

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Chamber of Commerce Office, 5th Street

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

Regrets: Paul Hunter, Vice President; Elaine Toffan, Treasurer

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

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

Approval of the Minutes of October 25, 2016: Moved by Catherine. **Approved**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report: Elaine reported to Honora that there was no further activity in our Society account last month. Our closing balance at the end of October was \$1,737.83

Honora received from the Vancouver Foundation a personal cheque to cover most of the costs of mounting the September non-profits workshop held at the Legion Hall in September. This was to have come to the Society and used wholly to reimburse Honora's personal payments made to arrange that workshop. She asked if she should endorse the cheque to our Society account and get an equivalent cheque for herself from our Treasurer. The Board unanimously approved a suggestion that she be allowed the simple alternative of depositing the cheque to her own account by way of reimbursement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters sent to Medical Arts Society, Hospice Society, and CBT. As directed, letters were sent to and received by the Medical Arts Society and Hospice Society. The MAS and Hospice Societies were told of the Board Decision to allow their grant from last June to be used for a different purpose, and the MAS was asked to submit a new application next Spring for the additional funds they now requested. Hospice was assured they can apply next spring for a new project as well.

CFNKLS recently learned of the death of the CEO of the Columbia Basin Trust after many years of service there. CFNKLS sent a letter of condolence in response.

BC Societies web site and required password. The BC Societies headquarters in Victoria now requires us to use their new website for all future reports, etc. We must set up our User account with them by the end of the month. This will require we choose a password. The Board approved that proposed Password which shall be our acronym followed by the two-digit version of the year of our founding, a total of eight characters.

Kootenay Saving KSCU intends to contribute \$2,269.58 to us this December to be used for flow through grant monies next spring. We will be asked to report to them the grants we made that included these funds once these are awarded.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Further consideration of a policy on Grant awards made mid-year. After some further discussion of this policy, **Barney moved that our Policy on mid-year Grant applications and awards become as follows:** *Applicants who apply for special grants outside the normal spring-term period should send to our Board a formal request for an immediate grant, explaining why that application could not have been made in the prior Spring, and why it also cannot wait for consideration at the next normal season, and, why it is especially worthy for consideration quickly. After the Board receives this request, if it agrees to consider it, the applicant will then be invited to submit their application using our standard application format, to be considered by our grants committee, and if we do approve it, then considered also by Osprey.*

The motion was **approved**. We will ask our web-master, Paul, to assign the next available Policy number to this statement and add it to our Policy statements on our website. For the time being we will not undertake any actions to encourage special applications of this sort, for our overall next granting budget will still be unclear between spring applications, and we will have as yet no other community requests with which to compare and evaluate the relative importance of that special request.

Follow-up on another potential Non-Profits gathering, hosted by CFNKLS. Feedback from the community makes it clear that a strong majority of those attending our September conclave of local non-profit organizations would welcome a follow-up event, one that builds upon the work done at the first meeting. The Board feels that it would be desirable to hold such an event before too much momentum has been lost, perhaps in February. Honora has a request out to the Vancouver Foundation to see if they might help us again with funding such a follow-up event. David suggested too that the RDCK may have funds appropriate to support such an event. There may also be ways to limit the costs of hosting such an event that could be considered. We will know more, hopefully, in the next month.

Giving Tuesday preparations and update. Preparations for the November 29th events are mostly complete. Our banner was hung with the volunteer help of Ian McKinnon (who climbed the poles for us) and David has placed our announcements in the Pennywise. On December 3rd we hope to share a table at the Craft Faire, as we did a year ago.

NEW BUSINESS & FORWARD PLANNING:

Strategic Plan Review. To be considered at a later meeting after everyone has seen to older version.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled. Tuesday December 13th at noon (with lunch) at the Golf Club.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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CFNKLS Secretary

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