

Shawnigan Basin Society Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7pm
SBS Office – Shawnigan Village
AGM Minutes

Board Members:

Bruce Fraser	President
Doug Makaroff	Treasurer - resigned
Grant Treloar	Director
Sally Davies	Director
Linda Gregory	Director
Dave Hutchinson	Director

Employee of the Board:

Kelly Musselwhite	Executive Director
Jenny Berg	Web Designer/Bioengineering Field Assistant

1. Call to Order – 7:05

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes – changes to be made as requested by Linda via email

Final MoE report will be made available at the end of March, 2016

3. Reports

3.1. Area Director's Report: Sonia/Ian - absent

3.2. President's Report: Bruce

- 1) Chief Caroline Harry – indicated interest in being here but didn't join us at the AGM
- 2) Completion of EBCP – main agenda rationale for the tax allocation
- 3) Draft report of MoE – much collaboration and effort went into this water study including \$2500 of SBS funds – we now have a baseline
- 4) Contaminated site – diverted entire community's energy toward the fight – office supplied by SBS
- 5) Foreshore to Forest project – initiated by Jenny Berg with a foreshore inventory – Aviva \$5000, which will be included on the new website – funds received through CLTS
- 6) Board of SBS are now members of the CLTS – Bruce is also their Board member – extremely helpful group
- 7) SRA – collaboration with SBS re introduction of water plan – meeting on March 15 at 5 pm
- 8) Also invited them to consider collaboration a Basin Authority – able to approach government perhaps under the new water act – appointed Jerrod and Grant Price – created Authority as a community driven ecological governance approach and foundation for future incorporation
- 9) Working on a comprehensive plan for water sampling (ground water) – Linda talking with professionals for guidance on this process – MoE, individuals, Andrew Weaver all needs to be regularized into a usable package dealing with SIA and future understanding – MoE ought to be insisting on but are not – developing our internal capability – plan to seek partners to deliver it – Kelly continuing to write grant applications
- 10) With Grant's help, we had a workshop with the APC – developing of evaluation criteria using EBCP as foundation of rationale

- 11) Met with Parks and Rec – proposed they review their master plan in relation to the ecosystem based plan and see how well they match, maybe change their priorities, consider the overlap of their agenda with the final report created by Herb
- 12) Kelly and Doug working on the Administrative requirements of the SBS – ie CRA – Jenny will be paid for some of her work from the Aviva grant as well as SBS
- 13) Liaising with Koksilah (Area E) with Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi as they are proposing the same kind of work already achieved by the SBS – Bruce now a member of their Board – they have talked with the planning department of the CVRD to have this work integrated with their new OCP (Cowichan Station Community Association?) – stage 1 of their application, stage 2 invited to submit an application
- 14) A number of presentations – Emily and Bruce ie Cowichan Round Table, a class of VIU students and the Cowichan Watershed Board ie what's going on in Shawnigan as well as Herb's work
- 15) Ongoing trekking in which two hazards occurred with Barry (Cliff, Ed, and Dave – fell 10 ft, disappeared) and Cliff (broke his leg after putting his foot in a hole on one of these expeditions)
- 16) SIA has sapped money and time from all members of the community – and we wait
- 17) A watershed that needs all the attention we can give it on all fronts

3.3. 2015/2016 Financials: Kelly – motion to receive and bring forward to April 5 Mtg for finalizing

4. Election – call for nominations

4.1. Board Executive (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer) 2016/2017

Bruce, Grant, Dave, Sally, Linda, Nomination for Melissa, Mackenzie, Craig, Rod, Susanne
Doug stepped down but will remain a member

Move the slate be accepted as the 2016/2017 Directors – carried

Board moved that east side ie Mt Baldy area would be ideal for the first meeting for public implementation phase of the EBCP – process to start hopefully in April 2016

Bruce will ask Bruce and Jennie Stevens to set up to move forward

4.2. Directors

5. New Business

5.1. 2016/2017 Budget: Kelly – motion to accept and carried

5.2. SIRM call for Committee Members: Bruce

During the EABH it was decided there would be an advisory committee developed to work with SIA – SIRM has issued the call to work on that committee (SBS and SRA)

Motion to reject their application and carried

(MoE Director will decide who gets to be on the committee and SIRM has rewritten the terms of reference – this will potentially be considered after legal decisions have been made public) – this is a requirement of the permit, which may be considered more seriously in the worst-case scenario

Dangerously close to co-optation to show support of the community – allowed to comment only on the water sampling as per their terms of reference – haven't yet given the sampling material data they do have

Letter to be drafted by Bruce to indicate the Board has discussed and does not want to be involved

5.3. Basin Authority Collaboration with SRA: Bruce

Plans for the year:

- a) Public education and participation in the watershed plan is the next move
- b) Foreshore to forest conservation efforts – able to negotiate with landowners
- c) Water quality sampling
- d) Authority with SRA
- e) Fund raising to support these projects

5.4. March 12/13 Workshop: Kelly

To be postponed until September 2016 as West Provincial Park requires BC approval

5.5. SRA Mtg re EBCP on March 15 between 5-7 (dinner meeting)

6. Next Meeting – April 5, 2016

7. Adjournment