

LILLOOET NATURALIST SOCIETY AGM FEBRUARY 12, 2023
LILLOOET BREWING CO. 10:30 AM - *DRAFT* MINUTES

Present: Board – Geoff Playfair – president, Vivian Birch-Jones – secretary, Kathy Laing – treasurer, Chris Galliazzo – vice president, Simon Warhurst, Kathryn Young, Colin Vidian-Jones (directors at large)

Membership – Jacquie Rasmussen, Ian Routley, Greg and Lori Smith, Paddy Weston, Jonah and Christina Timms, Sam Quinlan, Bob Deadman, Kevin Aitken, Kim North, Lisa Boyd, Scott Hudson

Minutes: vbj

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order		10:36 am by Chair Geoff Playfair
2. Welcome/introductions	Participants welcomed by Chair and board members recognized. We have met the requirements of a quorum.	Thanks to Sam for hosting us.
3. Adoption of agenda	Motion to add the increase in membership fees for 2024 - vbj	Motion to adopt agenda as amended (vbj/JR). All in favour, carried
4. Adoption minutes 2021 AGM		Motion to adopt minutes 2022 AGM (SH/CG). All in favour, carried.
5. Business arising from the minutes		
6. New Business – Reports:		Need to add Rivershed Society as partner in annual report. Longstanding partnership.
Annual report to members Geoff and directors	Geoff provided overview of highlights in report. He invited Ian R. to talk about Black swift project. Ian is now on FWCP board as public member. FWCP offers a series of lunchtime educational updates on their projects – very good. Geoff also working with BC Hydro to improve the access and services on the local canal walk – will update us.	Motion to receive (vbj/JR). All in favour, carried. Vivian will send schedule to Geoff for circulation to membership.
Financial report	The annual financial statement was presented with copies to those in attendance. Reviewed by treasurer Kathy. Several members have contributed donations that are gratefully acknowledged.	Motion to receive (vbj/CVJ). All in favour, carried.

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	<p>Noted that from each of our membership fees \$20.55 goes to BC Nature – BC Nature provides us with the provincial network, the quarterly magazine and liability insurance.</p> <p>Kim North reminded us that we pay a membership regularly to the Rivershed Society. Missed in 2022. Can we pay in 2023 – yes!</p>	<p>Thank you, Kathy!</p> <p>Membership fee for Rivershed Society to be paid for 2023.</p>
7. Election of Directors	<p>Recommended slate of Directors put forward by current board. Six of the seven current Directors are willing to stand for another year as below:</p> <p>Geoff Playfair – President Kathy Laing – Treasurer Vivian Birch-Jones – Secretary, Chris Galliazzo – Vice president Simon Warhurst, Colin Vidian-Jones– directors at large</p>	<p>Geoff called three times for nominations from the floor. Kathryn Young (outgoing from board) nominated Christina Timms, who accepted. Thank you to Kathryn and Christina both 😊 Slate elected by acclamation.</p>
8. Approval of 2023 budget items recommended by directors:		
Added to agenda – Motion to increase membership fees in 2023 - recommended by directors.	<p>Motion to increase the membership fees from \$25 individual and \$30 family to \$30 for individual and \$40 family in 2024. (GP/vbj)</p>	All in favour. Carried.
Osprey webcam	<p>Approve up to \$500 Scott Hudson working with Lyttonet to get camera operational and we have some extra replacement costs this year.</p>	<p>Approved Vivian to send thank you note to Lyttonet (and we appreciate you too Scott!)</p>
Bluebird nest box project	Approve up to \$500	Approved.
Rivershed Society	Approve \$500 for and pay membership of \$100 for 2023	Approved.
LRISS	Education and outreach invasive species – approve \$1,000 Jacquie R. did not vote on LRISS funding due to conflict of	Approved

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	interest. She also did a brief presentation on the accomplishments of 2022 and gave an update on some of the ongoing work including the joint collaboration and research / restoration at McKay after fire.	
Lillooet Chamber – added to list (vbj)	Membership fee for our group (Sam provided information – he is VP of local Chamber) \$120. Colin has been attending for LNS	Approved
Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation	Membership =\$45 US (up to \$75) Kathryn on Board of Directors of this foundation. Kathryn reminded us that we should pay our membership to the Canadian chapter this year. Vivian on automatic renewal so will f/u.	Approved
Burdock removal project (added GP)	LRISS through LNS and BC Nature is applying for a \$10K grant for this project. No costs to us but we are facilitating the grant, with BC Nature to receive funds, forward to LNS, to forward to LRISS.	
BioBlitz	Jonah and Christina Timms willing to organize field part of trip but need help with other tasks and social aspects. Christina to provide request to Geoff for circulation to members. Planning for 24hour event with a few outings – all to be determined depending on capacity.	Still have funds earmarked from 2022 BioBlitz in account. Directors can approve if/as necessary.
Invasive weed work outings	Jonah willing to organize and lead. Jacquie and LRISS will provide lots of support. Moved by Vivian to approve up to \$1,000 for this project for advertising, tools or operational costs, as requested by Jonah.	Approved
Outreach trailer (added KN)	Kim reported trailer needs insurance and some upgrades – she will provide a request to Geoff and directors can approve at their discretion.	
Contingency / discretionary funds	Other items that come up in 2023 as approved by directors – up to \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved
9. Plans / priorities 2023		
Continue building stronger	Geoff discussed activities past year and went over plans and	

