

**Lillooet Naturalist Society**  
**Annual General Meeting – Jan. 12, 2014, 2 PM**  
**Minutes**

Present: Vivian Birch-Jones, Greg Smith, David and Ivy Fung, Jeff O’Kelly, Doug Grossler, Chris Galliazzo, Hal Stathers, Ken Oakes, MJ Oakes, Talya Wood, Eleanor Wright, Cathy Arthur-Stathers, Bob Deadman, Ursula Stephane, Doug and Roberta Drummond, Anne Heath, Judy Bodaly, Scott Bodaly, Paul Ehni, Kim North, Jacquie Rasmussen, Ian Routley, Lori Smith, Debbie and Steve Pietila, Andra Forney, Simon Warhurst

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Call to order</b>		Call to order at 2:06 PM
<b>2. Welcome/introduction</b>		
<b>3. Adoption of agenda</b>	Two amendments: Move group hikes to “6 New Business”, add item re budget approval for BCFO.	Motion to adopt agenda with amendments. Carried.
<b>4. Adoption of minutes from 2013 AGM</b>		Motion to adopt minutes as they stand. Carried.
<b>5. Business arising from the minutes</b>		
<b>6. New Business:</b>		
- Gift for Francis Iredale MFLNRO – circulating for signatures	Available for signing by LNS members.	Mailed to Francis after meeting – much appreciated
- Talya’s wetland poster – check it out and ask questions	Available for people to inspect at their convenience.	
- President’s report to members		Motion to adopt as it stood. Carried.
- Financial report – Greg Smith, treasurer	2013 Total Income \$7,319.24 2013 Total Expenses \$10,225.83 Dec. 31, 2013 Balance \$3,188.82 Dec. 31, 2013 Investment Savings Account Balance \$7,500.00 Receivable - balance of loan to Restoration Project \$6000.00	Motion to adopt as it stood. Carried.

<p>- Report on memberships 2013 and 2014 – Judy Bodaly</p>	<p>2012 membership – 54 2013 membership – 59 Rates still stand at \$30 for a family, \$25 for an individual.</p>	
<p>- Restoration Site/Seton Corridor – educational outreach – Odin/Kim</p>	<p>Powerhouse did not receive any FWCP program but found some other more modest sources. Signage structure put in during 2013, the signs themselves will be installed in 2014. Two-day weed blitz at the site. Reptile monitoring continued again during 2013 – thanks to Bob Deadman. Kim would also like to thank Alex North for all the watering he did during the summer of 2013. The report to FWCP on 2012 work is still due. Kim has applied for funds for more weed blitzes this year for the Powerhouse site and will send some Split Rock Nursery staff there when possible. Held Watershed Art Show, and Walking with Smolts event again. Thanks to Angela, Eleanor, Toby and Jacquie for all their work on the latter event. Kim and crew are currently setting up a committee to organize this year’s event. Salmon in the Canyon event was also held again during 2013. Funding came from a variety of sources. It was not financially profitable. All assets which LNS had acquired toward the Restoration site have now been transferred to Cayoose Band except for the outreach trailer and its contents. The Seton Corridor project is being managed by Split Rock Environmental. Habitat mapping, Breeding Bird Surveys, Botanical surveys etc. have been done. Some restoration work has been done at both sets of Spawning Channels and in the lower Seton corridor.</p>	<p>Report for 2012 since submitted.</p>
<p>- Bluebird Box project – Chris Galliazzo</p>	<p>2013 was a pretty good year for Mountain Bluebird trail. 171 boxes – 169 were used by MOBL, HOWR and TRSW. Total fledged MOBLs 357, 168 TRSW, 23 HOWR. 1 squirrel family, 7 mouse families and 1 BHCO family. Five</p>	

