

# **COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE**

Board Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014

**Kaslo Hotel Meeting Room**

**Present:** David Stewart, Debra Barrett, Barney Gilmore, Paul Hunter, Elaine Toffan, and Catherine Whitehead

**Regrets:** Sean Kubara and Honora Cooper

**Meeting convened:** 12:15 p.m.

**Approval of agenda:** Moved by Paul/Debra. Approved.

**Approval of minutes of October 16, 2013.** Moved by Barney/Elaine. Approved.

## **REPORTS:**

### **1. Treasurer's report.**

Nothing significant has changed since our last meeting. Interest on our working account increased by 33% to four cents, in October.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Two donations were received for deposit in our Arts & Culture Fund, one of \$1,000 and one of \$5,000. In addition we received a membership donation of \$20. Barney/Debra moved acceptance of these donations. Approved.

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

### **1. AGM Date to be set.**

The date of Friday June 5, 2015 at the Langham is now confirmed.

### **2. CFC Regional Conference in Vancouver.**

This is set to occur next week. Honora & Catherine will represent us there and report back at our next meeting.

### **3. Giving Tuesday campaign.**

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Arranging a Nov./Dec. Newsletter to members**

David will circulate a draft of this based on last year's letter. We are asked to reply quickly so that the newsletter can go out in December.

### **2. Strategic Plan: What can we do better?**

We examined parts of our Strategic Plan that have lain fallow this fall, some of which are being addressed with the newsletter and Giving Tuesday activity.

We then discussed the fact that we, like many other similar organizations do not know much about our donors. We have no real understanding of who they are and how they came to donate to our funds. We were led to a discussion of where charitable impulses come from and the role of childhood experiences, as small donors, and as charitable recipients ourselves, and by observation of the charitable gifts of parents and others. Each of these might be formative and important. We discussed whether and how we might find ways to facilitate giving experiences, and the internal rewards that can come from charitable giving. For now we will try to find out whether the Osprey or Vancouver Foundations know much about their donors, and, about who might become likely new donors. David mentioned “Vital Signs” evaluations that might help us in these respects too. We will ask each board member to pursue these questions and ideas further. Catherine and Honora may be able to bring us further perspectives from the CF Vancouver convention next week.

### **3. Progress on our website.**

Paul’s web skills have progressed, and he reports that we now have a Password Protected area on the CFNKLS website for Director’s matters only. It can be accessed through the Documents menu item. Click on “Directors”. The password is easily remembered and can be learned from any of the directors who attended this meeting.

Paul asks that each Director look over the updated website, and download a copy of a recent set of Board Minutes to see if that works ok.

### **FORWARD PLANNING:**

We decided at this meeting to use our Luncheon meeting next month to invite a few people who might be potential members to join us as observers, and, as our guests. Three names were suggested, and their interest in joining us will be explored. We will offer them, “a media-free schmooze” opportunity.

**Next meeting date:** Dec 11, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rosewood Restaurant.

**Meeting adjourned:** Moved by Catherine. 1:18 p.m.

Barney Gilmore  
CFNKLS Secretary.

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