

**Lillooet Naturalist Society - Annual General Meeting – January 17, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Present: Board** – Vivian Birch-Jones (chair), Greg Smith (treasurer) (5 min late), Christine Galliazzo (secretary), Robin Strong, Kevin Aitken (arrived at 3:10 pm), (missing: Simon Warhurst, and Andra Forney).

**Membership** – Hal Stathers, Bob Deadman, Scott Bodaly, Judy Bodaly, Vivian Birch-Jones, Ian Routley, Aleda Johnson, Kim North, Hans Meyer, Ruth Meyer, Tristan Banwell, Kathy Mazur, Colin Jones, Lori Smith, Robin Strong, Chris Galliazzo, Greg Smith, Kevin Aitken, Doug Drummond

**Regrets:** Shannon Squire (P'egp'ig'ha Council), Eleanor Wright, Jacquie Rasmussen, Ken Wright (Antarctica), Doug Grossler, Toby Mueller

**Minutes:** Christine Galliazzo

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Call to order</b>		2:10 pm
<b>2. Welcome/introductions</b>	Greg Smith delayed. Therefore, financial report later on agenda.	
<b>3. Adoption of agenda/additions?</b>	Add Agricultural update – Tristan Peace and Ecology group report not on agenda – Chris provided an update of 2015 activities: Global Climate Change Walk – events around the globe: event in Ashcroft attended by LNS members one day before International Climate Change talks in Paris.	Motion to adopt agenda as amended. Seconded. Approved.
<b>4. Adoption of minutes from 2015 AGM</b>		Motion to adopt previous minutes. Seconded. Approved.
<b>5. Business arising from the minutes</b>	Included in the agenda today.	
<b>6. New Business – Reports:</b>		
➤ President’s report (Vivian and directors)	Vivian distributed by e-mail. Questions or concerns?	Motion to move to attach to minutes. Adopted, seconded and carried.
➤ Financial Report (Greg Smith)	Jan 1/15 to Dec. 31/15 – report circulated	Motion to adopt and seconded. Carried.
➤ Membership and Fees (Judy Bodaly)	Members: 58 in 2013; 60 in 2014; 60 in 2015; 65 in 2016. Fees remain the same this year. (noted \$17.50 of our membership fees to BC Nature. Liability insurance and quarterly magazine benefits	
➤ Restoration Site/Seton Corridor & Educational	Increased wildlife use at Power House site and Seton Corridor – 4 species of snakes. Treating the sage on site as too successful. Habitat mapping and wildlife	March 2016 planning meeting scheduled for

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<p>Outreach (Kim North)</p>	<p>inventories carried out. Reports available to the membership. Lots of outreach – with grade 4 students – throughout the seasons. Wildlife cameras in place along the corridor. Pinch points identified for wildlife crossing Hwy 99. Question: trail development to link to Seton Lake to keep bicycles off the Hwy 99? Consideration was given that the restoration site may be possible creation of wildlife sink and resulting interactions with people causing a risk to wildlife. Hence the extension to the entire corridor. 20 youth, mostly First Nations have taken part in the project and 8 have gone on to further education and work in this field: to be commended.</p>	<p>corridor, with Sekw’el’was and T’it’q’et in partnership. Stakeholders (LNS) invited.</p>
<p>➤ Walking with Smolts and Salmon in the Canyon (Kim North)</p>	<p>Community events: to teach the whole salmon cycle – whole school district and Boston Bar school. Info is on website. Includes release of salmon fry into the Seton River system. Annual event now. “Up Your Watershed” link in 2015 with music and environmental songs.</p>	<p>Volunteers welcome to help with event. Invite to follow.</p>
<p>➤ Bluebird Box project (Chris Galliazzo)</p>	<p>See report. Meeting with Sylvis rep, Rene, in the field on OK Ranch in 2016 re: Sylvis involvement in the monitoring of biosolids on site. Grasshopper research study to start on OK Ranch lead by UBC Okanagan.</p>	<p>Chris to arrange meeting with Sylvis rep on OK Ranch in spring 2016 to learn about biosolids use and possible impacts to bluebirds.</p>
<p>➤ LRISS (Jacquie Rasmussen)</p>	<p>Robin gave report. Fieldwork results: crew of 3 plus Jacquie – focus on (MFLNRO) top priority species of invasives. Monitoring known invasive sites for expansion. Treated 97 sites. Biocontrol Surveys started this year. 1,600 plants with biocontrol-released insects doing their job to control the invasive plants. Education and outreach – 27,000 people reached. Partnerships – LNS/BC Nature, and Tourism Working Group, and Xaxli’p Community Forest and others.</p>	
<p>➤ Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society (LAFS) – Tristan Banwell</p>	<p>Agriculture &amp; Food Society now implementing existing plans of Agri-Plan of SLRD’s. Funded director position opportunity. Also looking for board members. Agri/Food workshop and business plans Feb 5/6<sup>th</sup> – about food processing and labelling. Contact farmer @spraycreek.ca or “Lillooet Grown” online website. Developing mailing list for interested folks.</p>	<p>Vivian will mail out an invite from Tristan with contact information and how to be included in their group email. Tristan to send to Vivian.</p>
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<p>➤ Osprey webcam project (Scott Bodaly)</p>	<p>3 fledged osprey in 2015 from nest on Old Bridge. Additional solar collector for power of webcam needed to be installed last year – working fine. Livestreaming not coming soon – datalink not available. Carry on as installed for 2016 – may need new camera – Scott not worried - feels it may be donated.</p>	
<p>➤ FWCP Update (Vivian)</p>	<p>Lots of projects funded last year and many applications in this year– see Vivian’s report. Requirement for outreach – LNS hosts presentations. Good collaboration.</p>	<p>Will report on successful local application when process is completed</p>
<p>➤ Lillooet Christmas Bird Counts (Ian Routley/Toby Mueller)</p>	<p>Lillooet Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 29 people in 11 groups/routes. Yalakom report – to follow.</p>	
<p>➤ Hiking program (Wayne/Vivian)</p>	<p>Maintenance of trails by work parties – good volunteer efforts again this year. Enterprise trail needs work – will be dependent on industrial use planned for road access – not recommended at present.</p>	
<p>➤ Mountain Biking initiative (Robin/Kevin)</p>	<p>Objective to expand the trails and interest in mountain biking locally, in an environmentally sound manner, partnered/supported by local First Nations. Met with local St’at’imc in 2015. Mixed response, but St’at’imc interested in youth getting out on bikes. Bike Park at Hangman Park an initiative planned by Kevin Aitken to increase awareness and interest. Coordinator position being proposed for the mountain biking initiative. Advancing with slow progress and continued efforts required. Interest from outside groups in riding in Lillooet area and can bring funds to community.</p>	
<p><b>7. Election of Directors (Hal Stathers to chair)</b></p>	<p>7 directors on LNS board. 6 willing to stand for re-election. One director has left town but not resigned or communicated to LNS.</p>	<p>Motion that 6 directors in place in 2015 be reelected. Seconded, adopted, carried.</p>
<p><b>8. Nominating committee for 2016</b></p>	<p>We will accept another new director if there’s interest but we can carry on with 6.</p>	<p>Members can contact any of the directors if you are interested in becoming a Director and would like to know more about what is involved.</p>

