

**Shawnigan Basin Society Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

Time: 19:07 – 21:07

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
David Hutchinson, Director (Regrets)
Linda Gregory, Director
Barry Gates, Director (Regrets)

Guests: John Robertson, Shelagh Bell-Irving

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

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

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

3. President's Update - Dave M.

- 3.1. Wanted to thank Shirley A. for all of her hard work.
- 3.2. Richard Best did underwater camera survey, Milfoil disintegrating, good time for removal project.
- 3.3. CVRD annual update letter prepared and sent to CVRD Sept 27, 2024
- 3.4. Received communications from Andrew Palmer - Eco Plan CVRD hired group - South Cowichan Community Assessment project. John Robertson will take on communications on behalf of SBS
- 3.5. Stewardship Centre for BC online session Oct 2. Dave M. Signed up, sending link to Bernie J.
- 3.6. Dave M. Presented 50/50 Raffle winning to pass along to T. Fenske for \$1155.00 who in turn presented a donation cheque back to SBS for \$1000

4. Public Input Period - Guests

4.1. No additional guests having input/discussion at this meeting

5. Treasurer's Report - Shirley A.

- 5.1. Review of Current Position
 - 5.1.1. Cash on hand \$125.00
 - 5.1.2. Organizational Value \$2730.86
 - 5.1.3. Gaming Account \$754.45
 - 5.1.4. Projects \$15,798.35 (LUSH \$5000, Pacific Salmon Foundation \$1410.59, Foreshore Restoration (Watersheds Canada) \$1538.78, Milfoil \$7849.98
 - 5.1.5. FW Credit Union Membership Shares \$
 - 5.1.6. Shirley negotiating with Landlord to lower rent, agreed but still to quantify. They are willing to work with us to stay on site. Will follow up 2nd week of Oct **Note: We did not discuss in meeting but Shirley included in her notes**

6. Fundraising - Shirley A.

- 6.1. Canada Helps - ongoing - promotion for Oct - all new monthly donors entered in draw for SBS Heron shirt - Facebook, Sept Newsletter & Focus
- 6.2. True Earth Sales - 20% of sales back to SBS - very little to date
- 6.3. IPM projected revenue - (Indigenous Plant Medicine - Della) - Shirley postponing scheduled events
- 6.4. T-shirt distribution and sales - ongoing - at Masons and Mill Bay Island Water - quarterly remittance scheduled for Dec
- 6.5. Royal Canadian Legion has a donation for us. P/U and talk to be by Cliff E & Bernie J. Planning Oct 5. Between 1-4pm
- 6.6. 50/50 Raffle net proceed \$754.45 + \$1000 donation from T. Fenske

7. New Business

- 7.1. SIPS Roundtable - Marcy F.
 - 7.1.1. Oct 17 - 2-4:30pm at Kerry Park Recreation Centre - Denis McLean Room

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- 7.2. Letter to Mosaic & Forest Related Items – Shirley A.
 - 7.2.1. No response from Pam (Mosaic)
 - 7.2.2. Erik Pikkala Forest Ecologist offering a walk at Kinsol Trestle parking lot. Sunday Oct 6 11am-1pm
 - 7.2.3. Silvacola Film screenings in Duncan Oct 5, Nanaimo Oct 6
- 7.3. Milfoil Drone Survey – Dave M.
 - 7.3.1. Viewing drone image taken by Adrian Fletcher - One Track Drone - dock from Lakeside Restaurant
- 7.4. CVRD Climate Change workshop and website - Dave M. and Bernie J.
 - 7.4.1. SBS proposing a talk of doing 1) an ecosystem based watershed mgt plan - difficulties due to land ownership or 2) Community Forest Trusts. Discussion was not focussed. Dave M. And Bernie J. will get more details.
- 7.5. Aftermath - Boundary Forest and SBS Presentation Sept 17 - Dave M.
 - 7.5.1. ~30 people attended. Total cost of event hall rental and Facebook ad less 50% donations - \$119.32
 - 7.5.2. Boundary Forest advocating for a new Forest Act.

