

Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society

Board Meeting Minutes

9:30am, June 8th, 2019

@ Home of Kathleen Gabelman

Chairperson – Kathleen Gabelmann

1. **9:30am.** Meeting called to order with Kathleen Gabelmann as chairperson and Jennifer Houghton, Joanne Waite, Ray Hansen, Blair Engel, Roy Schiesser and Stan Swinarchuk in attendance. Absent were: Tony Kost and Courtenay Redding. **Approval of Agenda** : motion by Blair, seconded by Stan. All in favor.
2. **Approval of minutes** from May 5th 2019 Board Meeting. Motioned by Stan, seconded by Blair. All in favor.
3. **Team/Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Finance-** Joanne reported that the bank account is all set up.
 - b. **Fieldwork-** Stan reported that on Sunday May 8th eight BFWSS members attended the Hornet Creek fieldtrip. Jennifer recorded and made a video which was posted on YouTube. Harold Dorgelo was cc'd. Jennifer sent an email to BCTS telling them of our concerns and asking for a meeting at Hornet Creek sooner than later such as June 27 or 28. Jennifer will scan document and will look up to see if sale happened. Action item: Stan will do more research on July Creek.
 - c. **Communications-** Jennifer reported on her emails to Harold Dorgelo at BCTS. She has also been in email communication with Tara DeCourcy at FLNR regarding the upcoming presentation BFWSS is making. She reported on June 6th Day of Forests in Oliver outside of Linda Larsen's office. Jennifer presented Linda with a letter from BFWSS. Linda suggested that industry is in transition right now and so our group should talk to industry right away. And she said that she was in full agreement with what we are doing. Jennifer said she is getting advice with regards to our strategy etc. Jennifer met with Granby Wilderness Society. She is asking for a funding contribution. We are going to incorporate their research and possibly work together. Also going to ask Regional Districts and Cities (Grand Forks, Greenwood, and Midway) for funding.
 - d. **Marketing/ Membership-** nothing new
 - e. **Research-**nothing new
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Strategic Plan Progress-** Kathleen is finding that Jen's grant applications are helping her with the writing of the plan.

b. Position Statement: meeting with FLNR – possibly July 16,17 or 18. Jen will confirm with Tara DeCourcy. The more that can come the better; Stan suggested inviting Barry Brandow; Ray spoke about asking them for a regular meeting with government, industry and us. Roy asked who is going to be the liason? Is it us?

c. Membership-deciding policy /criteria for membership

- i.** What alignments, values- Ray made a motion that we have a 1 page membership application that that refers to our constitution and bylaws and that the fee is \$20/year. And that we retain a signed copy so that it keeps renewal simple. Jen has put together a sample membership form. Following a discussion the fee was lowered to \$10 because that was decided at last meeting at the museum on May 21st. Ray suggested the wording on the form be changed to restore and conserve instead of preserve. Also that the fee could be changed at the next AGM. Motion was carried.
- ii.** Reasons for membership expulsion- we should get examples from online
- iii.** General membership voting- we need to start thinking about this.

d. Market Booths-Tony is willing to do the Grand Forks Farmers Market on Fridays for June and July; then he is away and so others will step in. Ray suggested a question sheet so that we have a way to get back to interested people. Jennifer suggested a newsletter update, Ray suggested changing it to just updates (so that we don't have to committ to a regular newsletter).

5. New Business:

a. Presentation to Boundary Community Development committee scheduled for July 3rd at RDKB GF office. This will be a 30 min presentation followed by Q&A. Jen will send her agenda and her presentation; would like other members to speak. What is the thrust? aiming to restore and conserve the ecological integrity of the Boundary Watershed. We need to do research. Jennifer gave a summary of the 30 min presentation.

b. Scheduling meetings-

- i.** General meetings dealing with BFWSS business- we decided that every second meeting would be a business meeting. Next one will be Tuesday July 16th at the museum.
- ii.** Social /interactive meetings- sharing of indormation, ideas etc.- we decided that every other meeting would be social. Next meeting is June 18th at the Station Pub upstairs. Then again in August.
- iii.** Team/ Committee meetings- no notes were taken for this

6. Next Board Meeting: TBA

7. **11:46 am** Kathleen adjourned the meeting