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<b>9. Approval of budget items for 2016 recommended by directors:</b>		All budget items below moved, adopted, and carried.
➤ Osprey webcam – approve up to \$200		Approved
➤ (Rivershed rafting trip – approve up to \$500)	Local youth to attend Fraser Rafting Expedition from Fraser River start to finish	Approved
➤ Bluebird trail project – approve up to \$500		Approved
➤ LRISS – approve up to \$500		Approved
➤ Salmon in the Canyon – approve up to \$1,000		Approved
➤ Walking with Smolts – approve up to \$500		Approved
➤ More Youth activities by Splitrock – LNS directors would accept requests	Splitrock leading a lot of youth activities	Approved
➤ Mountain Biking Initiative – approve up to \$500		Approved
➤ Sign at Seton Lake lookout – move or replace – approve up to \$500 -	Need to work with the St’at’imc on this. Vivian doing some footwork.	Approved
➤ Other items that come up during the year as approved by directors – up to \$1,000		Approved.
➤ <b>10. Plans and priorities for 2016</b>		
➤ Continue building stronger relationships with First Nations – pursue	Good collaboration in 2015.	

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more actively in 2016		
➤ Assistant for MJ to learn to manage our website/Pay Pal for website		For follow up - vbj
➤ Osprey webcam		
➤ Bluebird Box outings – Chris	Chris circulates invite to LNS through Vivian – beautiful outings and hands needed.	
➤ BC Nature meetings in April 2016 at Courtenay	Agenda and registration information in BC Nature Winter edition. Could entertain financial help for travel expenses to attend if interested membership.	
➤ Mountain biking project – Kevin Aitken, Robin Strong	Will follow up with discussions with First Nations.	
➤ Other items	<p>Suggestion: thought to increase membership dues. Review increasing family membership rates. Consider helping those in financial need. Noted that we do very well with donations at talks and events.</p> <p>Proposed Grizzly Bear Wildlife Habitat Area in Lillooet area.</p> <p>Nature Conservancy looking for land with conservation value in the area.</p>	<p>Discuss at next directors meeting Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Grizzly Bear presentation from biologist, Robin Reudink, MFLNRO, in April/May 2016 evening weekday. Chris to arrange.</p>
	ATV use in restoration site (Powerhouse area) – concerns from LNS.	Budget in place by Splitrock to put large boulders in place. Signage being planned. Record Report all ATV's with plates to authorities.
<b>11. Adjourn</b>	Motion to adjourn.	Adjournment at 3:32pm
Next meeting/event:	Elder Bill Machell has kindly invited our group to visit and experience the pithouse S7i'sken at T'it'q'et, Lillooet Reserve at 4:30 pm Tuesday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	