	work trips from June-August of 2013. Chris is trying to find people who live closer to the trails who could take them over so that the LNS could put up more MOBL boxes in our immediate area. Work bee for box-building coming up in the spring. Chris will keep membership notified.	
- Christmas Bird Counts – Ian/Toby/Eleanor	Ian: Good year for Lillooet CBC. 59 species. 22 participants. Warmest count ever. Eleanor: 34 species on Yalakom CBC. New area added to Yalakom count that added to number of species. 8 participants. Vivian: Heather Baines helped with the Hat Creek count. Reports for all will be on Bird Studies Canada website.	
- LRISS – Odin/Jacquie R.	Jacquie: LRISS launched a website (Iriss.ca), Facebook page and Twitter account in 2013 and networked with local politicians and forest companies. Held or participated in 8 educational events as well as other outreach. They hired 2 technicians in 2013 to help with field work. They obtained funding from several different sources last year.	
- Peace and Ecology group update – Ursula Stephane (regrets Rod Webb)	Annual Earth Day Garage Sale (Sat. Apr. 5). Earth Day on Tuesday April 22, Planet Peace Café on Sat., Apr. 26.	
- Osprey webcam project – Scott Bodaly	Project has received great support from the community. Unfortunately the camera failed. Scott received a new replacement but it isn't working either. The camera is of course still under warranty so Scott still believes that the whole project will be up and running in the spring. SD74's technical support for the project still stands. Thanks to Scott Hudson for technical assistance. Scott believes that further expenditures will be fairly minimal.	
- Update on BC Hydro's Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program – Vivian	Vivian (who is on FWCP board) has reviewed this year's proposals. There are once again numerous proposals from the Lillooet area.	
- Lifetime membership for Anne C.	Many thanks to Anne for all her contributions and	

Heath with thanks for her generous support of LNS projects	generosity over the years.	
- BC Nature email – members encouraged to contact Betty Davison directly if they would like to be on the BC Nature general e-mail listing	Vivian reminded members that if they wish to receive e-mailings from BC Nature, they will have to get in touch with BC Nature themselves. Vivian has provided contact info to LNS members if they want to contact BC Nature about this directly.	
- Group Hikes led by Wayne Robinson	Wayne would like to conduct a series of guided hikes (through the REC Centre) in 2014. Vivian and/or Wayne will keep membership informed.	
- Chris Galliazzo re Erin O’Brien – Bluebird presentation	Chris has asked Erin if she would be willing to give a presentation in Lillooet this spring. Chris will keep membership informed.	
- Lillooet Food Matters: Eleanor Wright	Seedy Saturday March 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
- Jacquie Rasmussen re LRISS	Invasive species council of BC has a “report a weed” app.	
- Andra Forney	Andra works for Xaxli’p Band Community Forestry. The Xaxli’p band is concerned about mining exploration on Bald Mountain.	Vivian said that if Andra and the Band can supply us with specifics, the LNS may be able to provide some form of support.
<b>7. Election of Directors</b>	Nominations from floor: Chris G. nominated Andra Forney. Director Hal Stathers offered his verbal resignation.	Motion to accept current slate of directors with the change of Andra Forney in place of Hal Stathers.
<b>8. Nominating committee for 2014</b>		Hal will assist with nomination process in future.

<b>9. Approval of budget items for 2014</b>		
- Osprey webcam	Scott believes that we're only looking at minimal costs to get the project up and running in spring of 2014.	Motion to approve up to \$500 toward Osprey webcam in 2014. Carried.
- Rivershed rafting trip – approve up to \$500 for 2014; - Updates Rafting trip – Candice Jack invited		Motion to approve up to \$500 toward one or more local candidate. Carried.
- Bluebird trail project – approve up to \$500 for 2014		Motion to approve. Carried.
- BC Nature AGM (May 1-4 AGM) – approve up to \$500 for an LNS Representative		Motion to approve. Carried.
- BC Field Ornithologists in June 2014 – small budget (ballpark \$300)		Tabled to next meeting of directors.
Kim - Donations toward Walking with Smolts and Salmon in the Canyon.		Tabled to next meeting of directors.
<b>10. Plans and priorities for 2014</b>		
- BCFO field trips June 12/13 – volunteers/interested birders?		
- Osprey webcam in the Spring	See Scott Bodaly's report above under "6. New Business"	
- Bluebird Box building bee – Chris		Chris will arrange the bee and inform LNS members.
- BC Nature meeting in May 2014 at Victoria and September 2014 at Salmon Arm. Interest?		
- Upcoming Fraser River swim relay – update by Vivian (Jacquie Lanthier unable to attend)	Jacquie couldn't make it so she presented a report which Vivian copied on to the agenda for members' information. She is putting together a 4 woman team to swim the Fraser in 2015.	

- Ken Wright presentation – Loons in the Arctic, Saturday, Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> , 7 PM at Friendship Centre.		Vivian will notify members closer to date.
- Merritt “camp” 2014		
<b>11. Adjourn</b>		Adjournment at 3:27 PM