

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2016

Kaslo Hotel Meeting Room

Present: Honora Cooper, President; David Stewart, Past President; Paul Hunter, Vice President; Barney Gilmore, Secretary; Charles Cuell; Rick Hewat; and Catherine Whitehead

Regrets: Elaine Toffan, Treasurer

The meeting was convened: at 5:00 p.m.

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

Approval of the Minutes of May 16, 2016: Moved by Paul. **Approved**

ELECTION OF THE BOARD OFFICERS: All officers reelected to the Board have agreed to serve in the positions they have held for the past year. No other nominations were made. Barney moved acclamation for continuance of the existing officers. **Approved** unanimously.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report. In the absence of Elaine, Honora had her latest balances for us, but did not find them with her at this meeting. She will be emailing the figures in the next few days. Meanwhile, Elaine will probably be unable to attend the next few Board meetings, nor easily available to arrange for payments of Society expenses (expected to be few in number). During this time Rick has volunteered to facilitate deposits and payments as may be required until Elaine is back with us.

[Subsequent data from Elaine/Honora showed an opening balance on May first of \$2,410.65; then four cheques written for travel, photocopies, Pennywise ads, and printed business cards, totaling \$373.21, three cents of interest, and a final balance of \$2,037.47 on May 31st]

Barney has today circulated by email the second quarter financial report from Osprey, concerning our accounts there. We have \$1,799.88 remaining available for granting purposes in our General Community Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE: In a nice touch of irony, the granting cheque mailed to the Argenta Monthly meeting, for insulating the floor of their Meeting Hall, has resulted in a letter from them confirming the safe arrival of the grant and including a charitable tax receipt made out to CFNKLS (not Osprey, who wrote the cheque) by way of thanks.

B.C. Registry Services has also sent to us the reminder to file our annual Society report, with some corresponding information to facilitate our doing so.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Post-Mortem on the AGM. Honora reported receiving considerable positive feedback about the recent AGM from attendees who found the evidence of widespread community participation and support to be inspiring. The feeling of communal caring and sharing was palpable. Next year we hope to do even

better, and to get a photograph of all the grant recipients around our big cheque with the total awards written on it. (We must also try to choose a date with minimal conflicting events scheduled.)

Updates on the CBT Communications Audit and further CBT initiatives. There have been no recent meetings or information to report.

Toward a policy on Grant awards made mid-year. A discussion was begun for dealing with the special requirements we might face if and when we were in a position to encourage grant applications in the months between our normal spring granting cycles. We looked at what we learned when this situation arose around the Selkirk College bursaries this year. Consideration was given to what criteria we might use for deciding how much of our spring grant funds to withhold for potential grants later in the year, and how to allocate any such hold-back if more than one such grant came under consideration. We also looked at how we could best let it be known that applications might be considered outside of our main spring time-window. At the Board's request, **Charles** volunteered to draft a potential policy for our consideration, to deal with such questions.

NEW BUSINESS & FORWARD PLANNING:

Confirmation of life memberships for Chris & Johanna Temple. Barney reported that at least five directors had replied in favour of offering these Life Memberships in the Society, and that the Temples had responded that they were willing for us to make this designation. Barney moved that these be recorded. **Approved**

Report of the meeting of all Osprey Affiliates in the Slocan. David and Barney summarized briefly the topics of discussion at the recent annual gathering of the three regional affiliates of Osprey, with the Osprey ED and two of their Board Members. There have been advantages to all affiliates to share the costs of joint fund-raising and profile-raising initiatives. These will continue. We were advised that at least one affiliate was told that the Kootenay Savings Foundation (from whom we have received annual donations in recent years) may have to cut back or cease their donations to us in the near future. We should not budget our administrative work counting on that money every year. Uncertainties around potential future help from the Columbia Basin Trust were also aired at the meeting.

Needed Revisions to be made in Bursary grant application forms. In recognition of unanswered questions about the plans of students applying for the McKinnon Family Bursary awards this year, in support of future education in any form of the Trades, revisions of our application requirements are wanted. **David** will draft new and more direct questions to help us to better know what the student will be learning and how/where. David will share these by email for review.

Notice of B.C. Societies Act changes and our resulting responsibilities. Barney is undertaking to insure our compliance with the new Societies Act that comes into effect in November. He will have an update for us after doing some further work and bringing our file up-to-date. There will be costs, perhaps only about \$50, but perhaps more, to bring our Constitution and Bylaws into compliance with the new regulations.

President's report on the Learning Lab conference. Honora reported on the Bowen Island workshop sponsored by the Vancouver Foundation in May. It led to a question of how a Community Foundation sees its role in the community. Does it for instance see itself more as a group devoted to

growing and guiding the community, or as a group for growing the endowment funds that support its work for improving life in the community? Put differently, if the Community Foundation had no further responsibilities for endowment funds, and no monies to distribute each year, would it still want to be active in community service in some fashion? If yes to this second question, then how would it approach such service? One answer might echo our previous consideration of a “Vital Signs” community analysis, and/or more recently, the somewhat similar initiative for an “Open Space” analysis proposed by the North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Society.

David reported that since our last Board meeting the Open Space proposal has been refused funding by the CBT, which funding was a contingent requirement for receiving further funding from the Village and RDCK.

At the end of this discussion the question of CFNKLS participation in, and its work on furthering the starting of similar such efforts, remains open. It was noted that we are a small Board of all volunteers, with a limited capacity for playing a large role in these potentially long-term projects.

Timeline needed in preparation for the May Days Parade in 2017. The Board recognized the need to recreate and maintain an annual timeline of preparatory actions that we need to undertake each year. With respect to the May Days Parade we considered briefly (and will look further soon at) soliciting a few student affiliates at the High School who might also then help us promote donations of time/money to charitable organizations of other students throughout their lives. **Honora** has begun a list for our updated Timeline and it will probably end up on the Director’s pages of our website. And **Honora** will approach the school principal for potential students suitable for helping us.

Prior to adjournment, Honora asked us all to share “one-liner” type comments that summarize and promote CFNKLS and its role in our community.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled. Monday July 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the Hotel Meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Barney Gilmore
CFNKLS Secretary

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North Kootenay Lake*