

MINUTES Lillooet Naturalist Society - Annual General Meeting – February 3rd, 2019, Rm 201 REC Centre

Present: Board – Vivian Birch-Jones (chair), Christine Galliazzo (secretary), Greg Smith (treasurer), (Robin Strong – retired from LNS board, not attending), Kevin Aitken, Colin Vidian-Jones, Simon Warhurst

Membership – Ian Routley, Doug Drummond, Steve and Debbie Pietila, Karen and Geoff Playfair, Mary Jane Oakes, Lori Smith, Marianne Gagnon, Kathy Laing, Scott Hudson, Cathy Stathers, Kathy Laing, Peter and Vera Busse, Anne C. Heath, Frank Smith, Betty Weaver, Stefan Zeidler, Candice Jack, Phora Horton, Bill Hall

Regrets: Jacquie Rasmussen, Kim North

Minutes: Chris Galliazzo

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order		At 1:03 PM
2. Welcome/introductions	Round table of introductions. New members and renewing members welcomed by Vivian and Board	Sign-in sheet circulated
3. Adoption of agenda/additions?		Motion to adopt agenda as amended. Carried.
4. Adoption minutes 2018 AGM		Motion to adopt 2018 AGM minutes. Seconded and carried.
5. Business arising from the minutes	Previously dealt with or included in the agenda today.	
6. New Business – Reports:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Annual report to members ➤ (Vivian and directors) 	Distributed by e-mail and printed copy circulated at meeting. A few minutes allowed for people to review report. It has been a busy and successful year. Question: What is the form of LNS support for the listed organizations on the 3 rd paragraph in the annual report? Vivian explained during AGM.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Financial Report (Greg Smith) 	Greg submitted the yearly financial statement and reviewed the details of the expenditures and income. Income in 2018- \$8593.71 Expenditures in 2018 - \$11,828.59 Balance on Account as of Dec. 31/2018 - \$8508.45 Investment Savings Acct. Dec. 31, 2018 - \$13929.20 Total chequing and investment savings account: \$19,202.77	Motion to accept Financial Report seconded and carried Spelling correction to Anne Heath’s name to be corrected in Financial Statement. Closed ‘Restoration Account’ typo to be corrected.

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<p>➤ Membership and Fees (Stefan Zeidler)</p>	<p>Stefan reported that we had 58 memberships (individual and family) in 2018. Our annual membership fees staying the same, \$25 individual, \$30 family.</p>	<p>Members encouraged to pay dues by March 31st to enable us to send the correct BC Nature fees on.</p>
<p>➤ LRISS (VBJ for Jacquie Rasmussen)</p>	<p>Report provided by Jacquie shared with LNS at this meeting. Membership noted the proliferation of Dodder invasive plant - this species is on the radar of LRISS.</p>	
<p>Bluebird Box project (Chris Galliazzo – report provided)</p>	<p>From the 175 bluebird boxes on 5 farms/ranches on the east side of Fraser River: 231 Mountain bluebirds fledged; 157 Tree swallows fledged; 2 house wrens, and 7 Mountain chickadees. Badger sighted on Diamond S Ranch. Great volunteer help from LNS members, 2 UBC Okanagan students, and Chris Murrell at Kelly Lake. And help from Bob Deadman on box building.</p>	<p>Chris will circulate invites over the season for volunteers.</p>
<p>➤ Osprey webcam (Scott Hudson)</p>	<p>Battery to be replaced. Supported by Lyttonet again going forward.</p>	
<p>➤ Christmas Bird Counts (Ian Routley)</p>	<p>Lillooet CBC – 19th annual CBC for Lillooet. 58 species on count day, 64 species count week. Low on Accipiter count and finches. Peregrine falcon and Short-eared owl seen /highlights. Pine siskins in good numbers in Hat Creek. Dippers down in number in Lillooet. 12th year for the Yalakom (Eleanor Wright coordinator).</p>	
<p>➤ LORCA Mountain Biking initiative (Kevin Aitken)</p>	<p>Bike Rodeo had 15 kids attend. Bike repair clinics at Xaxli’p and Seton. Partnerships with Sek’wel’was for trails on IR near Splitrock. Planning another bike repair event in 2019.</p>	<p>Will put events on email to LNS membership.</p>
<p>➤ LAFS Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society</p>	<p>Vivian and Marianne Gagnon provided update on LAFS events in 2018. Great work underway.</p>	
<p>➤ Joint Trails initiative (Geoff Playfair)</p>	<p>How to promote trails in the region. Section 57 legalized trails on crown land the best route, but no overarching organization for oversight and management of trails. Registered trails with the province are eligible for funding for maintenance and signage. Bringing all interested parties together to discuss how to move forward with this topic. 4.5 years working on this already with First Nations as well. Lillooet Tribal Council partnership in pilot project. Want to have responsible use of the trails. Synergies with T’it’q’et and LNS has provided support to their trails initiative. Must include all user groups in</p>	<p>Geoff to initiate a joint trails committee with LNS and LORCA representation.</p>

