

Shawnigan Basin Society Annual General Meeting Cont.
Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

Board Members:

Dave Munday, President

Bernhard Juurlink, Vice President

Shirley Astleford, Treasurer (Regrets)

Marcy Fenske, Secretary

Bill Savage, Director

Bryn Wyka, Director (Regrets)

Cliff Evans, Director

David Hutchinson, Director (Regrets)

Linda Gregory, Director

Barry Gates, Director

Guests: Richard Best

1. New Business

- 1.1. Update re Line of Credit – Dave M.
 - 1.1.1. Dave contacted Island Savings - Dave and Shirley will go in to set up
- 1.2. Square terminal for sales – Dave M.
 - 1.2.1. Can purchase through Amazon Canada \$319.00, useful for site sales of shirts, etc.
 - 1.2.2. Motion: to purchase the Square terminal Dave M.**
 - 1.2.3. Seconded: Cliff E.**
 - 1.2.4. Approved. Unanimous.**
- 1.3. Update on meeting with CVRD – Bernie J. & Dave M.
 - 1.3.1. Bernie met with Keith Lawrence and Jeff Moore
 - 1.3.2. Discussed watershed mgt plan - province has some ideas and they will forward to us.
 - 1.3.3. CVRD has a sampling program for the lake and Bernie suggested we would like to do more than proposed
 - 1.3.4. Island Health has its own sampling points
 - 1.3.5. Dave M. Suggested we need a Lake Profiler - cost around \$20,000. Keith Lawrence is trying to go ahead with this. Keith says they sample 3 x a year, SBS would like to assist
 - 1.3.6. Discussed community forest trust and working with Malahat Nation - they seemed very interested in this
 - 1.3.7. Plans to set up a meeting with Brian Farquhar and Clayton Postings. For watershed planning. Barry & Bernie
 - 1.3.8. Need to clarify concept of Water management plan and what SBS will do for \$10K
 - 1.3.9. Dave M. wants to meet with Linda, Barry, Bernie about the Watershed Mgt Plan
- 1.4. Climate Expo at the Hub – Bernie J.
 - 1.4.1. SBS will promote community forest trusts and restoring biodiversity - 9am setup? Just table, no sales
 - 1.4.2. Marcy, Dave M., Bernie and Barry will attend
- 1.5. Appeal for Community Funding – Shirley A.
 - 1.5.1. Will discuss at next meeting
- 1.6. Mosaic funding – Dave M.
 - 1.6.1. Dave M. has a call into Pam Jorgensen. We should still pursue funding. Not going to retract article.
- 1.7. Fundraising - T-shirt distribution and sales - Shirley A.
 - 1.7.1. Will discuss at next meeting
 - 1.7.2. Prompted conversation regarding office Rent now \$1900/mo + GST - increase in rent \$500/mo - 30% increase

2. Ongoing Business

- 2.1. Upcoming Focus Article – Discussion
 - 2.1.1. Article on SBS need for funding - Dave M.
- 2.2. Elkington Forest Tenure – Bernie J.
 - 2.2.1. Barry led tour to 2 Malahat Nation staff (Kate Richey + Linus Shaw) and David Evans (Green Party candidate for our riding)
 - 2.2.2. Should keep David Evans or other candidate to get watershed planning in political arena. This is a natural partnership with Malahat Nation and invited MN staff to drop into the office sometime to see our study/planning. We should try to acquire woodlots. Bernie will invite David Evan's to future meetings, etc.
 - 2.2.3. Barry says major difference in Sooke Watershed Management Plan to ours; stopped harvesting, recovering Old Growth - bought over 10,000 hectares from Mosaic 10 years ago - way ahead of Shawnigan Basin Society - good ally for us to have
- 2.3. Pacific Salmon Foundation's Community Salmon Grant – Bernie J.
 - 2.3.1. Granted \$2061 to buy 2 underwater cameras to look at Coho and Kokanee development. They only require reports of our findings. Aquaview cameras with 50' cords and lights
- 2.4. 6PPD Quinone Sampling – Bernie J.

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- 2.4.1. On hold for now
- 2.5. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
 - 2.5.1. Will discuss at next meeting
- 2.6. Barry Gates Led Forest Walks – Bernie J.
 - 2.6.1. Walked through Sooke Lake Road community forest and adjacent crown woodlot on watershed ridge between CRD and CVRD. 25 cm diameter tree over 100 yrs old and remnant old growth Douglas Firs
 - 2.6.2. Plans to tour as many areas of the watersheds as we can to observe the difference of forest management styles
 - 2.6.3. Linda suggested mapping these forests to distribute to public for self-guided touring and good for us to identify forests that would be ideal for acquisition. Lots of possibilities for public education and support of our program
- 2.7. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A.
 - 2.7.1. Will discuss at next meeting
- 2.8. Development Activity Update – Shirley A.
 - 2.8.1. Will discuss at next meeting
- 2.9. Milfoil Removal Project – Dave M.
 - 2.9.1. Planned for Mid sept to end of October - 3 days of diver work
 - 2.9.2. Need to survey the lake over the summer to select sites - drone and underwater cameras - Richard Best wanting to assist
 - 2.9.3. This one year study would lead to proposal to Eco Action grant - \$200,000
 - 2.9.4. Richard Best - watched a presentation on ProcellaCOR legal in US for 13 yrs, legalized in Canada only last year - used in Lake Silverhope near Mission - Stave River. Becky Brown (Invasive Species Gov BC) neutral comment - gave him links to studies and he will share the links with us. Becky suggested we use the chemical for Shawnigan Lake. Richard B. Commented that studies are short-term (1 yr) no long range
- 2.10. CVRD Active Development Permits – Cliff E.
 - 2.10.1. 24 Applications - Area A
 - 2.10.2. 58 in Area B
 - 2.10.3. 21 in Area C
 - 2.10.4. Many are permit applications to do work in Riparian zones
- 2.11. CVRD Board Meetings – Cliff E.
 - 2.11.1. May 15th - Video glitched out - YouTube recording all blank. 1st part of meeting closed session on 2025 budget - topic: land acquisition.
 - 2.11.2. CVRD Buying extra Recycling truck for \$760,000. Sierra Acton against, but majority voted in favour

3. Next SBS General Meeting set for June 4, 2024

4. Adjournment

Coming Events:

Wed May 22 2024 - International Day for Biological Diversity

Sat May 25 2024- Cowichan Valley Climate Solutions Expo at The Hub

Sat June 8 2024 - Jon Gugin Art Sale at SBS

Tues June 18 2024 – Cowichan Stewardship Round Table presentation on SBS Activities