

**Lillooet Naturalist Society – Annual General Meeting – Jan. 12, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Vivian Birch-Jones, Judy & Scott Bodaly, Jeff O’Kelly, Jacquie Lanthier, Debbie and Steve Pietila, Chris Galliazzo, Cathy & Hal Stathers, Greg Smith, Ian Routley, Ursela Stephane, Eileen Stranack, Scott Hudson, Doug Drummond, Roberta Martin, Sameh Younan, Odin Scholtz, Simon Warhurst, Phora Horton, Eleanor Wright, Bob Deadman, Nigel Matthews, Toby Mueller, Rod Webb, Sarah Chandler, Joan Berndt, Nancy Shook, Alison McHugh, Phil Douglass, Paul Ehni, Doug Grossler

**Regrets:** Anne Heath, Kim North (Australia), Ken Wright (Antarctica)

**Minutes:** Jeff O’Kelly

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Call to order</b>		At 1:09 PM
<b>2. Welcome/introductions/regrets.</b>	Round table of introductions. Welcome to new and renewing members. Vivian thanked Hal for being willing to add his procedural expertise to the meetings.	
<b>3. Adoption of agenda</b>	Added ‘business arising from the floor’	Motion to adopt.agenda as amended - adopted
<b>4. Adoption of minutes from 2012 AGM</b>	Note – Ursela Stephane was present at last year’s AGM (missed in the minutes).	Motion to adopt. Minutes adopted with noted addition.
<b>5. Business arising from the minutes</b>		
Request from last year to have frog expert	Vivian has contacted Herpetologist Linda Dupuis who is available to give a presentation in the Spring of 2013.	Vivian to contact in March
<b>6. New Business</b>		
President’s Report	Submitted by Vivian.	Motion to adopt. Accepted.
Financial Report	Submitted and circulated by Greg Smith. Current chequing account balance - \$6095.41. Investment Savings 17,422.56. Total All Accounts 23,517.97. For details see the Financial Statement. Greg notes that no invoices received from Oakes Media for website. Thanks to Ken and M.J. Oakes for their generosity. Donations also received from the Bag Ladies, Anne Heath and a variety of Society Members. Thanks to all. We have sold ~ 600 of the 4,000 copies of the new edition of the Hiking Guide. Another 131 have been given as promotional copies and gifts. (Note – unsold Hiking Guides not included as an asset on Financial Statement). The BC Nature camp profits were over \$2,000. Vivian thanked	Motion to adopt. Accepted.

	all the naturalists for their generous donations of crafts, prizes, local food and time. Also the ‘dream team’ of volunteers that worked hard with Vivian – Eleanor Wright, Judy Bodaly and Chris Galliazzo.	
Membership Report	Presented by Judy Bodaly. Currently 54 memberships. 32 families, 22 individuals. We are sending \$931.50 in dues to BC Nature (toward our liability insurance – now at 5 million-, the BC Nature magazine and as our “umbrella” organization). Vivian added that our age range is from 4 months old to 93 yrs.	
BC Hydro Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP)	Vivian – All the projects LNS supported last year were funded. FWCP currently examining proposals for 2013. We are supporting projects in our area on Mule Deer, Fishers, Grizzly Bear, Bats, Seton Corridor restoration, Gates Spawning Channel and Whitebark Pine restoration.	Vivian will report on FWCP funding when the proposals have been reviewed.
Restoration project	Odin reported on the Restoration Site. 2012 was the 5 <sup>th</sup> year of 5 of on-site work. There have been many positive biological indicators over time, including a large increase in reptile use of the site – good indicators of success. Thanks to Bob Deadman for the reptile monitoring. Also a dramatic decrease over the last few years of human “abuse” of the site (garbage, ATVs etc). This was LNS’s last year of involvement as the lead proponent but maintenance is still required. In 2014 lower levels of funding may be available from FWCP for maintenance but not this year. Kim is seeking other funding sources to cover this in 2013. Odin has some before & after slides for members to look at following the meeting or at another time.	Round of applause for all the work on this project☺
Bluebird Trail Project	Chris Galliazzo – 172 bluebird nest boxes maintained. 153 were used. 91 used by MOBL, 45 by TRSW, 3 by HOWR plus assorted rodents. 276 MOBL, 149 TRSW, 3 HOWR fledged from the boxes this year. Bluebird and Swallow numbers down overall – probably related to the slow, wet spring. Excellent participation from volunteers this year including some LSS students. October 2012 Blue Bird newsletter featured “our” trails. Thanks to Anne Heath for her financial assistance to this program. If possible Chris would like to find someone who	Toby indicated she may have Clinton contact – will follow up with Christine  Chris will send out an invite via Vivian for the spring expedition.

