discuss and sign agreement.
    - 3.1.2. Provided letter to CVRD covering what SBS is working on including watershed plan, assisting with monitoring, forestry tenure, milfoil management and working with Malahat FN.
    - 3.1.3. Will request the \$10,000 funding from CVRD
  - 3.2. AGM coming up at next meeting – Dave M.
    - 3.2.1. Need a coordinator for this AGM.
    - 3.2.2. Each director resigns and is re-elected
    - 3.2.3. Marcy can coordinate, do we need a motion to nominate Marcy as the ad hoc nominating committee?
    - 3.2.4. A notification that the AGM has been sent out to the members.
    - 3.2.5. **Motion: To nominate Marcy as the ad hoc nominating committee for SBS – Bernie J.**
    - 3.2.6. **Seconded: Marcy F.**
    - 3.2.7. **Approved: Unanimous**
- 4. Treasurer’s Report – Shirley A.**
  - 4.1. Organization Value - \$4399.44 (less restoration fund) actual value - \$2860.66
  - 4.2. Cash on Hand - \$150.00 (\$100 float plus donations)
  - 4.3. Project Account \$13,468.12 (\$5000 LUSH remainder and St Johns Academy (SJA) Milfoil Removal Program)
- 5. Fundraising – Shirley A.**
  - 5.1. Not much activity.
  - 5.2. “Lovin Lake Life” T-shirts have been ordered.
    - 5.2.1. 100 kid’s shirts, 110 crew cut and 100 bay neck-slim cut
    - 5.2.2. Arriving next week with new design
  - 5.3. Mosaic Annual Funding Donation
    - 5.3.1. Request for annual \$2000 donation to SBS.
    - 5.3.2. Mosaic have responsibility with their pension fund to meet with SBS to discuss.
  - 5.4. Exclusive Mechanical Donation Incoming
  - 5.5. SBS Line of Credit
    - 5.5.1. SBS has a \$5000, director guaranteed, line of credit tied to SBS. Has kept us afloat over the years. By agreeing to be a director you agree to be responsible for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of this debt.
    - 5.5.2. **Motion: To apply for a \$5000 line of credit associated with SBS – Shirley A.**
    - 5.5.3. **Seconded: Bill S.**
    - 5.5.4. **Approved: Unanimous**
    - 5.5.5. Gaming account needs to be separated from current account. Will arrange with bank.
  - 5.6. Ready to start the next 50/50 raffle.
    - 5.6.1. \$25 for gaming license
    - 5.6.2. Are we happy to go ahead with this? Yes, for the summer.
    - 5.6.3. Semi-annually or quarterly. Quarterly might be to frequently.
    - 5.6.4. Need to get licensing and confirm with Raffle-Nexus
    - 5.6.5. Can we use a co-op student to sell raffle tickets? They would need to be trained and supervised. It might be easier to just source volunteers.

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- 5.7. Office Space
  - 5.7.1. DnD group have their own space and are leaving the SBS office.
  - 5.7.2. Toastmasters may be joining up to rent the SBS office.
- 5.8. Is the Shawnigan garage sale worth having a table at?
- 6. **New Business**
  - 6.1. CVRD Strategic Partnership – Dave M.
    - 6.1.1. Bernie J. and Dave M. are meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
    - 6.1.2. Did CVRD find a candidate for the water management role? No.
    - 6.1.3. Hired a junior for the project but need a senior.
  - 6.2. Line-of-Credit Banking Facility – Dave M.
    - 6.2.1. Covered in the financials.
  - 6.3. AGM Coordinator – Dave M.
    - 6.3.1. Addressed earlier
  - 6.4. Old Baldy Mountain – Marcy F.
    - 6.4.1. Bill, Bryn and Marcy are meeting with development team on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
    - 6.4.2. Main risks are where the developments conflicts with streams/creeks.
    - 6.4.3. Area B director Sierra Action interviewed on CBC radio
      - 6.4.3.1. Sierra volunteered Rotary to build viewing platforms.
