

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Chamber of Commerce office on 5th Street

Present: Honora Cooper, President;; Barney Gilmore, Secretary; David Stewart, Past President; Charles Cuell; and Catherine Whitehead

Regrets: Rick Hewat; Elaine Toffan, Treasurer

The meeting was convened: at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Barney. **Approved**

Approval of the Minutes of December 13, 2016: Moved by Catherine. **Approved**

REPORTS: Treasurer's report: In Elaine's absence, last month's activity in our administrative account was not available. [Subsequent to this meeting **Honora** received word from Elaine of deposits of \$200 and \$103.44 in December and 6 cents of interest. Our account balance stood at \$4,207.49 at the end of the month.]

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thanks to 2016 donors to be arranged. The Board asked our **Secretary** to thank all 2016 donors to our funds for their contributions. This will be done as it was last year. Honora shared a copy of an attractive thank you card that Hospice sometimes uses. These cards have a local photo and the Hospice Society logo on them. We will explore creating similar cards for CFNKLS, and to this end **David** will see if Jim Lawrence might have a suitable photograph for us to use. **Honora** will also ask Osprey for a copy of thank you letters that they send to our donors at the times that charitable tax receipts go out.

CAGP is to be held in Toronto this year. We have received an invitation to apply for a bursary to support the attendance of one of our Board members. It was agreed that the distance and associated costs of sending a representative that far are probably not currently appropriate for us. For now we will consider attending events in Alberta and B.C.

CBT has informed us that up to \$1,000 dollars could be available to us over each of the next three years to support "staff development."

Similar support also may continue to be made available from the Vancouver Foundation and the CFC (Canadian Foundations of Canada).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Status of the public notice of our million dollar milestone. The proposed wording of the Pennywise announcement of our funds surpassing our million dollar goal was **approved** with minor corrections and edits. It will be submitted immediately.

That notice will not mention the new, allied (but independent) North Kootenay Lake (Osprey-linked) fund that endows the Kaslo Library. It was agreed by this Board that this fund should be announced by their Board in the fashion they think best.

It was suggested that we may in the future need to consider the potential effects to us from the Library's endowment fund, and any similar future endowment funds set up on behalf of other large local charities. Such funds might affect both our own future levels of donations, and, our treatment of large grant requests from those same charities.

Charles' progress as our new Webmaster. Thanks due to his company. The Board thanked Charles and his company for generously volunteering to administrate our CFNKLS website. He has obtained the passwords and files required for this. **Charles** will next adjust the grant application dates on our posted application forms so that soon we can begin the process of encouraging 2017 grant applications. This year's closing date for receipt of all grant applications will be Friday April 28th.

Review of potential Board membership. Paul Hunter was originally appointed to our Board as a representative of the communities at the north end of the lake. Honora asked Carolyn Schramm if she might be willing to return to the Board in that capacity. Carolyn reported that she would not be able to say yes this year, but quite possibly she would be available in the future. Meanwhile Honora put together a list of north-arm residents who we might wish to consider. Further enquiries will be made.

Barney and Charles will also try to determine our constitutional requirements for confirming new directors at each AGM. How and when might the membership nominate new Directors for election.

Follow-up on another potential Non-Profits gathering in February. The local Arts & Culture Society, and the Langham, together with some other local groups, have begun joint meetings to facilitate certain initiatives sparked by the event that CFNKLS hosted last September at the Legion Hall. Pending developments on these fronts, it does not currently seem useful to host another general meeting of all local charities and volunteer groups in the near future.

Strategic Plan review discussion. Honora walked us through our last Strategic Plan and our accomplishments since. We seem to have done very well and continue to be doing so. Our yearly timeline is a help in this regard. It will be further updated in the coming months.

Art Joyce's suggestion for a renaming contest. Barney's Treasure Hunt. It was agreed that our Society name does not want changing. But following on the Art Joyce suggestion for that as a way to increase public engagement with and awareness of CFNKLS, Barney has suggested that we could sponsor a "Treasure Hunt" offering the winner a small prize and a chance to choose a deserving local charity to receive a generous additional donation in the name of the winner. The Board approved asking **Barney** to expand on this concept and to present a more detailed proposal for it.

NEW BUSINESS – FORWARD PLANNING.

A budget for the AGM to be discussed. Postponed in Elaine's absence, to await her return.

Striking and storage of our street banner. The CFNKLS large street banner is sagging some from the snow and wet. **Honora** will ask Rick to arrange for its return to safe storage.

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Next Board Meeting Scheduled: Monday Feb. 13 at Noon, to be held at Honora's: 651 A Ave.

Adjournment: 6:05 p.m

*We embrace a vision of thriving and resilient rural communities of
North Kootenay Lake*