

**Shawnigan Basin Society Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 2024 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

Board Members:

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

Bryn Wyka, Director
Cliff Evans, Director
David Hutchinson, Director (Regrets)
Linda Gregory, Director
Barry Gates, Director (Regrets)

Guests: Kim Barnard, Gordie Robinson, Dan Mark, Kathy Code

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

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

2.1. Approved July 2024 Meeting Minutes as amended **Motion: Cliff E, Seconded: Linda G. All approved.**

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

4. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A.

4.1. Review of Current Position

4.1.1. Cash on hand \$269.15

4.1.2. Organizational Value \$4989.78

4.1.3. Gaming Account \$0

4.1.4. Projects \$15,846.88 (LUSH \$5000, Pacific Salmon Foundation \$761 + (\$650 receivable 1 camera return),
Restoration Fund \$1538.78, remainder amount CW Milfoil

4.1.5. FW Credit Union Membership Shares \$6.32

5. Fundraising - Shirley A.

5.1. Canada Helps - ongoing

5.2. True Earth Sales - Cashed out total promo under \$50. New samples coming, 20% sales back to SBS

5.3. IMP projected revenue - (Indigenous Medicine Plant - Della) - will schedule Sept if possible

5.4. Bottles - N/A

5.5. T shirt distribution and sales - Mason's selling all styles now, Island Water Store in Mill Bay also selling shirts

5.6. 50/50 Fundraiser - Shirley A./Marcy F. Approx \$550 pot so far. Everyone promote!

5.7. Should be \$2082.49 GST rebates coming in 6-8 weeks

5.8. BC gaming application going in for funding - will find out in November

5.9. Rotary room rental donation

6. New Business

6.1. LUSH Cosmetics, Woodgrove Mall, Nanaimo - Marcy F.

6.1.1. Marcy & Bernie presented in store July 20. Staff bought shirts \$75 sales, donated \$100 total. LUSH is very environmentally minded.

6.2. Joe Karthein of Save What Is Left – Bernie J./Shirley A.

6.2.1. Expressed need to overhaul BC Timber sales, wants organizations to rally tenure reform in BC gov regarding forestry. Do we want SBS involved? Discussion determined we want more information and tentative about getting too involved in politics, could impact Society standing. What suggestions do they have? They are looking for grassroots initiatives.

6.3. Boundary Forest and SBS Presentation, September 17, 2024– Shirley A.

6.3.1. Event details: Sept 17 5:30pm opening and set-up, 7pm event. Mill Bay Community Hall

6.3.1.1. Community Forest Trusts Presentation - Bernie J. & Dave M. 15 minutes

6.3.1.2. Watershed Restoration Plan Presentation - Barry G. with mapping showing plans/restoration needs?

6.3.1.3. Jennifer Houghton 30 min presentation and 30 min questions (prefers if we present first)

6.4. Possible funding proposals for Aquatic plants report via satellite project? -Shirley A.

6.4.1. Charlie Lake Conservation Society using satellite imaging that measures green imaging and if it can infer Chlorophyll levels / algae growth over time. Would be good for someone computer savvy in NIH or might make a good school project (St. John's, Shawnigan Lake, Frances Kelsey?). Bryn interested.