      - 6.4.3.2. We have questions regarding development plans.
      - 6.4.3.3. Has an impact assessment been completed?
      - 6.4.3.4. Property was listed in 2014 for \$2,000,000 – Bill S.
      - 6.4.3.5. Tried to acquire the land, everything was in place but it all fell through.
      - 6.4.3.6. There shouldn't be any major development in the area, the current trails work. – Bill S.
      - 6.4.3.7. How much would all this cost? CVRD want to cover their liabilities.
      - 6.4.3.8. The crown lot to the south should be included in any plans, it is at risk of clearcutting.
      - 6.4.3.9. Cell towers pay a lease to CVRD for the use of the area.
      - 6.4.3.10. Would we worthwhile to have bathroom facilities at the foot of the trails.
  - 6.5. Stream Surveying – Bernie J.
    - 6.5.1. Meeting planned this at 14:00 Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to discuss with schools.
- 7. **Ongoing Business**
  - 7.1. Monitoring/Photos - Cliff E.
    - 7.1.1. Shawnigan Lake Weir
      - 7.1.1.1. Weir Water Level - 116.37 m
      - 7.1.1.2. Lake Level - 116.583 m (digital gauge)
      - 7.1.1.3. Turbulent at bottom of the weir. No fish observed. Trash downstream.
    - 7.1.2. Masons Beach
      - 7.1.2.1. Logs washed up on beach
      - 7.1.2.2. Riprap rocks dumped at beach.
      - 7.1.2.3. Logs captured by fiberglass floats
      - 7.1.2.4. Lots of Bass fishers on the lake
    - 7.1.3. Renfrew Road Culvert
      - 7.1.3.1. No fish observed.
      - 7.1.3.2. Broken antenna for some sort of monitoring equipment.
    - 7.1.4. Shinrock Ridge
      - 7.1.4.1. West Shawnigan Lake road bridge was clear
    - 7.1.5. Oasis Brooke
      - 7.1.5.1. No fish observed. Very silty. Crack following culvert across road.
    - 7.1.6. Erb's Place
      - 7.1.6.1. Ski ramps are out of the water.
    - 7.1.7. Eldridge Bridge
      - 7.1.7.1. Water is clear.
    - 7.1.8. SIA Site
      - 7.1.8.1. Water is stagnant and muddy.
    - 7.1.9. Mosaic Logging around Trailer Main
      - 7.1.9.1. Lots of complaints from the public
      - 7.1.9.2. Creek follows the FSR to the clearcut.
      - 7.1.9.3. Major clearcutting planned
      - 7.1.9.4. Logging road right over old rail tracks

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- 7.1.9.5. Firewood cutting permits available from Mosaic, \$60 for a truck full. Mosaic say they give the profits to charity.
- 7.1.9.6. Gate is open Saturday and Sunday
- 7.1.10. Butlers (VIRSL) Quarry
  - 7.1.10.1. Road is rough
  - 7.1.10.2. Renamed the quarry.
  - 7.1.10.3. Chew has a truck parked onsite.
- 7.2. Seal Camp Progress – Shirley A.
  - 7.2.1. Discussed the sites effect on the riparian zone. Many of the buildings overhang the water.
  - 7.2.2. Old environmental impact assessment report conducted by McElhanney
  - 7.2.3. Provided an in-depth tour and are happy to work to improve the area.
  - 7.2.4. Use of log booms to protect the shoreline from waves, however, this leads to people claiming areas of the lake between their dock and the booms.
- 7.3. Upcoming Focus Article – Discussion
  - 7.3.1. Bernie sent and article into Laurie.
  - 7.3.2. What do we want to submit for the May Focus article
  - 7.3.3. First Forester in BC article, addresses the over harvesting of the forests on the island.
  - 7.3.4. Fish in the lake, should we try to get fish traps to see what we have?
- 7.4. Elkington Forest Tenure – Bernie J.
