

LILLOOET NATURALIST SOCIETY

Minutes – Annual General Meeting – February 21, 2007

Present: Vivian Birch-Jones, Susan Near, Ian Routley, Cathy Arthur-Stathers, Anne Heath, Kim North, Ken Oakes, Jeff O’Kelly, Marie Barney, Scott Bodaly, Maria Mascher

Regrets: Jacquie and Verne Rasmussen, Ken Wright, Bill Spence, Karl Heinz Mascher, Olivia Flynn-Gomez

Minutes: Jeff O’K

1. **Call to order** – 7:07 PM
2. Regrets and introductions
3. Adoption of **agenda** (Scott/Anne). Passed.
4. Motion to amend **2006 AGM** minutes to reflect that Ian was chosen as a director at that time (Jeff/Anne). Passed. Motion to accept amended minutes (Anne/Cathy). Passed.
5. **Business arising** from previous AGM
 - Light pollution: we need someone to take the ball on this issue. Perhaps a letter to Ed Nichol reminding him that the LNS is willing to consider supporting an incentive on this issue if we can see something in writing.
 - Mail order Hiking Guides: Jeff is still willing to mail out Hiking Guides to people who order them, but we would have to have a way of getting out contact info (most likely on website).
6. **New Business:**
 - President’s report – mailed out. Impressive! Most members of LNS did not receive the report from Sarah Weaver Kipp (Nature Canada) regarding our workshop with her on January 21, 2007. Vivian will send it out again on e-mail. Motion to adopt President’s report (Ian/Kim). Passed.
 - Treasurer’s report – Ian pointed out that we gave slightly more than the agreed-upon \$500 to the Powerhouse Restoration Project. Motion to adopt Treasurer’s report (Jeff/Cathy). Passed. Jeff suggested staggering our 3 term deposits at the Credit Union to allow for unforeseen contingencies or opportunities. Perhaps 2 TDs of \$5,000 and one of \$10,000. Anne will investigate this at the Credit Union.
 - Powerhouse Restoration Project – First, a big thanks to Kim North for all her work on this. In our grant application to BCRP (Bridge Coastal Restoration Project) we asked for \$120,000. They have approved a grant of \$20,000. BCRP would like us to break the work up into several multi-year projects which would be separately funded. Kim will continue to co-ordinate this project for the LNS. Top priority before any work can be carried out on the site is clarification of liability issues.
 - Hiking Guide - There are only about 300 copies left, but sales have dropped dramatically. A second printing is not seen as an immediate priority.
 - Young Naturalists – Jackie Rasmussen has taken this over from Glenda (see Jackie’s attached report). She wants help coordinating with the LNS on upcoming events. Vivian will put out the request for assistance on e-mail to members. Maria and Ian expressed their willingness to help when time permitted. Jackie can contact them on an *ad hoc* basis.
 - Bluebird Trail – Chris Galliazzo was absent.
 - Christmas bird counts (Lillooet and Yalakom) and Birds of Lillooet book – Ken Wright was absent.

- Website – Our website is still small and is “tacked on” to a personal site. Ken Oakes suggested that we get our own domain (about \$200/year). MJ is willing to do work on the website. Motion to budget \$250 for Ken and MJ to continue working on this at their convenience (Anne/Cathy). Passed
 - Budget Allocations:
 - i. Motion to allocate \$500 to Chris G. for maintaining bluebird trails in 2007 (Anne/Cathy). Passed.
 - ii. We discussed the idea of conducting aerial surveys to increase our knowledge of specific ecological and geological zones in the area but agreed that we should first do more research into what resources are currently available. Ian will contact Land Conservancy about this as well as Jared Hobbs. Marie will also see what info she can get from her government contacts.
 - Other:
 - i. Marie says that provincial government reports on specific ecosystems will be coming soon. She will forward these when she receives them. She will also contact Lloyd Dennis (botanist) and will put him in touch with us or vice versa.
 - ii. Jeff will work on drafting an info pamphlet about the LNS. Some portions should be in St’at’imc language. Jeff will coordinate with Marie on this.
 - iii. As a result of discussions on various subjects we all agreed that one of the functions of LNS should be to serve as a clearing house for various types of scientific and cultural information about the area, to be available to scientists and members of the general public. We will continue to discuss and develop this idea as time goes on.
 - IPAC – Integrated Pro-Action Corp, hired by Ainsworth to do access management planning in the Cayoosh corridor - are having another meeting Feb. 28/07 at the REC Centre 2-8 PM to reveal their draft Access Management Plan. Cathy, Kim, Ian and Maria are possible attendees for part of this time. We don’t have an official voice with them. We just want to express our interest in recreation and concern about conservation and species at risk.
 - **Elections:** Ken Oakes would like to step down as a director-at-large for this year. Scott Bodaly agreed to stand for director-at-large. The current slate of directors was re-elected, minus Ken Oakes and Glenda Newsted (who has moved away) with the addition of Scott.
7. **New Business:** Vivian purchased a copy of the documentary “Being Caribou” to donate to the library. Would anyone like to co-ordinate a fundraiser night in which we would show the movie? Vivian will put this idea out on e-mail.
 8. **Membership:** Thanks to all the members who have renewed. We have paid our dues and liability coverage costs with BC Nature for 2007, total \$546.00.
 9. **BC Nature spring meetings:** Vernon, May 3-6, 2007. Vivian will put info out on e-mail about this. LNS would be willing to refund *some* expense money to member(s) who would attend on behalf of LNS.
 10. **Other:** Marie is interested in **Heritage Seeds** for native plant species. Marie will approach her contacts about this. Perhaps we could get a speaker on the subject in July or August? Vivian reminded us that the **B.C. Field Ornithologists** are meeting in Lillooet in late May, hosted by the LNS. We have some dedicated volunteers for that week-end. A public presentation on the Burrowing Owl may also be arranged for May 26th.
 11. **Motion to adjourn** (Anne/Cathy). Passed. Adjournment at 8:50 PM.