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- 6.5. Cobble Hill Fair, August 24 – Shirley A./Marcy F.
 - 6.5.1. Marcy will set up day before and will attend for day, Bernie will join, Bryn will help
- 6.6. Camp Pringle – Dave H.
 - 6.6.1. Waiting to hear back on rental cost. Shirley A., Dave M. and Dave H. visited the site, most of our items would be in storage, not a place for our desk, cold in winter
- 6.7. SIPS Roundtable - Marcy F.
 - 6.7.1. Saanich Inlet Protection hosting roundtable in October. Date & Location TBD, Topic 'Watersheds that Outflow to Saanich Inlet'. Hoping for our participation/assistance in networking.
- 6.8. Letter to Mosaic - Shirley A.
 - 6.8.1. Wrote a letter to Mosaic, they have not issued annual donation. We are hopeful they will continue working with us on like-minded projects - waiting to hear back
- 6.9. South Cowichan Community Issues Assessment Project - Shirley A.
 - 6.9.1. CVRD regularly has community input 'Plan Your Cowichan' - encouraging us and folks we know to participate. Not about incorporation.
- 6.10. Comment from Lindsey Henderson - Shirley A.
 - 6.10.1. Facebook/community comment why Shawnigan Lake used for water bombers for Sooke fire, why not Sooke lake? Sooke Lake Watershed HIGHLY protected. We should ask firefighting services.
- 6.11. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.
 - 6.11.1. Cherie Ayers (Biologist - works with Cowichan Tribes, Provincial Government) willing to present to us about Low Tech Solutions to change riverscapes to foster fish habitat - we'd like to plan this for October
- 6.12. CVRD Climate Adapts -
 - 6.12.1. they are asking SBS to allow placement of our logo on CVRD's site. Dave M forwarded comment that there is no mention of projects in South Cowichan at all. OK to use our LOGO. Bernie to respond.
 - 6.12.2. Kim B. question - testing for fecal coliform - 4 beaches in Victoria area currently have swimming advisory. CVRD has been seen doing testing but we don't have any information about it. Drinking water tested but not raw water for swimming. When Dave M contacted Keith Lawrence (CVRD) was directed to Island Health drinking water testing.

7. Ongoing Business

- 7.1. Climate Expo - Bernie J.
 - 7.1.1. Sept 10 meeting to organize a workshop for Climate Change - SBS a part of it (Bernie will participate by zoom). Came out of workshop at HUB in May
- 7.2. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion -
 - 7.2.1. Linda working on article about Biodiversity
- 7.3. Elkington Forest Tenure - Bernie J.
 - 7.3.1. Barry G. indicated CRD is in the final process of acquiring both forest tenure and purchasing the land from the owner. Should be completed in September. 225 acres remaining and what SBS will negotiate for.
 - 7.3.1.1. Barry also talked with Brian Farquhar about SBS taking over management of 2 community forests. **Mike Tibbit** (Mgr of Planning) should be contacted as forests need to be rezoned. We should work to put together a presentation to the CVRD Board
- 7.4. Strategic Alliance - Kim B.
 - 7.4.1. Waiting to find out about office space. Keep Eco Rotary advised about future of office.
 - 7.4.2. Lower Cowichan River Cleanup - August 25
 - 7.4.3. Community Week coming - service groups to come together
 - 7.4.4. Working on Mason's sign - Eco Rotary asking to use SBS BCeid # to apply for work permit
 - 7.4.5. Oct 20 11:30am-3pm is next Shawnigan Lake Community Association event - Fall Fair/food bank fundraiser
- 7.5. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A.
 - 7.5.1. Nothing new to report
- 7.6. Monitoring Tour - Cliff E
- 7.7. Development Activity Update - Shirley A. **This agenda item can be removed as Cliff reports on Developments**
- 7.8. Milfoil Removal Project - Dave M. (Absent)
 - 7.8.1. Dave M arranged drone survey of Shawnigan Lake Sept 3
- 7.9. CVRD Active Development Permits - Cliff E.
 - 7.9.1. Area A - 25, Area B - 49, Area C - 21
- 7.10. CVRD Board Meetings - Cliff E.
 - 7.10.1. July 24 Governance Committee Meeting - sense that they are wanting to cut down on public input but many Area Directors still want public engagement.

8. Next SBS General Meeting set for September 3, 2024

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9. Adjournment

Coming Events:

August 24 2024 - Cobble Hill Fair

August 26 2024 - Quw'tsun Sta'lo' Clean up 930-230

September 3 2024 - SBS 50/50 Raffle Draw

Sept 8 - 14 - Community Week

September 17 - Forestry Forum at Mill Bay Hall

September 22 2024 – Quw'utsun Sta'lo'Skweyul (Cowichan River Day) on Cowichan Tribes lands at Black Bridge beach

October 20 2024 - Shawnigan Lake Community Association Fall Fair 11:30am - 3pm