

**Shawnigan Basin Society - Directors General Meeting
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – Final Meeting Minutes
Online (Zoom) and SBS Office**

Time: 19:00 – 20:03

Board Members:

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

Cliff Evans, Director
Kyle Kilgour, Director (Regrets)
Barry Gates, Director
John Robertson, Director

Guests: Geoff Wilton, Suzanne Edwards, Gordie Robinson, Richard Best, Kim Barnard

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

1.1. Suzanne, new resident. Director with Island Metis Services Society and Member of Rotary EcoClub

2. Approval of Minutes - Marcy F.

2.1. Approved January 2026 Meeting Minutes **Motion: Cliff E., seconded. John R. All approved.**

3. President's Update - Dave M.

3.1. Update of meeting with CVRD Environmental Services, Jeff and Galen.

3.2. Need broader Director access to emails. Admin/info emails can be forwarded to Google email as well as available on office computer

4. New Business

4.1. Member communications - emails received on info@shawniganbasinsociety.org - Shirley A.

4.1.1. Joanne G. Interested in Bat presentation. Bernie will arrange for another presentation.

4.1.2. Barbara F. Concerned with high water levels in December.

4.1.3. Melissa S. Reports styrofoam near Old Mill Park. Cliff E. walked location but already dispersed. Styrofoam widely used, unfortunately typical and common on lake, breaks up & collects on shoreline as water recedes.

4.2. CVRD Strategic Partnership Meeting Outcome - Forest Committee

4.2.1. Met with CVRD Env. team to see what common goals we can achieve. Also discussed 30x30 process.

Promoted SBS qualifications. Jeff mentioned we can also source funding for specific projects outside of budget. Dave will follow up with them. SBS reviewed OCP & our 5 year plan aligns well with CVRD objectives.

4.3. Conservation covenant plans by the Cowichan Community Land Trust - Bernie J.

4.3.1. CCLT has funds to assist private landowners with conservation covenants on lands of ecological significance. Urban forest landscape around lake critical. Covenants add value to property.

4.4. Bringing together all parties interested in ecological mapping of the CVRD - Bernie J.

4.4.1. Topic at CCLT springboard committee. SBS mapping Shawnigan Lake, exploring groups interested.

4.5. CVRD Development Permits Affecting Watershed Preservation - Cliff E.

4.5.1. Cameron Taggart Road - large lit signage, declined by CVRD. Many permits in riparian protection area.

4.5.2. LAP Public Info Meeting April 16 Areas A, B, C 5-7pm Cobble Hill Hall

5. Strategic Priorities

5.1. Forest Committee Meeting (30x30) - Barry G. And Bernie J.

5.1.1. Addressing CVRD zoning concerns.

5.2. Shawnigan Creek WMP - Forest Committee

5.2.1. 30x30 plan part of watershed management plan

5.3. Eurasian Watermilfoil Control - Dave M.

5.3.1. Works window Aug 1-Sept 15. \$130,000 for 6 weeks. Also pursuing EcoAction Grant - BC Ministry of Environment. Geoff researched Invasive Species reports suggesting May to early July is best time. We want to pull when largest to remove greatest amount of biomass, using Venturi system vacuuming plant, fragments netted, and a boom float. Geoff motivated for involvement

5.4. SL Water Quality Program - Dave M.

5.4.1. Proposed motor expense in hopes of funding for cost and offered use of boat to CVRD

5.4.2. We've offered to write an analysis of CVRD water testing results, John can assist setting up a Google Doc for shared work on documents. Suggestion of CVRD to also test all inflow creeks.

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- 5.5. Ecological Surveys and Watershed Tour
 - 5.5.1. Monthly Watershed Tour - Cliff E.
 - 5.5.1.1. Weir 116.02, Lake 116.64. In Dec 117.5.
 - 5.5.1.2. Witnessed white water flowing from Vimex Contracting on Stebbings Road. RAPP report filed
- 5.6. GIS mapping - Bryn W. (Absent)
- 5.7. First Nations Partnership - Marcy F. and Bernie J.
 - 5.7.1. Met with Shane Sylvester Friday Jan 30. Linus Shaw interested in grant co-applications with SBS for Malahat Guardian program
- 5.8. Public Education and Outreach - John R.
 - 5.8.1. Next Focus Article - CCLT funding - Bernie
 - 5.8.2. John classroom visits St Johns, Kelsey. Bat talk of interest. Gregory Road pre-post fire treatment field trip.
 - 5.8.3. Visiting Ken Elliot's Native Plant Nursery March/April - Bernie J.
 - 5.8.4. Possible speakers - Fire Mitigation Technicians from Ministry of Forests - Bernie J.
- 5.9. Advocacy Partnerships - Kim B. and Bernie J.
 - 5.9.1. Volunteer Appreciation with Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub - Saturday February 14 10am-2pm. Also joining is SCCP South Cowichan Community Policing, SLCA Shawnigan Lake Community Association, YSAG Young Seniors Action Group, South Cowichan Artists Guild. Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub continuing funding of SBS, \$75/month but applied first quarter (\$225) to advertising costs for event
- 5.10. PHEN Partnership - no update - John R.
- 5.11. Strategic Alliances - Bernie J. and Kim B.
 - 5.11.1. Discussed in 5.9.1

6. Finances and Fundraising

- 6.1. Current status - Shirley A. (Absent, notes provided)
 - Cash on Hand - \$114.50
 - Organizational Value - \$137.69
 - Gaming Account - \$ 100.00 (50/50 Sales)
 - Projects balance \$6980.74 (Lush \$5,000, Watersheds Canada \$1888.78, \$90.09 boat repairs, CVRD Milfoil specific funds \$-1442.70 Dave M. to ask to recover costs from CVRD

Note: Cash required for honoraria regarding LUSH signage to Malahat/Cowichan members assisting. Shirley asks Bernie to please submit an expense request.

 - 6.1.1. Office - Community vs member use - reminder to add SBS subcommittee meetings to admin calendar to book office, also useful for year end records and courtesy to casual users (Ryley) to know when vacant. John to set up Google Calendar so we can all access
 - 6.1.2. Returning rental 3rd Tuesday monthly Mill Bay Garden Club Jan-June, D&D added Games 1st & 3rd Saturdays monthly
 - 6.1.3. Sales/fundraising - no updates
 - 6.1.4. New member applications - no updates
- 6.2. Status of transfer of SBS Financials to SBS Sage - Bryn W. (Absent)
- 6.3. Grant Programs - Real Estate Foundation of BC - Bernie J.
 - 6.3.1. Due Feb 5, insufficient time. Will explore other grant opportunities
- 6.4. Discussion of where to go with fundraising - committee
 - 6.4.1. HiBid Program - hibid.ca - Gordie R.
 - 6.4.1.1. Have 21 items so far, need more items. Need more social media.

7. Next SBS Meeting set for March 3rd, 2026

8. Adjournment

Coming Events:

- **Volunteer Appreciation with Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub Sat Feb 14, 10am-2pm SBS Office**
- **General Meeting – March 3rd, 2026**
- **General Meeting – April 7th, 2026**
- **April 18-25 Online Auction Fundraiser**
- **April 25 - Fundraiser 50/50 Draw (tickets available Jan - April 24)**
- **April 21 - SBS @ Shawnigan Rotary EcoClub Community Clean up Day**
- **General Meeting – May 5th, 2026**
- **June: Island Return it Charity of the Month**