8. Ongoing Business

- 8.1. Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
- 8.2. 6PPDQ Testing - Marcy F.
 - 8.2.1. Sample collection 3 upper/3 lower locations Sept 24-26. Observed adult Coho Salmon return at Shawnigan Creek outflow to Saanich Inlet. Mill Bay & District Conservation Society just started catch/relocation upstream
- 8.3. Milfoil Removal Project - Dave M.
 - 8.3.1. Scheduled for end of October - west end of lake near Lakeside. Should put out a call to membership for approx 6 volunteers - 3-4 hours of collection. Marcy will check with Shirley - can non-members be insured?
- 8.4. Workshop for Climate Change - Bernie J. to provide update - see 7.4
- 8.5. LUSH Sign Project update - Bernie J.
 - 8.5.1. No update. Hoping to get meetings going again with Malahat Nation
- 8.6. Upcoming Focus Article - Linda G. Submitted Biodiversity for October. Bernie J. Offering to write paper about loss of Biodiversity and importance of Biodiversity to everyone.
- 8.7. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J.
 - 8.7.1. Cheri Ayers - Riverside Restoration Oct 22 @ SBS 7pm
- 8.8. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G. (Absent)
 - 8.8.1. Bernie J. - Tim Kulchyski suggested Cowichan Tribes should be part of this. Bernie reached out to some Cowichan members and no response. Melissa Tokarek (Malahat Nation) does have an interest and asked Linus, Shane Sylvester and SBS to discuss co-management of forest. Need to set up meeting in next couple of weeks. Also want to see how we can acquire Crown woodlots. Also invite Graham Underwood - counsel commissioned by Attorney General, BC Gov - related to Haida Gwaii)
- 8.9. Strategic Alliance Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub - Kim B. (Absent)
 - 8.9.1. We discussed
- 8.10. Boundary Forest and SBS Presentation, September 17, 2024 - Shirley A. (Absent)
- 8.11. Satellite Imaging Algal Monitoring - Bryn W.
 - 8.11.1. Has lots of potential, high resolution satellite pass 1/week, can get a trial and can download all the images and can then work with it faster
- 8.12. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A.
 - 8.12.1. WC Offered in person training. SBS Replied with suggestion of spring 2025 and SBS could recruit some other organizations to participate as well. Awaiting response from WC
- 8.13. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
 - 8.13.1. 90 Current active developments, last month 95 active developments
 - 8.13.2. Sept 25 Board meeting - replacement of 3 CVRD bylaws to regional without going to the public, just the 15 Directors. Tech person advised \$500,000 to replace "junk" system. Expand CVRD to have First Nations sit at the table. Discussion of Shawnigan Water System (Prev Lidstech holdings) \$3.2M and CVRD can get grants.
 - 8.13.3. Second meeting special EASC housing needs report - community grants (Oct 2)
 - 8.13.4. Third meeting EASC 1:30pm reports on Longwood Road Cowichan Bay (Oct 2)

9. Next SBS General Meeting set for November 5, 2024

10. Adjournment

Coming Events:

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

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

October 22 2024 - Cheri Ayers @ SBS 7pm - Riverside Restoration - Bernie

Hoping to Schedule: (from Shirley A.)

October – Indigenous Plant Medicine Walk & Workshop - Shirley

October PUBLIC HIKE

October – CITIZEN SCIENCE – Ecological Assets in Public Parks & Community Forests?

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Nov - SPEAKER SERIES – EBCP presentations?

November PUBLIC HIKE

November CITIZEN SCIENCE water test training – the basics?

NOV SCHOOL OUTREACH x3 EBCP presentations? Milfoil? Idea gathering from youth

Dec – CVRD climate change conference – SBS to provide presenters/materials for breakout sessions

Dec – SPEAKER SERIES

Dec 07 PUBLIC INFO BOOTH St Johns Academy Artisan Fair