  - 7.4.1. Hiked Elkington Forest with two instructors and eight students on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024
  - 7.4.2. Meeting with Malahat FN at 10:00am April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - 7.4.3. Document from Barry Gates indicates they require someone from the trust (SBS) to look after the tenure.
  - 7.4.4. South Cowichan Forestry Trust instead of Shawnigan Lake Forestry Trust.
  - 7.4.5. Our initial focus is the Shawnigan Creek Watershed.
  - 7.4.6. **Motion: To continue the negotiations to acquire Elkington Forest Tenure – Bernie J.**
  - 7.4.7. **Seconded: Dave M.**
  - 7.4.8. **Discussion:**
    - 7.4.8.1. Do we have a lawyer? Yes, Ellen Campbell is waiting in the wings to be brought in when required.
    - 7.4.8.2. Where do we get the funds from this? Grants will come available as part of climate change mitigation plans.
    - 7.4.8.3. We could gain funding to manage and carry out fire mitigation steps?
  - 7.4.9. **Approved: Unanimous**
- 7.5. Real Estate Foundation Grant – Bernie J.
  - 7.5.1. No Update
- 7.6. Pacific Salmon Foundation's Community Salmon Grant – Bernie J.
  - 7.6.1. No Update
- 7.7. 6PPD Quinone Sampling – Bernie J.
  - 7.7.1. Sample taken at West Arm Creek indicate concentrations of 6PPD Quinone at 41 nanograms per liter (ng/L).
  - 7.7.2. Toxicity testing shows high mortality rate for Coho fry after 24hr exposure at his concentration
  - 7.7.3. Half the Coho fry will be dead after 24hrs exposure at 41 ng/L.
- 7.8. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
  - 7.8.1. Cleanup day at 10:00am on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - 7.8.2. Goes ahead rain or shine. Have all our partners onboard.
  - 7.8.3. Steps include grabbing supplies, assigning an area, taking to drop points.
  - 7.8.4. Prizes will be given out.
  - 7.8.5. Janet Neilson will be managing a kayaking group picking up floating garbage.
  - 7.8.6. Sustainable effort to pick a zone and adopt it going forward.
  - 7.8.7. Ariel the mermaid will be there.
- 7.9. Forest Walk – Bernie J.
  - 7.9.1. Forest walk around 4 hrs leaving at 9am Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 7.10. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program – Shirley A.
  - 7.10.1. Leftover funding from previous year. RBC donation incoming.
  - 7.10.2. We could do a focus article on Foreshore Restoration.
  - 7.10.3. Easter Seals may be interested, we should approach.
  - 7.10.4. Marcy and Shirley have the natural edge training.
- 7.11. Development Activity Update – Shirley A.
  - 7.11.1. Will include the links to what is going on.
  - 7.11.2. How does the harmonised community plan effect riparian zone protection?
  - 7.11.3. Tabled for next meeting.

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- 7.11.4. 26 Development permits in Mill Bay.
- 7.11.5. 56 Development Permits in Area B
- 7.11.6. 22 development permits in Area C
- 7.12. Milfoil Removal Project – Dave M.
  - 7.12.1. Permit application submitted to the Province
  - 7.12.2. Cold water removal proposed. Advised its outside the June to August window and will require silt fencing.
  - 7.12.3. Target is end of September/October
- 7.13. CVRD Board Meetings – Cliff E.
  - 7.13.1. \$6 Million grant for new recycling center
  - 7.13.2. Public input only allowed at committee of the whole
  - 7.13.3. Committee of the Whole meeting tomorrow at 9:30am. Kim and Cliff will attend.
  - 7.13.4. ESC meeting in the afternoon.
  - 7.13.5. CVRD directors have to make space for disagreement. Its part of their job description.
  - 7.13.6. People have reached out to ombudsman and have been met with difficulty.
- 8. **Next SBS AGM meeting on Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm.**
- 9. **Adjournment**