

**Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake
Draft Minutes of the meeting April 17, 2014
Kaslo Hotel Meeting Room**

Present: David Stewart, Debra Barrett, Barney Gilmore, Honora Cooper, Paul Hunter, Sean Kubara

Regrets: Elaine Toffan

Guests: Vivien Bowers (Osprey ED); Catherine Whitehead.

Meeting convened: 12:04

Approval of agenda: Moved by Barney.

Approval of minutes March 6, 2013. Moved by Honora.

REPORTS:

1. **Treasurer's report.** The only one new item since our last meeting has been a \$300 donation to the society from the community initiatives fund. (See also below for annual report for the AGM.)
2. **Grants Committee.** Three applications have so far come in and more are expected soon. We have \$20,054 available to be granted, plus the three McKinnon Fund grants.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No new correspondence was reported. Grant applications were discussed in Reports (above) and in Business Arising (below)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Report on Grant Writing Workshp March 22nd.** Unfortunately, despite wide advertising, no one came that day. Debra was later asked for advice on a draft of an application. Notices posted on the Kaslo Community (Facebook) page help to spread the word on applications, and offer assistance.
2. **Proposal to create a “Past President” directorship.** Considerable discussion was given to the wording changes to our bylaws to create the office of “Past President” on our Board. (In conjunction with this, there was consideration of placing time limits on Board memberships. Currently, that change did not appear desirable.) The Board did decided to propose two changes to the bylaws at the AGM, as follows, moved by Sean and seconded by Honora.

First, that Item #25 (1) be changed now to read **“25 (1) The president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, the past president, and one or more other persons are the directors of the society.”**

Second, that Item #27 have added a new third section, to read **“27 (3) If the past president is unable or unwilling to be a director, or if the past president resigns as a director, the post of past president shall be left vacant for that year and another director may be added to the Board in his or her place, subject to Items 25 and 27 (1) of these bylaws.**

These two changes were passed unanimously and will be proposed at the AGM.

3. Proposal to change the term of membership from the Calendar Year to that running from July 1 to June 30. Sean pointed out that members remain “in good standing” for a year after the calendar year expires [Bylaws, Item 7d] and thus any change is not needed. This quickly became the sense of the meeting.

4. Proposal to change the annual membership fee and to allow for memberships for more than a single year. After considerable discussion the Board decided, in accord with Item 6 of the Bylaws, to propose to the members at the AGM the following fee changes, moved by Barney and seconded by Sean: **“Be it moved that as of January 1, 2015 membership fees will be \$15 for one year, \$20 for two years, \$25 for three years, or \$50 for a lifetime membership.”**

5. AGM arrangements for Friday May 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Langham. David, Sean, Barney and Debra are each arranging for various aspects of the meeting, from membership payments prior to the meeting to refreshments following the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Setting a date and time for Grants adjudication. We will try to have this meeting in the first week in May in time for the Osprey Foundation to consider our recommendations when they meet on May 8. We will try to meet Tuesday evening May 6th.

2. Financial Statement for the AGM Sean notes our statement will omit funds directly paid for from our Society account held by Osprey. There are funds that came to us but should have gone to Osprey for charitable tax receipts. So these funds had to be put temporarily into our local account, then moved. In future such gifts can be avoided and our Societal financial statements need not be confused by them. [A copy of Sean’s statement is on file with these minutes.]

FORWARD PLANNING:

Catherine Whitehead was appointed to the Board, and will be nominated for a position on the next Board at the time of our May AGM.

Barney is to get notification of both the AGM and the proposed Bylaw changes to all members before the end of this weekend. David is to arrange the Notice of the AGM to appear in the Pennywise soon.

REPORT FROM THE OSPREY FOUNDATION:

Vivien Bowers shared recent news with us from the Osprey Foundation. The Columbia Basin Trust gave Osprey funds to be used to aid Osprey's work with new affiliate foundations. This has allowed her to visit each affiliate board, and, to spend time preparing a "Handbook" for new affiliates and new Board members at affiliates, to help them orient and work effectively. Osprey is much more comfortable too, working with a registered "Society" such as our own, than with an informal "Committee." This works better given the charitable tax implications and responsibilities that Osprey assumes for its affiliates. Asked about Osprey's giving tax receipts for funds that come to our Society for administrative work, Vivien said that for larger sums of this nature, and for a few large expenditures of those funds in any given year, Osprey is willing to assist donors (and us) in this way.

The national Community Foundations movement currently finds that the bulk of members endowed funds have come from planned legacies. Osprey hopes to facilitate more of these long-term bequests in the years to come and is working on ways to reach that goal.

Vivien ended by reminding us that Saturday June 7th is the date planned for a meeting with all affiliates invited in Nelson. Many of our directors hope to attend and carpool from Kaslo.

Next meeting date: To be in June, at a time to be determined depending on the availability of the directors following elections at the AGM.

Meeting adjourned: 1:41 p.m.