

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

Board Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Barney Gilmore's home: 4269 Woodbury Village Rd.

Present: Catherine Whitehead, Vice President; David Stewart, Past President; Aiko Jackson, Treasurer, Barney Gilmore, Secretary; Joe Johnston; and Donna Butt.

Regrets: Honora Cooper, President

The meeting was convened: at 5:35 p.m. by Catherine.

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

Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2019: Moved by Aiko. **Approved**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report: Since our last meeting a late donation of \$50 to the Treasure [Hunt] Fund was received and was added to our general account on hold for the coming year's hunt. We received 4 cents interest on our account and Aiko reported the current balance is \$3,133.03.

CORRESPONDENCE: Pending any late word from Honora, no Correspondence was noted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Proposed changes to the Societies Act: Membership list & other effects. Joe reported ten changes to the B.C. Societies Act a few of which could potentially affect our Board's activity. The clearest change is one mandating that Board Minutes be open and available to all members (and in our case, by implication, to the public at large.) Donna will soon finish removing past minutes from the locked (password protected) area of our website to permit public access to them. If and as sensitive and/or confidential issues are discussed at Board Meetings, details that might ordinarily appear in the minutes will not be posted publicly until the passage of time removes the need to discuss them in camera. Yearly Society reports to Victoria, listing the existing directors of the Society, must now include residential addresses for departing directors as well as those who are new or continuing. Other changes to the Act do not currently apply to our Society and its configuration. Changes to the Act do confirm that the Board can take decisions by email (as we now sometimes do) provided that every member of the Board receives notice of any motion and a majority of written votes approve it. The implication

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is that “votes” must be shared with (copied to) all members of the Board, not just to the President or Secretary. The list of Members in our Society must be kept up to date and available from the Secretary on request from any member. This list is currently up to date.

2020 Treasure Hunt Planning Report: Discussion of Budget. Prior to this meeting Barney circulated “A Treasure Hunt Budget as at 2020 and beyond.” This provisional budget included information about past costs and awards, with suggestions for the future. Board action and approval will become necessary starting in February of the coming year, but for this meeting Barney asked the Board if it was willing to set a goal of raising at least \$2,000 (again) for the 2020 Treasure Hunt Fund. Last year a large portion of that Fund total came from available Flow-Through money given to us as a rebate from the Vancouver Foundation resulting from what were higher than necessary administration fees on our endowment investments. It is not currently clear how much of these rebate monies remain for us held by Osprey, nor how much more in rebates might still be coming. Until we know more exactly the answers to these questions it is still clear that we both desire and will need to boost the 2020 Treasure Fund by quite a bit from solicited donations for it. (Such donations are now available for charitable receipts, thanks to Osprey’s support for this annual project.) In the Board discussion on this matter both Catherine and Aiko agreed to cooperate on the main Fund Raising efforts for the 2020 Hunt. Acceptance of Barney’s budget report for the Treasure hunt was moved. **Accepted.**

Status report on our Community Facebook account. Aiko reported that we continue to have 51 Followers on our CFNKLS Facebook account. She also has recently discovered that her posts for the clues released during the 2019 Treasure Hunt had well over 250 “engagements” (likes, comments) for some of the clue releases. It is clear that Facebook can play a very helpful role in publicity for CFNKLS and its various annual projects.

CFNKLS Website, its look and future. Joe led the Board through a careful look at potential improvements to the wording on our website. During this discussion a number of suggestions for change were mentioned and noted by Joe and by Donna. Joe had circulated to the Board a previous list of items deserving updating and he will revise that list based upon our discussion at this meeting. He will then share that revised list with the Board. We did not finish looking at all pages of the website and so we will continue this discussion as needed after reviewing the draft changes resulting from today’s meeting. We may also wish to consider reviewing a few Policy statements that have not been revised since 2006.

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Update on RBC Youth-Granting program with Osprey. Catherine reported that more on this initiative will be occurring for and during “Youth Week,” next May. Christina, on the Osprey Board of Directors will be facilitating this initiative locally. Joe will learn more for us as Spring approaches next year.

Status of our \$500 for the Neighbourhood Small Grants Initiative. Although these funds have been announced in Pennywise and on our Facebook account, no applications for same have yet been received. Catherine will remain the coordinator for any requests we do receive. Requests must be made in writing.

Grant Application policy changes. This was included among the suggestions for updates to our website described above. Joe & Donna are working on updating the Grant Application forms and the associated pages of information to applicants.

Giving Tuesday planning and arrangements. This year Giving Tuesday will occur on December 3rd. David will coordinate our activities surrounding this event. As last year, there will be announcements in *Pennywise*, our banner will be raised beside the river bridge, etc. The Board discussed the possibility of having a desk in the lobby of the Credit Union (possibly shared with the Hospice Tree of Remembrance fund raiser.) David & Aiko will explore that idea further in the coming weeks and will report back. Some Board members expressed a willingness to staff such a table if that event were to be arranged. There will also be the annual Craft Faire on December 7th where a similar CFNKLS table (perhaps shared) may be arranged by David.

Report from the recent Osprey Affiliates Meeting. Catherine was able to attend this meeting last Friday and found it useful for CFNKLS, maintaining connections with the Salmo and Slocan affiliates. Christina from the Osprey Board and Cindy Lindsay from the Vancouver Foundation were particularly helpful. Catherine relayed news of the role of (larger) Community Foundations in preparing for responses to local emergency events, in particular by arranging funds for appropriate relief work that can be available to the community as needed and on short notice. CFNKLS may wish to consider its ability to play such a role in case of a major local fire or landslide or accident in our region.

Consideration of a replacement for our empty Board seat, and for the 2020 Board Secretary. No one in attendance had anything new to add on this topic. It has been tabled until our next meeting when Honora will be back with us.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Request from Co-Op Housing to spend the remainder of last year's grant on different work this year. The Board was not aware of why this was still an open issue, being under the impression that the surplus grant money was in the process of being returned. Presumably Honora will be able to update us on the status of this when she returns.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled: Our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday evening November 19th at 5:00 p.m. It will be held at the home of Donna Butt, 430 8th St. in Kaslo.

Adjournment was at 6:44 p.m.

Barney Gilmore
CFNKLS Secretary