

**Shawnigan Basin Society Directors General Meeting  
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Final Meeting Minutes  
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

**Time: 19:00 – 21:05**

**Board Members:**

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

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

**Guests:** Kim Barnard, Dan Mark, John Robertson, Adrian Fletcher, Richard Best, Barb Hafner, Phyllis Linklater, Shelagh Bell-Irving

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

**2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.**

2.1. Approved August 2024 Meeting Minutes as amended **Motion: Bernie J., Seconded: Cliff E. All approved.**

**3. President's Update - Dave M.**

3.1. CVRD has water testing equipment now, SBS will provide vessel, Sept 17 profiling scheduled, Dave M. will participate. Planning to use instrument on a quarterly basis

**4. Public Input Period - Guests**

4.1. Resident Phyllis Linklater wanting Milfoil info, how extensive, other lakes in BC with successful control. Answer: Christina Lake doing similar approach to us, successful, their community funds this. We will clear portion in October for cooler temperature, proven successful in Marine studies. Phyllis hired divers 2 summers in a row, Milfoil now doubled. Sheila Bell-Irving using BioChar, Milfoil eliminated in front of her property. Linda G. comments by doing in cold water, fragments cannot root. Regarding muck, Dave H. commented silt from soil dump erosion & logging. Decomposing milfoil also causes muck/discholoration. Richard Best speaking with Becky Brown (Invasive Plant Specialist, BC Gov) about ProcellaCOR use on US side of Osoyoos Lake which didn't happen due to cross-border regulations. Our position - SBS is not in support of use in Shawnigan Lake as a drinking water source. Bernie J. sent peer review reports on ProcellaCOR to Richard. Dave H. comments that one can buy ProcellaCOR on Amazon now. Shelagh says Elk/Beaver Lake floating garden use, coming to see Shelagh's floating gardens.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A.**

5.1. Review of Current Position

5.1.1. Cash on hand - Don't have totalled up yet due to raffle

5.1.2. Organizational Value \$3240.87

5.1.3. Gaming Account \$0

5.1.4. Projects \$16,510.38 (LUSH \$5000, Pacific Salmon Foundation \$1410.59, Foreshore Restoration Fund \$1538.78, remainder amount CW Milfoil approx. \$8500

5.1.5. FW Credit Union Membership Shares \$6.32

**6. Fundraising - Shirley A.**

6.1. Canada Helps - ongoing

6.2. True Earth Sales -

6.3. IPM projected revenue - (Indigenous Plant Medicine - Della ) - planning to do one in October

6.4. T-shirt distribution and sales - ongoing

6.5. 50/50 Fundraiser - Draw happening live at 7:23pm during meeting - winner T. Fenske \$1155 to Winner

6.6. Island Return-it - filed application in time for 2025 charity of the month program

6.7. BC Gaming Grant application details - Education stewardship training program \$24,500 and under Milfoil removal \$75,700 (\$7570 could go to core org. costs) Should find out in November

**7. New Business**

7.1. Cobble Hill Fair, August 24 outcome - Marcy F.

7.1.1. Residents Jake (canoeist) and Biologist Geoff Huber (biologist) wanting to connect/help. Met new Environmental Planner with CVRD Dev. Services Division - Land Use Services Dept, Nicholas Schwetz

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- (Registered Professional Biologist), bought SBS shirt. He says corner of Shawnigan Creek watershed in Cobble Hill needs to be remapped as draining to Koksilah. SBS already knows about this stream
- 7.2. Drone Survey - One-Track Drone Services - Marcy F.  
7.2.1. Adrian Fletcher attending meeting, offers services to non-profits. [onetrackdrone.ca](http://onetrackdrone.ca) and [freshwaterVI.org](http://freshwaterVI.org)  
Viewed short film of Cowichan River, one for Shawnigan watershed would be great. Drone surveys of Milfoil of area like West Arm would take 15-20 min. Dave M./Adrian discussing location/time. Early A.M. without wind and sufficient light for contrast best for imaging. Lakeside restaurant good start/launch point
- 7.3. Camp Pringle - Dave H.  
7.3.1. Met with Shawn, proposal \$1000/month rent. We are not making a commitment until the New Year.
- 7.4. SIPS Roundtable "Watersheds and the Saanich Inlet" - Marcy F.  
7.4.1. Tentatively 2-4:30pm, October 17 at Kerry Park. Bernie speaking for CERCA  
7.4.2. List of invitees we can recommend? Bernie will forward list to Tony/Marcy
- 7.5. Letter to Mosaic – Shirley A.  
7.5.1. Shirley wrote to Pam in summer, waiting for reply.
- 7.6. Milfoil Drone Survey – Dave M.  
7.6.1. Dave M. will arrange with Adrian Fletcher - One-Track Drone to find Milfoil rich area to make most of investment of removal with divers in October
- 7.7. Wawanesa Grant application - Bernie J.  
7.7.1. Insurance company with \$250,000 in grants for Climate Mitigation. App. focus - educating the public about forestry/Community Forest Trusts. Money to hire office asst. 2 afternoons/week and make SBS materials in office accessible, educational talks, hikes through natural regeneration, mature and plantation forests. Won't allow for rent, but salary/fringe benefits for staff in offer - Asking \$16,500, should hear back November

