

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

Time: 19:11 – 21:05

Board Members:

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

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

Guests: Willie Thompson, Georgia Collins, Richard Best, Kim Barnard

1. Call to order/Welcome and Introductions - Bernie J.

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

2.1. Approved June 2025 Meeting Minutes **Motion: Cliff E., seconded Barry G. All approved.**

3. President's Update - Dave M. (Absent)

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

4.1. Review of Current Position

4.1.1. Cash on Hand - \$ 125

4.1.2. Organizational Value - \$8798.65

4.1.3. Gaming Account - \$ 0.00

4.1.4. Projects balance \$10,252.71 (LUSH \$5000, Watersheds Canada \$1538.78, remainder CVRD Milfoil Charged to date, H2O tester calibration & Boat

5. Fundraising - Shirley A.

5.1. Unsworth Silent Auction and Dinner - May event, results in June meeting minutes

5.2. Sales of SBS items - ongoing

5.3. Office rentals - ongoing

5.4. Other fundraising

5.4.1. Big THANKS - Donation of \$500 from lakefront owners - we assisted with fish ID & foreshore assessment

6. New Business

6.1. Office reorganization - Marcy F.

6.1.1. Marcy given authority to oversee, will complete

6.2. Five Year Plan Update 2025 to 2030 Update - Bernie J.

6.2.1. Waiting for budget figures and feedback from Directors, please review and advise Bernie

6.3. Malahat Nation Support Letter - Bernie J., Marcy F.

6.3.1. Council Member Shane Sylvester indicated presentation of request to council Mon June 30, will advise

6.4. Questions from Kyle - Kyle K.

6.4.1. i) stance on recreation (ii) volunteer canvassing team? iii) do we want to associate with businesses?

6.4.2. i) Boating/recreation does have impact, recreation users have no awareness of water quality/ SBS + focus on watershed, shift focus to eco-tourism (Hiking, Walking, Kayaks, Trans-Canada trail...) Is there a local group we can link with leading eco-recreation? Kyle K. assigned to investigate

6.4.3.ii) Canvassing. 600 lakefront owners? - education/outreach/fundraising - maintenance of septic, state of foreshore, milfoil mgt education/removal program, 30/30 conservation, recreation impact

6.4.4. iii) We need to look into SBS regulations/ policy on corporate sponsorship, want reciprocal relationships

6.5. Office Clean-up - Marcy F.

6.5.1. See 6.1

6.6. Mill Bay Waterworks District Update - Marcy F.

6.6.1. Re: reduction of contingency factor to support Stonebridge Development. Outgoing trustee indicated new wells coming online support Stonebridge and to please attend MBWD meetings and ask questions/advise issues. MBWD June Newsletter: New trustees Alex Jorgensen (Area A APC Chair) and Brian Mullan.

Installation of smart meters on all system users by October 2025. SCADA monitoring system now monitoring

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- all 9 wells (prev only 1 reporting) and using this tech to monitor wells & health of 3 aquifers in system. Not following provincial guidelines again this year as a test to follow data results, stress will trigger restrictions.
- 6.7. Meeting with MLA Dana Lajeunesse - John R.
6.7.1. SBS office July 10 at 11am for 1.5 hours, Meet prior to set agenda July 7 at 10am - focus on forest and watershed mgt. issues

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Watershed/Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
7.1.1. 116.08 m Weir (weir intake fish ladder has debris blocking) Lake 116.08 m right on rule of curve
- 7.2. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
7.2.1. July 2 meeting - regarding dispersement of gas tax money fund. Charities can apply. Sierra Acton recommended boat launch on west side of lake. Kim B. suggest Boat wash station.
7.2.2. Summary of some applications. Active Dev Permits - Area A - 24, Area B - 55, Area C - 23. 102 total
7.2.3. Watch Nicholas Schwetz Aquatic Systems/Riparian Protections Presentation to CVRD Board Wed June 18. He's an asset to CVRD & environmental protections as it relates to development but also educating staff, assisting enforcement, etc. CVRD Directors expressed desire to improve env. protections. District can meet or exceed provincial regulations. Discussion of resident education, Allison Nicholson recommending use of stewardship groups. Sierra Acton vocal about foreshore, retaining walls, work without permits.
- 7.3. Youth Involvement Program in CVRD - John R.
7.3.1. St. John's Academy would like SBS to deliver a program on Sept 11. Two 1hr sessions focusing on what we do. 15 min intro and 45 min hands demo/activity at Camp Pringle 1-2pm, 2-3pm.
7.3.2. Want to get Work going with PHEN/Clairmont High School. Future plans to establish programming here
7.3.3. Connecting with Trustees with SD79 School Board
- 7.4. GIS Mapping of Watershed - Bryn W. (Absent)
7.4.1. Established license with Esri's (arcGIS) non profit program - can work with other platforms.
- 7.5. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion
7.5.1. August article - summary of Raincoast Cons. Foundation presentation "When Fire Meets Water" - Marcy F.
- 7.6. Private Managed Forest Lands Act Alliance Group - John R.
7.6.1. CBC news interviewed them regarding accessing Mosaic lands and forest mgt. CBC wanting interview with Mosaic
- 7.7. Watershed Management Plan Based on EBCP - Barry G., Bernie J, Bryn W.
7.7.1. Defer to next meeting
- 7.8. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G.
7.8.1. Property up for Sale at moment. Forest tenure does not belong to owner. Ecoforestry covenant held by Trusts for Sustainable Forestry - 350 acres. Working with real estate agent to find an owner more inclined to work with us to establish educational institute, change from active logging tenure to educational tenure. Transfer on hold until property ownership is established, hoping change facilitates good development model
- 7.9. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
7.9.1. Removing hoses and stands. Purchasing 2 large hoses to hang in office. Shawnigan Rotary donates \$225 every quarter. Bottle Drive This Saturday at Swan's overflow parking lot (Malta Rd) 10am-2pm
- 7.10. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A. (S.A. Notes)
7.10.1. Chloe Lajoie National Conservation Director w Watersheds Canada to Shawnigan week of Aug 11-15 for in person training using West Shawnigan Park (to be presented to CVRD?) and 1755 W Shawnigan Rd as examples. Invitees - Malahat, other groups tbd with Chloe
- 7.11. Office and Laptop Computers Update - Bryn W. (Absent)

8. Next SBS Meeting set for August 5th, 2025

9. Adjournment

Coming Events:

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