

Shawnigan Basin Society - Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office

Time: 19:00 – 21:08

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

Guests: Shelagh Bell-Irving, Richard Best, Keith Hutton, Maria Hewitt

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

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

- 2.1. Approved May 2025 Amended Meeting Minutes **Motion: Bernie J., seconded Cliff E. All approved.**
- 2.2. Arising from discussion of May 2025 Minutes Line 7.3. **Motion for Dave M. to establish \$10,000 Line of Credit: Bernie J., seconded Cliff E. All approved.**

3. President's Update - Dave M.

- 3.1. Review of Weir tour & Crown Woodlot Hike (monitor placements (Bats/Murrelets)) of watershed Sunday Jun 1. Return Friday June 6
- 3.2. Chelsea Lynn (student Gr 10 Shawnigan Lake School) wanting to treat excess phosphate in lake, sample and analyze lab results. Dave M. in contact. Suggest student can use school lab. Linda G offering to meet with her
- 3.3. Guests Maria H. on Decca Rd and friend Keith H. speaking of algae issues, neighbour draining grey water into lake, suds, bright green, filling bay at entrance to West Arm near Shawnigan Lake school. Dave M. has helped Maria with interpreting water sample results in past

4. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A. (Absent - notes provided)

- 4.1. Review of Current Position
 - 4.1.1. Cash on Hand - \$ 100
 - 4.1.2. Organizational Value - \$9390.01
 - 4.1.3. Gaming Account - \$0.00
 - 4.1.4. Projects balance \$9397.49

5. Fundraising - Shirley A. (Absent - notes provided)

- 5.1. Unsworth Silent Auction and Dinner - Shirley A., Marcy F., Bryn W.
 - 5.1.1. Thank you!! Was a great evening. \$2112.58 net raised. Should plan and advertise a fall fundraiser now
- 5.2. Sales of SBS items - ongoing
- 5.3. Office rentals - allow members/groups to use and accept their donations - ongoing
- 5.4. Other fundraising
 - 5.4.1. **RCL134 (legion) request** for funding submitted May 15 for Summer, next due in November for Dec
 - 5.4.2. Watershed Security Fund - declined. Too much demand for limited funds, \$41M requested from \$7M fund

6. New Business

- 6.1. SS SBS - Dave M., Bill S., Kyle K.
 - 6.1.1. Bill S. donated 14.5' boat to SBS for water testing/milfoil removal. Cost to repair boat \$1611. **Motion to proceed with repairs: Bernie J., seconded: Marcy F. All approved.**
- 6.2. Five Year Plan 2025 to 2030 - Bernie J.
 - 6.2.1. Received no feedback. Taking executive summary. Need updated budget needs.
- 6.3. Malahat Nation Support Letter - Bernie J., Marcy F.
 - 6.3.1. Met with Shane Sylvester who will present request to the Chief. Discussed Shawnigan woodlot protection.
- 6.4. Biochar as a Water Treatment - Shelagh B.
 - 6.4.1. "Hang a sock off your dock" campaign. Socks of sand/biochar. Personal success in absorbing algae, clearing water. Has deposited 5 gallon buckets off her wharf for last 7 years. Plans to give away 600 socks
- 6.5. Questions about Office Resources - Kyle K.

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- 6.5.1. Spending time in office, seeking resources.
- 6.5.2. Victoria company, Nuefoil promoting E-foil electric surfboards. Planning July event. Possibility for SBS promotion. SBS has concerns about appearance of advocacy, so not participating.
- 6.6. Elkington/Malahat Forest Sale - Discussion
 - 6.6.1. Community Land Stewardship Zone - 300 acres - Many covenants. CVRD owns water and sewer system. Interferes with SBS plans.

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
 - 7.1.1. Weir 116.16 (spot on rule of curve for lake level), Lake 116.18
 - 7.1.2. Crown Woodlot next to Sooke Road Community forest hike Sun June 1 - set up acoustic meter for bats, marbled murrelets. Hike planned to retrieve equipment Friday June 6, 10am meet at office.
- 7.2. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
 - 7.2.1. Area A - Dickinson Rd 40 meter monopole communication tower, 6 property subdivision Handy Road
 - 7.2.2. Lots of applications for a 2nd dwelling.
 - 7.2.3. Dave M. presented to CVRD May 24th - meeting covering DWWP function, \$700,000 fund. Jeff Moore, CVRD Environmental Dept gave update - 5 yr plan. Talk of giving away funds in grants/subsidies to upgrade septic systems/public education. Reviewed all the bylaws they've introduced.
 - 7.2.4. June 4 meeting - Electoral Area Services Committee - topics: correspondence, policy review.
- 7.3. Youth Involvement Program in CVRD - John R. (Absent)
- 7.4. 6PPDQ Testing - Marcy F.
 - 7.4.1. No testing since early March. Bernie attended Workshop May 8-9
- 7.5. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion
 - 7.5.1. Sunscreen article submitted by Bryn W. for June. Next: 30/30 / ecological based management by Dave M.

Note: Bryn W. Indicated a meeting has been set up with MLA Dana Lajeunesse July 10th for those wanting to attend. Organized by John R.

The following agenda items were not discussed due to late hour and adjournment of meeting

- 7.6. Private Managed Forest Lands Act Alliance Group - John R. (Absent)
- 7.7. Support to Malahat Nation Watershed and Benchland Surveys - Bernie J.
- 7.8. Watershed Management Plan Based on EBCP - Barry G. (Absent)
- 7.9. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.
- 7.10. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G. (Absent)
- 7.11. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
- 7.12. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A. (Absent)
- 7.13. Habitat Conservation Trust - Capacity Grant - Dave M.
- 7.14. Milfoil Removal Program - Dave M.
- 7.15. Office and Laptop Computers Update - Bryn W.

8. Next SBS Meeting set for July 1st, 2025

9. Adjournment

Coming Events:

June 05 - World Environment Day

June 06 - Hike to Watershed Rim to retrieve acoustic equipment

June 07 - Canadian Clean Air Day

June 08 - World Oceans Day

July 10 - Meeting with MLA Dana Lajeunesse

August 23 – SBS at Cobble Hill Fair

See our Events page on the SBS website for past offerings

* event details to be announced when confirmed