**8. Ongoing Business**

- 8.1. Watershed Tour - Cliff E. & Bernie J. (Moved up in order on agenda)  
8.1.1. Beaver blocking culvert -has a field 1 metre deep in water, Coho fry present. Weir has small amount of water over it - lake higher than last month from August rains, weir 115.92m, lake 115.94m. Creek at Renfrew Rd and west Shawnigan clear, no fish. Shawnigan Creek hardly flowing - so much gravel  
8.1.2. Annual report 2022 and s/b 2023 about water quality testing coming from dump site. Need to ask Ministry to post results for public access
- 8.2. Milfoil Removal Project - Dave M.  
8.2.1. See 7.2 and 7.6 for Drone surveying details. Shooting for removal in second half of October
- 8.3. Workshop for Climate Change - Bernie J.  
8.3.1. Climate workshop meeting Sept 10 - Bernie to attend
- 8.4. LUSH Sign Project - Bernie J.  
8.4.1. Asking for extension due to delays in meeting with Malahat/Cowichan. Response that we no longer have a deadline and do not need to report back to LUSH as their Charity Pot program ended.
- 8.5. Upcoming Focus Article - Discussion  
8.5.1. Shirley submitted 300 word update on SBS current activities for Sept issue  
8.5.2. Linda working on Biodiversity article for October
- 8.6. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.  
8.6.1. Cheri Ayers - Riparian restoration work on Cowichan River. Plans to arrange talk
- 8.7. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G.  
8.7.1. Wrapping up CRD deal on land purchase. Then moving to tenure
- 8.8. Strategic Alliance Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub - Kim B.  
8.8.1. St. Johns Academy Fri Sept 20 Clean up. Looking to talk to Lions to do something in the Village for upcoming community week. 6 people did waste diversion at Cobble Hill Fair - 75% of trash diverted to organics/returnables. Looking to keep David Slade engaged. Monthly zoom first Saturday/month 8-9am - link on website. Mason's work party - urban gardening with Thrifty's collaboration.
- 8.9. Boundary Forest and SBS Presentation, September 17, 2024 - Shirley A.  
8.9.1. Mill Bay Hall, Set up 6pm, 7-9pm Presentation. Dave M. will do SBS presentation, then Barry & Bernie talking about Community Forest Trusts. ~45 min for SBS portion, 20 min for Jennifer's presentation and then question period. Marcy will P/U keys before 5:30pm, Dan Mark will help set up at 6pm.  
8.9.2. Boundary talk on redrafting the Forest Act to be more beneficial to communities, less destructive to forest
- 8.10. Satellite Imaging Algal Monitoring - Bryn W. - absent
- 8.11. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A.  
8.11.1. Offer from Chloe to come from Ontario for training. Might set up for Spring
- 8.12. CVRD Active Development Permits - Cliff E.  
8.12.1. Hasn't been much change from last month.
- 8.13. CVRD Board Meetings - Cliff E.

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- 8.13.1. Next Governance meeting starts with a closed session 9:30am - Starting with Legal advice to Directors then public input, question period then job descriptions for Chair, Vice Chair to follow conduct rules.
- 8.13.2. Board meeting - Grant and Aids - all the notes from the APC's discussing their local plans. Mill Springs Sewer Connection on agenda.

**9. Next SBS General Meeting set for October 1, 2024**

**10. Adjournment**

Coming Events:

**Sept 8 - 14** - Community Week

**September 17** - "Power of Forests" Forestry Forum with Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society - Mill Bay Hall - 7pm

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

**October 17** - SIPS Roundtable "Watersheds and the Saanich Inlet" - Kerry Park - 2-4:30pm Public welcome

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