

Boundary Forest Watershed Stewardship Society Board Meeting Minutes

10 am, February 6, 2024

@ The Board Room Cafe, Grand Forks, BC

Chairperson – Roy Schiesser

1. **Meeting called to order** at 10:18 am. By Roy Schiesser as chairperson with Joanne Waite, Tony Kost, Wayne Tblus and Stan Swinarchuk, Ray Hansen, and Jennifer Houghton (via Zoom) in attendance. No regrets. Approval of Agenda : MSC
2. **Approval of minutes** – from last meeting: MSC
3. **Team/Committee Reports:**
 - a. **President - Roy –**
 - i. will attend “Together for Wildlife” upcoming meeting in Kelowna.
 - ii. Ever Green Alliance mapping tool discussed

ACTION ITEM: Jennifer to email out BCTS mapping tool

- b. **Vice-President - Ray-**
 - i. brought to our attention that the city is getting a license from lands for the next 600 meter section of food mitigation This is in a Riparian Zone He will keep on top of this process.
 - ii. still seeking meeting with BCTS and will let us know the date as soon as he hears.
 - iii. gave an over view of the Christina Lake meeting with the Forestry Master Students that he, Tony and Wayne attended. Thought the meeting was a success and was a good opportunity to introduce some reality to the students. Mentioned to them that 'old growth' was an outdated turn that needs to be replaced with 'primary forest'.
- c. **Project Coordinator- Jennifer**
 - i. gave a project update
 - ii. busy expanding social media exposure
 - iii. contacted insurance company for Board Member coverage

ACTION ITEM: email Board members when receives insurance quote

- iv. fundraising update- looking for fiscal sponsor

ACTION ITEM: another handwritten note to Langar Foundation

ACTION ITEM: working on outreach to other groups

ACTION ITEM: set up GoFundMe

- v. upcoming presentation with Real Estate Foundation for grant funding.
- vi. Budget update – a new 3 stage approach

ACTION ITEM: email Board the new approach

d. Treasurer - Joanne -

- i. reviewed the financial report (see attachment)
- ii. made a motion to have Jennifer Houghton join Roy, Tony and herself as 'Authorized Signers' of the BFWSS credit union account. **MSC**
- iii. suggested a motion to reimburse Jennifer for the Zoom account. Jennifer was appreciative but did not think it was necessary.

e. Fieldwork - Stan and Wayne -

- i. brought to our attention of seeing iron piling up and oil rainbows ; observed impact of poor road building up Dry Creek past Boundary Creek.
- ii. talked about Christina Lake creeks. Concerned with protecting the watersheds.
- iii. Wayne found a clear cut behind the fire mitigation project and calls the roadside logging 'feather logging' and wonders why they do not continue that approach into the forest.

ACTION ITEM: Stan to get photos and GPS co-ordinates

ACTION ITEM: Roy to write a letter to Forestry Minister, District Manager and Roly

f. Communications- Jennifer -

- i. has offered to compose a newsletter on a regular and ongoing basis. It would include updates, fundraising and possibly a 'what we are reading' section.

g. Marketing & Membership – Joanne-

- i. we have received re-new ed memberships as well as new members since Jennifer started connecting with members via email updates and also from the presentations she has been doing online.

h. Research – Jennifer -

- i. to meet with new volunteer who has experience and will help with policy research. Together they will meet with Anthony Britneff to learn about

legislation.

4. Old Business:

a. **BC Societies Update – Joanne**

- i. submitted Annual report and fees
- ii. made changes to Board of Directors listing

b. **AGM reminder**– that we selected the date of Wed. March 13, 2024 at **6 pm** (please make note of time change)

ACTION ITEM: Ray to try and book RDKB Office

c. **BEHF – Roy** – 4 letters sent from our group (Jennifer , Roy [on behalf of IWTF], Ray , Noel [on behalf of BFWSS] Joanne sent an automated letter thru 'Wildsight'.

d. **Compliance & Enforcement- Roy-** received a short reply; he then asked that we be kept informed on the progress or our complaint.

ACTION ITEM: Roy to send a letter to Forest Practices Board on White Bark Pine.

e. **Response from BCTS - Ray-** covered earlier

f. **Letter written by Angie Herlihi -** regarding pesticide spraying of large areas of BC - Roy- asked if we should add our logo to her letter?

ACTION ITEM: Roy to email Board members the letter Angie has written.

5. New Business:

a. **Dr.Younes upcoming visit -Roy** – hasn't found any accommodation yet

b. **Forestry Master Students - Roy, Wayne and Tony** – discussed earlier.

c. **Spring and summer project ideas** – Roy – moved to next meeting

d. **Zoom account with Tech Soup** – Roy – should be finalized this week

e. **Ecosia – Joanne-** encouraged members to look into this search engine and use instead of Google as they plant trees around the world.

f. **Field Book Distribution** – Stan -

ACTION ITEM: Stan to call printing company and inquire into cost of printing more copies.

ACTION ITEM: Jennifer will ask Erin about getting our reports into university libraries.

g. **Meeting MLA -Roy-** met with Roly Russell. Not sure if we have an ally or not.

h. Retired Senator and Lawyer – Wayne-

ACTION ITEM : Wayne to meet with Denis Pattison to see if he has any hints for us in getting legislative change.

6. Next Board Meeting: immediately following the AGM on Wed March 13, 2024

7. Adjournment- Roy -adjourned the meeting at 12:09 pm