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relationships with First Nations	priorities	
Work with LRISS and BC Nature to secure burdock removal project	Underway and ongoing	
Organize invasive species blitz / participate in Kanaka Bar bioblitz	Jonah and Christina Timms will initiate local bioblitz and seek other volunteers. Geoff leading Kanaka Bar initiative – emails to follow.	
Support for school outdoor programs	Geoff following up on the school wildlife camera project – has moved to grades 3 / 4 and we may have presentation on this from students in future. Geoff, Simon and Kevin participated in a kayak outing with students at the outlet at Seton Lake – nice white water!	
Trail maintenance, advocacy and partnerships	Geoff working with BC Hydro on improving canal as walking spot. Other trails need maintenance – Geoff will send invites for work outings and coordinate with BC Wildfire.	Will call for work parties / announce hikes on LNS email.
Lions trail (added by CG)	Bob Dew has asked that LNS assist with the Lions trail as the Lions club is folding locally. Good discussion about potential of trail and extending to east side along old rail bed and so forth. District has primary responsibility on this.	Geoff will follow up with District and encourage them to establish easements for the trail as Step #1 in moving this forward. We would like to be a supporting partner.
Hiking schedule – 3 group hikes	May 27 th , location TBD	May 27 th hike planned – Geoff will send out information closer to date. More to follow. Others members are invited to lead outings as well. Invites can be sent to Geoff for circulation
Assist and participate in Kanaka Bar Bioblitz June 10th	Geoff has been in discussion with Band and Alan Burger from BC Nature and we have contributed \$500 toward this from our BioBlitz fund and would like to assist and participate in this good effort.	Geoff will send update as date approaches
Local trail weed blitzes	Jonah to lead some local weeding blitzes. Lions trail, waterfall walk, Red Rock and one other (that poor notetaker forgets 😞)	Jonah will send invites by email

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Lillooet 24 hours BioBlitz, tentatively set for June 3 rd .	Jonah and Christine willing to be part of organizing committee.	Will send request out on email.
➤ Presentations	Mammal migration mapping, Dr. Angela Brennan – March. Robin Naidoo trail camera project South Chilcotins - April. Gary Hunt, Mushroom walk / talk October. reptile topic request, mushrooms, badger, wildflowers/ plants, repeat geology? Christine G. also has contacts for talk on bluebirds Simon suggested we ask Randy Moody for an update on the Whitebark pine in the area on his next visit – noted by Kathryn (who is on the Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation board)	Information will be sent on the email list.
➤ Osprey webcam - spring		Scott Hudson with Lyttonet assistance
➤ Young Naturalists	Kim planning more activities this upcoming season. Will be calling for volunteers. Invites by email.	
➤ Bluebird Box outings	Usually, four outings over the season led by Christine. Invites by email. Christine provided a report on the past year's work – the success rate in the nest boxes was improved (less grim – heat dome was brutal).	Christine will circulate invites through email
➤ Rivershed Society	Kim reports may be meeting here in June. Will send updates by email.	
➤ Seedy Sunday	Eleanor Wright send note that date is March 5 th LNS invited to participate and attend.	
➤ Rally for old growth	Planned for Victoria February 25 th – Eleanor Wright and Van attending and invite others to join.	
Events in need of champion and volunteers?	Weeding blitzes, hike work outings, BioBlitz – local and Kanaka Bar, Pitch-in-Day, Shoreline clean up on River's day in September – Vivian and Colin will call for volunteers. Christmas Bird Count – December – Ian will lead	
NEXT EVENTS	Mammal Migration Mapping, late March, Pitch-in-Day April? Seedy Sunday March 5 th , Chilcotin Trail Camera Project, May	

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	Weeding blitzes led by Jonah? Trail work parties – when time and weather allow	
10. Adjourn	Reports provided at meeting: Annual review by Geoff, Financial report by Kathy, LRISS summary by Jacquie and Bluebird nest box report by Christine – on file, thank you, V.	Motion to adjourn – all in favour. Adjournment at 12:28 (just in time for opening, bravo!)

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