

**Shawnigan Basin Society Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

Time: 19:17 – 21:12 (Zoom started 19:38)

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
Linda Gregory, Director
Barry Gates, Director (Regrets)
John Robertson, Director

Guests: Kim Barnard

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

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

2.1. Approved February 2025 Meeting Minutes **Motion: Bernie J., seconded Cliff E. All approved.**

3. President's Update - Dave M.

3.1. Bernie J., Barry G., Shirley A. and Dave M. in conference call with Malahat Nation this past week. Linus Shaw and Kate Richey. Kevin Horrocks with Green Analytics to study/survey 3 watersheds: Finlayson Arms Benchlands, Malahat Benchlands and Shawnigan Creek. Our thoughts to expand Herb Hammond's Eco-based Watershed Mgt Plan. We've shared/are sharing biophysical data we have.

4. Public Input Period - Guests

4.1. No guests with input

5. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A.

5.1. Review of Current Position

5.1.1. Cash on hand \$125.00

5.1.2. Organizational Value - \$17.32

5.1.3. Gaming Account - \$0.00

5.1.4. Projects balance \$6541.57 - Actual value \$6538.78 (LUSH \$5000, Watersheds Canada \$1538.78)

5.2. Insurance due end of March \$1200 to pay by Mastercard and hope for CVRD funds

6. Fundraising - Shirley A.

6.1. Canada Helps - \$0

6.2. True Earth Sales - \$0

6.3. IMP projected revenue - (Indigenous Medicinal Plant - Della) 2 planned events for 2025 (\$1250 Revenue expected)

6.4. T-shirt distribution and sales - ongoing

6.5. Unsworth Fundraiser possible April 22 - not yet confirmed (estimated revenue \$3500)

7. New Business

7.1. Habitat Conservation Trust - Capacity Grant - Dave M.

7.1.1. Submitted Capacity Grant application up to \$23,850. Will find out in June. Would put towards assisting Malahat Nation mapping of lake with One-Track Drone end of August. Adrian Fletcher offers training - 6 day process. Cliff E. and Bernie J. opting in. Other Directors open to training opportunity? 281cm Spectral drone

7.2. Support to Malahat Nation Watershed and Benchland Surveys - Bernie J.

7.2.1. As above 3.1 and 7.1.1.

7.3. B.C. Timber Sales Review - Bernie J.

7.3.1. Currently open for input. Need to provide access for small operators. Should give feedback as a society. Recommended for Barry G. and John R. to email input to Bernie J. John R. will oversee. Deadline April 15.

7.4. Office Space for 2025 - Shirley A. (Absent)

7.5. Communication with Pam Jorgensen of Mosaic - Shirley A. (Absent)

7.5.1. Forest Tour Options Fridays April 25th or May 2nd. Up to 15 people. Which board members what to go? Marcy F., Bernie J., John R., Dave M. Shirley A.? What do we want to see? Can open spaces to public once we confirm.

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- 7.6. Office and Laptop Computers Update - Bryn W. (Absent)
- 7.6.1. Dave H. Offering to clean up office computer. Wouldn't boot up at start of meeting.

8. Ongoing Business

- 8.1. Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
- 8.2. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
 - 8.2.1. Kim B. has Community Issues Assessment Report in print. Rejected by Board, needs to be vetted before accessible to public
 - 8.2.2. Last month Area B - 49, Area A - 23?, Area C - 23. Total 95. Cliff E. provided details about select applications, many in riparian protected zones, many looking for variance.
- 8.3. Five Year Plan 2026 to 2030
 - 8.3.1. Thoughts - need fundraising committee to assist - Bernie J., Gordie R, Linda G. Need BC Gaming funding.
- 8.4. Youth Involvement Program in CVRD - John R.
 - 8.4.1. Ali Ballantyne (Shawnigan Lake School) looking for help from SBS. 1) Gill-netting project coming up. Looking for RP Biologist - Dave M. 2) 60 students learning history of SBS, dock side format, hoping Cliff E. can assist John R. April 24 - 2 classes back to back 8:45am - 11:10am and 3) water quality information - changes since 1990's. Upcoming "Giving back to the lake" - student opportunity for giving back.
- 8.5. 6PPDQ Testing - Marcy F.
 - 8.5.1. Results Jan 29 - Feb 1 in lower Shawnigan 3 sites - detection of 6PPDQ 1.9-2.3ng (40 ng toxic level). Next sampling Mar 7-9. Good news! \$727.10 coming to SBS, mileage reimbursement for participating samplers. Should receive at SBS office ~ March 31-Apr 7
- 8.6. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion
 - 8.6.1. 6PPDQ. Also idea to write article about SBS - activities, member-volunteer-donation draw (Marcy)
- 8.7. Private Managed Forest Lands Act Alliance Group - John R.
 - 8.7.1. Seeking endorsement letter from SBS. Have a couple of signed letters to date. In process - about 20-25 organizations contributing/garnering support, additional groups joining. Discussion: caution of Mosaic opposition and want to share SBS letter prior to submitting. Groups from South Cowichan to Comox
 - 8.7.1.1. 2 co-chairs needed for each of 3 sub committees - 1) advocacy/attending conferences, 2) education materials and 3) lobbying province
- 8.8. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.
 - 8.8.1. April 17th Bernie - Bat Presentation
- 8.9. Milfoil Removal Program - Dave M.
 - 8.9.1. Removal Trials Thur Feb 20 but Milfoil had degraded and removal unsuccessful. Working towards developing a business for fall-winter shoulder season
- 8.10. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G.(absent)
- 8.11. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
 - 8.11.1. Sat Feb 15th successful event. 2 new memberships & 2 volunteers for SBS. Rotary Cleanup Saturday April 26.
- 8.12. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A. (Absent)
 - 8.12.1. Need to have 5 completed by July 1 2025 as a Delivery Partner. (not discussed during meeting - in notes)

9. Next SBS General Meeting set for April 1st, 2025

10. Adjournment

Coming Events:

March 22 2025 - World Water Day

April 01 2025 - General Meeting 7-9pm

April 17 - Bat Appreciation Day

April 22 - Earth Day

April 26 - Shawnigan Rotary Eco Club Community Clean Up Day at SL Community Centre.

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May 6th 2025 - SBS Annual General Meeting

May 22 - International Day for Biological Diversity

June 05 - World Environment Day

June 07 - Canada's Clean Air Day

June 08 - World Oceans Day

See our Events page for past offerings

* event details to be announced when confirmed