

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

**Time: 19:00 – 21:00**

**Board Members:**

Dave Munday, President  
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

**Guests:** Shelagh Bell-Irving, Richard Best, Vic Neufeld, John Robertson

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

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

2.1. Approved November 2024 Meeting Minutes **Motion: Bernie J, Barry G. seconded. All approved.**

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

3.1. Dec 9 & 10th Climate Action hosted by CVRD. SBS has table "30 by 30". John R. speaking on behalf of SBS for forestry session. 4 speakers total. ~40 people/seminar.  
3.2.: Dave M. motion to elect John Robertson as Director. Bernie motion, Barry G seconded. All approved.

**4. Public Input Period - Guests**

4.1. Vic Neufeld met with John Robertson. Meeting with schools and connecting

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

5.1. Review of Current Position

5.1.1. Cash on hand \$ 126.00

5.1.2. Organizational Value \$ 2428.35 (\$2000 Receivables from Mosaic)

5.1.3. BC Gaming Grant - still waiting - hoping to hear mid December

5.1.4. Projects \$7311.74 (LUSH \$5000, Pacific Salmon Foundation \$1410.59 (\$800 towards office computer), Foreshore Restoration (Watersheds Canada) \$1538.78, Accrued interest - Shirley put forth motion to move interest to general funds \$267.33

5.1.5. Monthly rent reduced by landlord temporarily

**6. Fundraising - Shirley A.**

6.1. Canada Helps - \$0

6.2. True Earth Sales - \$0

6.3. IPM projected revenue - (Indigenous Plant Medicine - Della)

6.4. T-shirt distribution and sales - ongoing - Mason's and Mill Bay Water Supply

6.5. Giving Tuesday - Shirley made Facebook post

6.6. Shawnigan Community Light Up Fundraiser Dec 7. Shirley requests budget \$50 for beverages, etc. **Motion: Shirley A., Bernie J. seconded. All approved.**

6.7. Local strata developer group wants to rent office for daytime use. Everyone is ok with this.

6.8. Unsworth Vineyards fundraiser - end of February, leaning towards March. Art sales format again.

**7. New Business**

7.1. Meeting with Shawnigan Lake Schools – Shirley A. and John R.

7.1.1. St. Johns - Met with Bradley Myrholm (Director of Community Learning and Engagement, MYP Coordinator), waiting to reconvene with their teacher. Very interested - community cleanup, field trips, technical work. Environment and Ecological studies in Society. International intensive program

7.1.2. Shawnigan Lake School - very impressive, baked in environmental program, new Science teacher trying to revamp program - Ali Ballantyne (forest ecologist) Current program - wanting interaction by April 2025 (hope to set up 2 field experiences) advanced research tools in field, possibly lectures, water quality monitoring probes using CVRD equipment (possibly workshop), underwater imaging. Hatchery and Coho research program - Pit tagging, stream inventories (tributary studies - link to Bernie). A student interested in coming to SBS

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- 7.1.3. Frances Kelsey - two environmental science teachers - Key Rietzel and Lindsey Janes. Looking for field trip experiences by end of January - possibly use of underwater camera. 9th grade program available after
- 7.1.4. Reaching out to Brentwood next
- 7.1.5. Short term field experiences, long term plan - ~5 year - embed SBS with curriculum. Youth membership.
- 7.1.6. Objective of SBS in partnership with PHEN - Vic Neufeld hopeful to lend to future funding. Vic's son a teacher - Mark at Clairmont Secondary
- 7.2. CVRD Climate Change workshop and website - Dave M. and Bernie J.
  - 7.2.1. Dec 9 & 10 - wanting to organize mapping and materials for SBS table at workshop, Shirley & Bryn will help Dave M.
- 7.3. Private Managed Forest Lands Act Alliance Group - John R.
  - 7.3.1. Small working group working on E&N land grant and impact on watersheds up the island. Working on strategy for government approach. Change Private Lands Forest Mgt Act - bringing private practices up to public - 20-25 organizations wanting to sign onto this strategy. Virtual meeting biweekly.
- 7.4. Shawnigan Lake Christmas Light Up - Marcy F.
  - 7.4.1. Marcy will be in office at 3:30pm to volunteer. Shirley and Marcy to organize supplies for event.
- 7.5. Harmonizing the OCP and the EBCP Approach - Barry G.
  - 7.5.1. Good fit to eco based conservation watershed planning and goal of 30 by 30. SBS should set up a Technical Design Team and external experts, work with CVRD, integrate work with Malahat with this approach as well. We should be concerned with natural areas and lend our expertise to CVRD. Coralie Breen - Strategic Initiatives with CVRD
- 7.6. Additional Milfoil Removal Trials - Dave M.
  - 7.6.1. Best system is Venturi pumping system. Dave M. Has asked CVRD (Keith Lawrence) for \$5000 funding for third trial in addition to funding we are receiving, dive team to work for free.

**8. Ongoing Business**

- 8.1. Weir Tour Report - Cliff E.
- 8.2. 6PPDQ Testing - Marcy F.
  - 8.2.1. Sampling completed Nov 8-11 and upcoming planned Dec 4-7
- 8.3. Upcoming Focus Article - for January - Bernie J. will look into Coho article, Dave M. maybe Milfoil article
- 8.4. SBS Speaker Series - Bernie J. Hold off to January. Bernie offered talk on Bats
- 8.5. Elkington Forest Tenure - Barry G.
  - 8.5.1. Document is now with lawyer re: Timber Tenure to SBS and meeting with covenant holders - CVRD and TLC (The Land Conservancy)
- 8.6. Strategic Alliance - Kim B. (Absent)
- 8.7. Satellite Imaging Algal Monitoring - Bryn W.
  - 8.7.1. Bryn will continue to work with imaging process
- 8.8. Watersheds Canada Foreshore Restoration Program - Shirley A.
  - 8.8.1. Reminder they've offered about Spring training - Marcy & Bryn to help
- 8.9. CVRD Active Development Permits and Board Meetings - Cliff E.
  - 8.9.1. Previous 92 Active Dev Permits and now 97 (subdivision suites)
  - 8.9.2. Area A - 24, Area B - subdividing property applications, pending sewage and water, Area C - some new applications, trend of rezoning

**9. Next SBS General Meeting set for January 7, 2025**

**10. Adjournment**

Coming Events:

Dec 7th - Shawnigan Light Up event

December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> – CVRD Climate Action Workshop