	lives closer (Clinton or 100 Mile) to take over the OK Ranch trail so that we could make a few new trails closer to Lillooet.	
Christmas Bird Counts and Breeding Bird Atlas	<p>Toby reported on the Yalakom Count – 571 individuals, 32 species on Count Day, 35 Count Week – included a few new species. Lots of bobcats &amp; a river otter also seen.</p> <p>Ian reported on Lillooet &amp; Hat Creek – Lillooet: 66 species on Count Day – our best record yet, including a few new species. Well-attended and organized. Good article in the newspaper.</p> <p>Hat Creek: down in numbers of species at 26, but still a couple of new species.</p> <p>Ian re Breeding Bird Atlas – 2012 was last year of the project. Lots of Western Screech-owls recorded in the Lillooet area. 133 squares in our region. We were supposed to complete a minimum of 26 and we actually completed close to 50 ☺</p>	
Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society(LRISS)	<p>Odin – Primary focus in summer of 2012 was to conduct inventory, mapping and developing a strategy for our area. First year doing field work. Hoping that funding from Ministry of Forestry will continue in 2013. Species of concern – Orange Hawkweed, St. John’s Wort, Hound’s tongue, Knapweed, Toadflax, Salsify. LRISS participated in outreach and education events this year as well. They will be holding a logo competition and are working on developing a website.</p>	Odin will provide Vivian with material re LRISS to be posted as a part of LNS website including “rogues’ gallery” photos.
Lillooet Peace & Ecology Group	<p>Rod Webb – Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is Earth Day, Lillooet 2013. The Walk for Peace will take place as well as the Planet Peace café in the evening at the Friendship Centre.</p> <p>As a fundraiser the annual Earth Day Garage Sale is planned for April 6<sup>th</sup>.</p>	Vivian will send out reminders closer to the dates. Save items for the garage sale April 6 <sup>th</sup> ☺
Osprey Webcam Project	<p>Scott Bodaly – The Osprey Webcam project was featured in the newspaper recently. Using local expertise and the equipment purchased at local merchants – often at discount rates.</p> <p>Scott will be meeting with the District Manager of Public Works. Will be linked into the WIFI at Fraser Cove Campground. We have a verbal agreement with SD 74 to host the webcam on their website - to be confirmed before any major purchases. Funding expected from a variety of sources.</p> <p>Steve &amp; Debbie Pietila have donated a photo, framed by Hiko Stock, also by donation, for a raffle – all proceeds to this</p>	Scott will continue to lead project with goal of setting up camera early March.

	project. 200 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. The draw will be at the Planet Peace Café on April 20th.	
Rivershed Meetings in Lillooet (April 19-21)	Vivian and Kim are assisting to host the Rivershed Society, who are meeting here April 19 – 21 (fits in nicely with Earth Day). We could use some volunteer help towards this.	Contact Vivian or Kim if interested.
Walking with Smolts (May 29 &30) and Salmon in the Canyon (Aug. 24)	Kim North could use some help from volunteers on both of these events. She has applied for event planning funds.	Let Kim or Vivian know if you would like to help.
Seedy Saturday (Lillooet Food Matters)	Eleanor Wright – Seedy Saturday scheduled for Feb. 16, 2013. Raffle to raise money so they can develop some educational materials, a seed bank and a seed cleaner.	Raffle item donations appreciated. Contact Eleanor
<b>7. Election of Directors</b>	Wayne Robinson is stepping down as a Director. He will act as a liaison to the District of Lillooet. Hal Stathers recommends that due to the increase in size of our society we should increase our number of minimum directors from 5 to 7. Agreed. Hal Stathers and Christine Galliazzo put their names forward for nomination.	Elected Hal Stathers and Chris Galliazzo who joined other directors willing to stand, Vivian, Simon, Greg, Doug and Jeff.
<b>8. Nominating Committee for 2014</b>		Bring forward at next directors meeting.
<b>9. Approval of Budget Items for 2013</b>		
Rivershed Meetings	In 2012 the Directors approved \$500 toward the Rivershed Society’s meetings being held in Lillooet in April 2013.	
Osprey Webcam	In 2012 the Directors approved \$500 toward this project in 2013.	
Salmon in the Canyon	Bring forward \$500 approved but not spent in 2012.	Approved
Salmon in the Canyon	Approve up to \$500 more for 2013 if requested and approved by directors	Motion – only approve the \$500 designated for this project in 2012, not another \$500. Carried.
Rivershed Rafting Trip	Approve up to \$500 for 2013	Motion to approve. Carried.
Bluebird Trail Project	Approve up to \$500 for 2013	Motion to approve. Carried.
Restoration Site	Approve a portion of the \$14,000 needed for maintenance in 2013. Ian suggested “forgiving” a portion of our loan to the maintenance project in lieu of designating more money.	Motion: The LNS approve in principle supplying an unspecified amount of funding toward the maintenance project in

		2013. Directors to decide.
<b>10. Plans and Priorities for 2013</b>		
Note BC Nature Club grants and scholarship deadlines coming up	The LNS has applied for funding through the BC Nature Club Grants for the Osprey Webcam project. BC Nature AGM and field trips / speakers – May 2 – 5, 2013, Abbotsford - Mission	
<b>Business arising from the floor (added to agenda)</b>	Hal Stathers – re Great Blue Heron nesting site at Cherry Creek Junction. Serious deterioration at the site. Do we put some resources toward locating GBHE nesting sites in our area (with a view toward protecting them)? Ian – no known GBHE sites in our area. Juveniles we see must come from somewhere but in spite of some intense field work (by WSOW techs and during the Breeding Bird project for example) no rookeries have been found in our area.	If anyone becomes aware of Heron nest sites in our area, please let Ian know.
<b>11. SLLP 2012 Fraser River Trip</b>	Presentation by participants Jacquie Lanthier and Phil Douglass with a lively question and answer session	Jacquie and Phil will be putting on a presentation for the Rivershed Society April 20 <sup>th</sup> – LNS members will be invited.
<b>12. Adjournment</b>		Motion to adjourn. Passed. Adjournment at 3:00 PM
<b>Other comments from the participants:</b>		
Scott Hudson	Re: Radio Lillooet – Spoken word content badly needed for our community radio. Local content welcomed and Jeff can assist with recording / technical.	Contact Jeff at (250)256-7561 if you have a story / idea for radio spoken word
Sarah Chandler	Re: Restorative Justice week in 2012 focused on Nature - ghost net work was done, both with the students but also in collecting and disposing of some ghost nets in our rivers. Restorative Justice can be used for conservation issues.	
Toby Mueller	Toby is working on literacy and reminds us that there is a large group of people with lower literacy skills. Toby is available to help us adopt some of our publications or presentations if that would be helpful. She also commented that LNS is doing good and important work!	