

**Shawnigan Basin Society Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 07, 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 (Regrets)

Cliff Evans, Director

David Hutchinson, Director

Linda Gregory, Director

Marcy Fenske, Director

**Guests:** Barry Gates, Kathy Code, **John Robertson**, Shelagh Bell-Irving, Gordy Robertson, Karen Burt, Diane Fairey, David Evans, Richard Best

**1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions – Dave M.**

**2. Presidents Update – Dave M.**

**2.1. Strategic Partnership with CVRD**

**2.1.1.** Finalized becoming a strategic partner with the CVRD.

**2.1.2.** \$10,000 payment incoming.

**2.1.3.** Looking to establish relationships with Malahat FN, Forestry Tenure Projects.

**3. Treasurer's Yearly Report – Shirley A.**

**3.1. Review of 2023 Financial Statements**

**3.1.1.** More detailed this year due to partnership with CVRD

**3.1.2.** Including breakdown line details for annual raffle, DnD, Milfoil removal account, spring funfair, LUSH fund etc.

**3.1.3.** Review of lines including cost of events, salary, revenues, etc.

**3.1.4.** Review of lines marketing, rent arrears and other overheads.

**3.1.5.** Bank account as of December 2023 - \$7206.90

**3.1.6. Motion: To accept the 2023 finances – Dave M.**

**3.1.7. Seconded: Bernie J.**

**3.1.8. Approved: Unanimous**

**3.2. Review of Current Position**

**3.2.1.** Organization Value - \$524.07

**3.2.2.** Gaming Account - \$0

**3.2.3.** Project Account - \$13,499.65

**3.2.4.** Cash on Hand - \$149.55

**3.3. AGM Nominations Process – Marcy F.**

**3.3.1. Retirement of Current Board Members**

**3.3.2. Review of Prospective Board Members**

**3.3.2.1.** Dave Munday,

**3.3.2.2.** Bernhard Juurlink,

**3.3.2.3.** Shirley Astleford,

**3.3.2.4.** Bill Savage,

**3.3.2.5.** Bryn Wyka,

**3.3.2.6.** Cliff Evans,

**3.3.2.7.** David Hutchinson,

**3.3.2.8.** Linda Gregory,

**3.3.2.9.** Marcy Fenske,

**3.3.2.10.** Barry Gates

**3.3.3.** Totalling 10 Directors up for nominations

**3.3.4. Call for Nominations**

**3.3.4.1.** Are there any other nominations x 3, nominations closed.

**3.3.5. Installation of New Board – Directors and Officers**

**3.3.5.1.** Dave Munday, President

**3.3.5.2.** Bernhard Juurlink, Vice President

**3.3.5.3.** Shirley Astleford, Treasurer

**3.3.5.4.** Marcy Fenske, Secretary

**3.3.5.5.** Bill Savage,

**3.3.5.6.** Bryn Wyka,

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3.3.5.9. Linda Gregory,

3.3.5.10. Barry Gates

**4. Fundraising – Shirley A.**

- 4.1. T-shirt and artwork Sale
- 4.2. Mosaic – Will reach out to see if they are willing to donate this year.
- 4.3. How should we break down usage of CVRD funds.
- 4.4. BC Gaming Grant (Environmental) applications due in June/July 2024.
  - 4.4.1. Want to see evidence of an indigenous partnership
  - 4.4.2. Letters of support etc.
  - 4.4.3. First year appears to be the hardest to get approval for.
- 4.5. “Lovin Lake Life” T-shirts are available.
  - 4.5.1. Have sun (SPF 50) shirts available for \$40

