

**Shawnigan Basin Society Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

Time: 19:00 – 21:15

Board Members:

Dave Munday, President
Bernhard Juurlink, Vice President
Shirley Astleford, Treasurer (Regrets)
Marcy Fenske, Secretary
Bill Savage, Director
Bryn Wyka, Director

Cliff Evans, Director
David Hutchinson, Director (Regrets)
Linda Gregory, Director
Barry Gates, Director
John Robertson, Director

Guests: Louis Chancellor, Ali Ballantyne, Mia Robertson Haggis, Isabella Parfitt, Jen Parfitt, Vic Neufeld, Maren Tait

1. Call to order/Welcome and Introductions - Dave M.

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

2.1. Approved December 2024 Meeting Minutes **Motion: Barry G., Bernie J., seconded. All approved.**

3. President's Update - Dave M.

3.1. Welcoming guests and Happy New Year. Summary of SBS activities.

4. Public Input Period - Guests

4.1. No input from guests.

5. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A.

5.1. Review of Current Position

5.1.1. \$2,000 receivable Mosaic, \$15,000 CVRD (deposited in June last yr) Dave Munday to speak to allocation of new \$5,000 for milfoil project

5.1.2. Cash on hand \$ 185.00 (\$100 Float + \$85 cash to be deposited)

5.1.3. Organizational Value - balance \$1348.13 - actual value \$1078.13 (less \$270 to projects)

5.1.4. Gaming Account - \$0.00

5.1.5. Projects balance \$7680.19 - actual value \$7950.19 (transfer from OV \$270 re MasterCard payment) (LUSH \$5000, Pacific Salmon Foundation \$1411.41, Watersheds Canada \$1538.78)

6. Fundraising - Shirley A.

6.1. Canada Helps - minimal

6.2. True Earth Sales - \$0

6.3. IMP projected revenue - (Indigenous Medicinal Plant - Della) 2 planned events for 2025 (\$1200 Revenue expected)

6.4. T-shirt distribution and sales - ongoing

6.5. BCGG denied due to Restricted Project fund documentation– SA to inquire about submitting supporting documentation required for next application, also asking for reconsideration for 2025 funds as decision was based on minimal missing supporting documentation

6.6. Watershed Security Fund applied for ECBP education and water testing – decision expected in March
Some funds for Malahat outreach included

7. New Business

7.1. Youth Involvement Program in CVRD – John R.

7.1.1. Conversation with Ali - relationship with Shawnigan Lake School leading to other schools in the area. Rich with opportunity for involvement/educational. Resources: Uvic and Clairmont School. PHEN mentor, Maren

7.1.2. Capstone Project Presentation by students Mia and Isabella "The Blue Future Initiative" about Shawnigan Lake Environmental Care Involvement

7.2. CVRD Climate Change Workshop Report - Dave M. and John R.

7.2.1. 110 people attended. Good networking/promotion of the SBS. John presented. Perception lots going on in direction of forest protection and watershed. Largest initiative is Cowichan Tribes 'Water Sustainability Plan' a govt to govt model using Water Sustainability Act - looking at a draft report in 2027. Process about coming up with a watershed plan - Cowichan, provincial, regional government, community advisory table. Model is new and leading edge in BC. Govt

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- 7.2.2. Future gathering coming. BIG Involvement of Vancouver Island Health which now has an environmental arm, lots of funding.
- 7.3. Office Space for 2025 - Shirley A. (Absent - defer)
- 7.4. Capital City Paving Project - Dave M., Cliff E. and Bernie J.
 - 7.4.1. Water sampling conducted on their site, aggregate mining operation - located south of Shawnigan station. Use ALS laboratories in Vancouver and invoice site owner and we provide interpretation. Iron manganese was elevated, typical of heavily disturbed land. Follow up sample recommended for summer
- 7.5. Sediment Issues in Mill Bay - Bernie J.
 - 7.5.1. Community member email - Sylvia Bailey - Stonebridge bridge - sediment in creek. Bernie contacted Limona Group - Wayne Hopkins indicated trail work was CVRD - new sewer pipeline in Mill Bay and Stone Pacific laid down pipe and resurfaced area.
- 7.6. Real Estate Foundation Grant - Bernie J.
 - 7.6.1. Deadline January 28th - opportunity to work with Malahat Nation regarding water. 65% of successful grants were led by First Nations. Webinar for grant applicants January 9th 2025. Register: refbc.ca
- 7.7. Communication with Pam Jorgenson of Mosaic - Shirley A. (Absent - defer)
- 7.8. Malahat Nation Watershed Governance Project - Dave M.
 - 7.8.1. Have \$50,000. SBS is mentioned twice in the communication. Malahat establish governance model and SBS contributing to management plan - use Herb Hammonds ecological watershed management plan
- 7.9. Technical Meeting Re: Computer Working Environment - Dave M.
 - 7.9.1. Need to work on large documents - Microsoft 365 environment established. Suggesting 3rd Tuesday in January in the afternoon to have meetings about computers. Looking to purchase a laptop

8. Ongoing Business

- 8.1. Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
- 8.2. 6PPDQ Testing - Marcy F.
 - 8.2.1. A sampling done Dec 6-8. Fall collection data show no 6PPDQ at all sites except Point Source located Downstream on Highway 1.
- 8.3. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion - Dave M. Milfoil Removal article. Idea to have students' projects as an article.
- 8.4. Private Managed Forest Lands Act Alliance Group - John R.
 - 8.4.1. Meeting Jan 8th - putting together goals of group and strategies. Private Forest Lands Act and impact on land. Increase transparency and long goal to ensure local communities are involved. Resolution being drafted already but not any different than other drafts. CVRD Director Karen Deck in the group and putting through CVRD. Provincial Govt has ecosystem framework that they are pursuing and using language from this.
- 8.5. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.
 - 8.5.1. February topic Bats by Bernie?
- 8.6. Milfoil Removal Program - Dave M.
 - 8.6.1. Received an additional \$5000 from CVRD. Going to have a couple of bags (Geotubes) Lambourne Environmental to dewater milfoil. Divers offering free service. Plan to apply multi-year permit for Nov 1 - Mar 1.
- 8.7. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G.
 - 8.7.1. Meeting Jan 20th with covenant holders (CVRD, Land Conservancy of BC) as there are some issues, want to ensure surveys of property borders done properly
- 8.8. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
 - 8.8.1. Saturday February 15th - Volunteer Appreciation Event with SBS (Marcy). Saturday Apr 26th for next clean up for SBS to have booth, etc. Bottle drive at Sea Can at Black Swan in plans. EMCOM supposed to clean up roadside quarterly.
- 8.9. Satellite Imaging Algal Monitoring - Bryn W.
 - 8.9.1. Next step to map lake prior to March 1
- 8.10. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A. (Absent Defer)
- 8.11. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
 - 8.11.1. Last zoning CVRD wants to open Hall Road to Mill Bay Shawnigan Lake Road to divert traffic Bamberton turnoff underpass Permit application. **4 lot subdivision between Area B -**
 - 8.11.2. Subdivision proposal in North Cowichan - proposal to bypass water requirements. Lots of applications for variance to allow suites

9. Next SBS General Meeting set for February 4, 2025

10. Adjournment

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Coming Events:

Hoping to Schedule: (from Shirley A.)

Mosaic – Forestry tours – awaiting response from Pam re march – May possible Mosaic hosted tours in Shawnigan watershed.

Indigenous Plant Medicine Walk & Workshop - Shirley

PUBLIC HIKES

CITIZEN SCIENCE – Ecological Assets in Public Parks & Community Forests?

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