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	the conversations to plan for all scenarios. Many trails are listed by Forestry but not legally registered. Future connections to Tourism groups possible.	
➤ Community Volunteer/non-profit initiative (Marianne Gagnon)	Recent ‘At the Table event’ had 56 attendees representing 47 groups. 5 priority actions outlined. Non-profit list-serve for better communications for promotion etc, also Facebook group “Lillooet Volunteer Connect” for interested volunteers to connect with needs. Library overseeing position to implement actions of this volunteer initiative, and access funding and training. Funding support from SLRD and 100 People Who Care. 100 People Who Care – next meeting in 3 months. LNS could apply for funds for a particular project. Invitation to join as well. Contact Marianne or Jacquie.	
7. Election of Directors	Six of the seven current Directors are willing to stand for re-election. Vivian Birch-Jones – president, Greg Smith – treasurer, Chris Galliazzo – secretary, Kevin Aitken, Simon Warhurst, Colin Vidian-Jones– directors at large.	Thanks to Robin Strong for her years on the board. We would welcome another Director at large.
8. Nominations for 2019	Nominations from the floor invited three times. Karen and Geoff nominated. Geoff agreed to have his name stand as Director.	Geoff Playfair new Director. And Karen available to help with projects.
9. Approval of 2019 budget items recommended by directors:		Motion to approve the expenditures (listed below) seconded and carried .
Osprey webcam	Approve up to \$200	Approved
Bluebird nest box trail	Approve up to \$500	Approved.
➤ Rivershed Society	Approve \$500 for 2019.	Approved.
➤ LRISS	Education and outreach invasive species – approve \$1,000 for 2019	Approved
➤ LORCA	approve \$500 community project	Approved.
➤ Sturgeon tagging project	No funds but continue in-kind contributions. Colin V-J taking lead on this.	
➤ Contingency	Other items that come up in 2019 as approved by directors – up to \$1,000	Approved
10. Plans and priorities for 2019		
➤ Continue building stronger relationships with First	Good collaboration in 2018.	

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➤ Trail maintenance	Complete Lions trail sweep/other priorities? Joint Trails group?	
➤ Presentations	See listing below under Other?	Invites will be sent on the email list.
➤ Osprey webcam - spring		Scott Hudson will lead volunteer work and continue to coordinate with Lyttonet
➤ Bluebird Box outings	Chris leads four outings to maintain and monitor the boxes over the season.	Chris will circulate invites via Vivian to the membership
➤ Other?	<p>Bedrock geologist talk as well as inviting Pierre Friele again. Newly proposed Regional Park in Texas Creek could be supported by LNS. Mushroom growing (for food) workshop proposal from Candice Jack (Lillooet Food Matters / LAFS) Invitation for interest in volunteers to host hikes? Food plant talk/medicinal plants walk (Candice Jack). Pollinators and native bees. Presentation on Antarctic by Ian Routley. Minimalist/zero waste/alternative energy talk (Oliver Burger, Williams Lake). First Nations Cultural Heritage field trip. Young Naturalists – Kim North to lead when she returns from Australia.</p>	
11. NEXT EVENT	<p>Presentation on Wildlife Camera findings in South Chilcotins, Feb 19th, 7pm, Rec Centre Mezzanine Seedy Sunday, March 3rd, at REC Centre</p>	
12. Adjourn	Motion to adjourn	Carried. Adjournment at 2:32 PM.