

Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society

General Meeting

May 21st, 2019

Boundary Museum

Pre-meeting call to order 6:45pm

Guest speaker - Darwin Benson spoke of a NDP meeting with Premier and Ministers on June 26th in Osoyoos. A motion was made by Les Molnar that we all pitch in and buy Jennifer the \$100 ticket to attend.

Then there was an opportunity for members to say why they had become involved with this group. The following people spoke : Bob ?, Wayne Tblus, Barry Brandow, Tony Kost, Dorothy Swinarchuk, Joanne Waite, Guest Leslie Payne from Nelson, Roland Kopas, Nick ?, Stan Swinarchuk, Les Molnar, Roy Schiesser , Kathleen Gabelmann, Jennifer Houghton. There are hand written notes taken by Dorothy that summarizes each speaker.

Jennifer closed this part of the meeting by saying: **We are connecting and creating a movement. We can be a pilot project.**

1. **Meeting call to order-** 7:55pm motion to approve agenda by Jennifer, Seconded -Bob. Motion Carried.
2. **Approval of minutes** from last meeting – April 23, 2019 held at the curling rink. Motion to approve-Joanne. Second-Les. Motion carried.
3. **Old Business** -
 - a. We are incorporated, now have a # etc.
 - b. Strategic Plan- Kathleen- still a work in progress.
 - c. Funding Application- sent in a \$20,000, application to Patagonia. Will also apply to Lush cosmetics. Also funding available through government grants.
 - d. Membership Fees- enable us to open a bank account. Minimum of \$10 (or more if we want) Motion by Les that we have an annual membership fee of \$10 and if someone wants to donate more then they are more than welcome to do so. Second-Stan. Motion carried. Membership fees will be taken at next meeting (the social meeting at the pub).

4. New Business-

a. Teams- i.) Fundraising-Joanne- Go-Fund Me- goal of \$40,000, no time limit, on website. On-line auction-put call out to our membership for various items. Joanne will start a list- just contact her. She will also put out an email to the whole group ; including joining her team.

ii.) Communications- Jennifer- local government communications- She spoke with Brian Taylor and he is on board. Regional meetings are held every 2 weeks so she contacted Grace McGregor. Also Marilyn James from the Sinixt territory. She has a message in to James Pepper-OIB. Seirra Club – old growth webinar every Wed. Sign up. Link was sent out. She and Dave Milton are crafting a consistent message and script for us to share with others.

iii.) Marketing and Membership- Jennifer has set up the website -BoundaryForest.org Let her know what we would like to see there. Lynn is helping Jennifer to compile all the documents she has and put them on the website.

iv.) Education- Roy- Natural history educator for the past 40 years. Climate change is critical and environmental degradation. Where is education the most effective? The next generation. What do they want for their futures? Forests are the life blood of our earth and environment. Local scale education possibly at the farmers market.

v.) Farmers Market- Tony is going to do the Friday markets with photos, letters and petitions. We could also do door-to-door contact/campaign- deep engagement. We need to flesh out our message and we need to have a clear understanding in order to pass our information along.

vi.) Fieldwork- Stan -went with Al Grant to do drone work last week; the dvd was given to Jennifer. Ingram Creek, Williamson Creek, West Boundary Creek slide. GPS coordinates for data base needed for the consultants we will hire. On old Camp road some logs were just left. UN findings that 1 million flora and fauna is currently on red list of extinction.

b. Outline of the Plan- Jennifer- we need specific outcomes and plans when applying for funding. Phase 1 : initial report , gathering info and data , explore possibilities and opportunities, list the benefits. Work on crafting the

message: educate and inform. Herb Hammond's eco-based management plan.

- c. June 6th Day of Forests across the province. Meet MLA Linda Larson at her office in Oliver and take her a letter of facts. Riparian area protection Act and GARR order are Linda Larsen's area of interest.

d. presentation by Les Molnar- river ecology is totally messed up. What are we specifically asking them to do? Need a water management plan in the Kettle River. Need a water baliff to protect the resource and restrict use. What flows are required to protect the streams and fisheries? Jennifer is going to contact POLIS who is looking for a pilot project. Communicate to local government to put pressure on provincial government. Kettle River condition is deteriorating and small channels are degrading. Joanne made a motion to support the fundamentals of Les's letter re: water sustainability and for group to draft a letter to send out. Second – Stan. Motion carried.

- 5. **Next Meeting-** a social meeting at the Station Pub upstairs June 18th 2019.
- 6. Meeting Adjourned.