

LILLOOET NATURALIST SOCIETY AGM FEBRUARY 27, 2022 VIA ZOOM CALL
7 PM - 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 (zoom wizard), Maria and KH Mascher, Ian Routley, Greg and Lori Smith, Paddy Weston, Christina Timms, Eleanor Wright, Sam Quinlan, Carol Stathers **Minutes:**vbj

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order		7:02 PM by Chair Geoff Playfair
2. Welcome/introductions	Participants welcomed by Chair. Brief overview of Zoom provided: “hand up” to oppose, otherwise no action indicates in favour. Hand up for questions / comments. We have met the requirements of a quorum.	Thank you to Jacquie and LRISS for hosting this meeting on Zoom.
3. Adoption of agenda	As circulated.	Motion to adopt Colin Vidian-Jones, seconded by Paddy Weston. All in favour, carried
4. Adoption minutes 2021 AGM	Comments Vivian – noted we voted to fund Bluebird trail project at \$750 per annum – changed in this year’s budget. ACT funds are being held by LNS as decided 2021 AGM.	Motion to adopt minutes as amended Vivian B-J, seconded by Colin V-J. All in favour, carried.
5. Business arising from the minutes	Followed up during the year by the board / and as above	
6. New Business – Reports:		
Annual report to members Geoff and directors	Distributed by e-mail with the meeting invitation. Geoff provided summary overview of highlights in report. Noted that Rivershed Society needs to be added as partner – longstanding partnership and Kim North currently president	Moved by Vivian B-J, seconded by Kathryn Y. to receive the annual report as presented. All in favour, carried.

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<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>The annual financial statement was presented and reviewed by treasurer Kathy. Several members have contributed donations that are gratefully acknowledged. Kathy also reviewed activity in the brewery account and reviewed our savings / term accounts. LNS overall funds balance \$19,054. Expenses are in keeping with previous years, somewhat lower as less activities and presentations took place (covid). Noted that from each of our membership fees \$19.93 goes to BC Nature. Clarification about \$300 expense to Dr. Marr – he refused payment for himself but accepted \$300 towards the provincial museum (his employer).</p> <p>Question about ongoing costs for brewery website.</p> <p>Question about ACT / any activities</p> <p>Question about \$1,000 to Tourism Lillooet</p>	<p>Motion by Vivian B-J, seconded by Colin V-J to receive Financial Report. All in favour, carried.</p> <p>Thank you, Kathy!</p> <p>Suggested we increase the membership fee. Geoff acknowledged this is being considered but maybe next year when we are more active (covid has constrained our activities past two years).</p> <p>Sam Q. advised those costs will be responsibility of brewery.</p> <p>Re. ACT – has been quiet but expect will get active again when pandemic restrictions ease – we are holding funds for them.</p> <p>Went towards responsible tourism pamphlet – vbj to follow up, check minutes and confirm that expenditure.</p>
<p>7. Election of Directors</p>	<p>Recommended slate of Directors put forward by current board. Seven of the seven current Directors are willing to stand for another year as below: Geoff Playfair – President Kathy Laing – Treasurer Vivian Birch-Jones – Secretary, Chris Galliazzo – Vice president Kathryn Young, Simon Warhurst, Colin Vidian-Jones– directors at large</p>	<p>Geoff called three times for nominations from the floor. None forthcoming.</p> <p>Slate of 7/7 Directors elected by acclamation.</p>

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8. Approval of 2021 budget items recommended by directors:		All in favour. Carried.
Osprey webcam	Approve up to \$200	Approved
Bluebird nest box trails	Approve up to \$750	Approved.
Rivershed Society	Approve \$500 for 2022 (bring forward?)	Approved.
LRISS	Education and outreach invasive species – approve \$1,000 Jacquie R. did not vote on LRISS funding due to conflict of interest.	Approved
Lillooet Chamber	Membership	Approved
Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation	Membership =\$45 US	Approved
Fraser Fest	Budget \$1000 towards event/dinner carried over again from 2020 (\$ rec'd from Lillooet Community fund 2019)	Approved
BioBlitz	Up to \$2,500	Approved as needed (have other funding applications in the works. Also suggested donations be accepted at the event.)
Brewery	Complete final payment and apply NDIIT reimbursement	Nil
Contingency	Other items that come up in 2022 as approved by directors – up to \$1,000	Approved
9. Plans / priorities 2021		
Continue building stronger relationships with First Nations 2021		Geoff discussed activities past year. Some discussion of collaborating with LTC on Downton as recreation area.
Osprey webcam - spring		Scott Hudson will lead again this year (we hope!)
Trail maintenance / Hiking Schedule	Geoff plans LNS will lead six hikes this season. Geoff will coordinate with BC Wildfire for assistance in trail work.	Will call for work parties / announce hikes.

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Fraser River event/dinner	When COVID restrictions are lifted.	
➤ Presentations	Bring forward Robin Naidoo trail camera project, reptile topic request, mushrooms, repeat geology – when restrictions allow. Christine G. also has contacts for talk on bluebirds and a mycologist who would be good speakers.	Information will be sent on the email list. Christine to follow up with mushroom and bluebird experts as possible presenters and let Geoff know.
➤ Bluebird Box outings	Usually four outings over the season led by Christine	Christine will circulate invites through email
Bioblitz June 3 to 5		Kathryn provided overview of event. Kathryn and Christina Timms leading.
NEXT EVENT	Pitch-in week	Paddy did amazing job leading last year – thank you. Hoping community will step up more this year. All naturalists to make extra efforts during Pitch-in Week No one volunteered to coordinate and lead. Kathryn volunteered to register and order bags.
10. Adjourn		Motion to adjourn – all in favour. Adjournment 8:06 PM