**5. New Business**

- 5.1. Use of Lidar Imagery for Watershed Characterization – Bernie J.
  - 5.1.1. Height of canopy is collected by laser return time
  - 5.1.2. Meta and World Resource Institute compiled all this data.
  - 5.1.3. When looking at Vancouver Island parkland and crown land has much higher canopies.
  - 5.1.4. Forestry harvested areas have much lower canopies.
  - 5.1.5. Indicates Mosaic is harvesting younger forests.
- 5.2. Letter of Intent with Trust for Sustainable Forestry – Bernie J.
  - 5.2.1. Trust for sustainable forest – Barry G.
    - 5.2.1.1. Trying to purchase large forest lands and pay them off by developing small portions of the land.
    - 5.2.1.2. If the community has an organisation that can take on forest tenures.
    - 5.2.1.3. Bound by the covenants on the land
    - 5.2.1.4. Forest Trust Initiative helps give the tenure some leverage.
  - 5.2.2. Contacted Center for Forest Biology at UVic – Benie J.
  - 5.2.3. Met with the Malahat Nation and they have expressed an interest in moving forward.
  - 5.2.4. Take over Stebbing and Sooke Lake Road Community Forests and allow them to recover to old growth.
  - 5.2.5. We need to be able to protect the old growth we have left before they are harvested.
  - 5.2.6. Lidar can be as accurate as 20cm<sup>2</sup> with flyover.
- 5.3. Line-of-Credit (LOC) Banking Facility – Dave M.
  - 5.3.1. Shirley is currently taking on the risk/cost of the LOC
  - 5.3.2. We need to setup a LOC setup directly for SBS.
  - 5.3.3. There will be an associated cost related to doing this, interest/fees etc.
- 5.4. Mosaic Contribution - Dave M.
  - 5.4.1. What can we give back to Mosaic
  - 5.4.2. Mosaic is disputing a recent SBS written focus article. Trying to say what info is not sourced from the Shawnigan Watershed is not relevant.
  - 5.4.3. We could recommend the CVRD measure upstream of the clearcuts to confirm information put forth in article.
  - 5.4.4. We shouldn't need to negotiate with Mosaic for the \$2000.
  - 5.4.5. Doing so could be perceived as a form of greenwashing.
  - 5.4.6. Can we request more community engagement from Mosaic.
  - 5.4.7. Keep the dialog going without the financial relationship. – Barry G.
  - 5.4.8. We are trying to convince Mosaic to change what they are doing.
  - 5.4.9. Consider writing the next article and provide it to Mosaic prior to publishing.

**6. Ongoing Business**

- 6.1. Monitoring/Photos - Cliff E.
  - 6.1.1. Shawnigan Lake Weir
    - 6.1.1.1. Weir Water Level - 116.34 m
    - 6.1.1.2. Lake Level - 116.386 m (analogue gauge)
    - 6.1.1.3. Lake Level - 116.476 m (digital gauge)
    - 6.1.1.4. Turbulent at bottom of the weir. No fish observed. Trash downstream.
  - 6.1.2. Shinrock Road Bridge
    - 6.1.2.1. Drains into Cameron Taggart Swamp

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- 6.1.2.2. Beavers have dammed up the culvert
- 6.1.2.3. MOTI have removed the some of the branches only for the beavers to return them.
- 6.1.3. Masons Beach
  - 6.1.3.1. Removed fiberglass floats
  - 6.1.3.2. Styrofoam on Masons beach.
  - 6.1.3.3. Loose logs on the beach
  - 6.1.3.4. 200-year flood level is around 119m
- 6.1.4. Renfrew Road Culvert
  - 6.1.4.1. No fish observed.
  - 6.1.4.2. Flowing well.
- 6.1.5. West Shawnigan Road Bridge
  - 6.1.5.1. A lot cleaner due to the Rotary EcoClub Cleanup day.
  - 6.1.5.2. Flowing well
- 6.1.6. Oasis Brooke
  - 6.1.6.1. No fish observed. Very silty. Orange staining.
  - 6.1.6.2. Green coloured water leaking from placed berm.
  - 6.1.6.3. Water gauge indicates the brook is dry,
- 6.1.7. Erb's Place
  - 6.1.7.1. Planted trees have died
  - 6.1.7.2. Ski jumps not in the water yet.
- 6.1.8. Mosaic Logging around Trailer Main
  - 6.1.8.1. Decommissioned all the culverts
  - 6.1.8.2. Large old growth arbutus has been cut
  - 6.1.8.3. Firewood cutting permits available from Mosaic, \$60 for a truck full. Mosaic say they give the profits to charity.
  - 6.1.8.4. Controlled burn of slash has taken place.
  - 6.1.8.5. Now removing slash to minimise forest fire potential.
- 6.1.9. SIA Site
  - 6.1.9.1. Broom clearing has been taking place
  - 6.1.9.2. Dam under the FSR bridge entering the site.
  - 6.1.9.3. SIA wanted to remove this dam.
  - 6.1.9.4. Sand blasting truck onsite. Sand blasting and spray-painting taking place onsite.
  - 6.1.9.5. Should bylaw be contacted as the site is not zoned for this activity.
  - 6.1.9.6. Contaminated site stockpile has been completely cleared of broom.
  - 6.1.9.7. Water settling pond
- 7. **Next SBS general meeting (continuation of what was not covered in the AGM) on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm.**
- 8. **Adjournment**