

**Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake
Minutes of the AGM June 3, 2019 as Approved
The Langham Theater, Kaslo, B.C.**

Present: 16 members, and a few more than 13 guests, attended this meeting, including Tina Choi, the E.D. of the Osprey Foundation.

The meeting was convened: at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Programs were distributed with the Agenda on them. Two additions to the agenda were made by the Board. Approval of the agenda, as revised, was **moved** by **Karen Pidcock. Adopted.**

Approval of the 2018 AGM minutes: The draft of the previous AGM minutes was sent to all members and friends of the Society two weeks in advance of this meeting. Members in attendance had no questions about the minutes. Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes was **moved** by **David Stewart. Adopted.**

Report from a 2018 grant recipient: **Carl Johnson** described the considerable improvements in fire safety made to the Argenta Meeting House made with aid from a CFNKLS grant last year. Considerable fire fuel was removed around the building, roof sprinklers were installed and a nearby fire hydrant upgraded and repaired.

President's Report [On File]: **Honora Cooper** welcomed the attendees to this year's AGM and acknowledged our privilege to live in and enjoy the unceded and traditional territory of the Ktunaxa first nation. She then introduced the members of this year's CFNKLS Board.

Honora's report began with an account of the donation by Steve Fawcett of \$1,967.05 (from last year's Treasure Hunt Fund) to the Kootenay Lake Historical Society. Also in June of last year Honora attended an event co-hosted by the Circle on Philanthropy & Aboriginal Peoples and the Vancouver Foundation. This event focused on Youth issues and Youth Philanthropy and it led to the CFNKLS Youth Philanthropy Initiative (coordinated by Joe Johnston) which resulted in three local charities receiving donations totalling \$600 for work of special interest to, and selected by, local youth. This past month a new opportunity for Youth-initiated philanthropy has been announced with support from the

Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) organization and Royal Bank of Canada. Applications for grants of \$5,000 can be made to support youth-led initiatives until September 18th, 2019. September of Community Foundations Month. CFNKLS will be selecting an applicant group then to receive one of these \$5,000 grants.

CFNKLS participated again in a two-page spread, appearing in the *Valley Voice*, describing the work of all the community foundations in our local region. Every October the Vancouver Foundation hosts a conference for all B.C. Community Foundations. Catherine Whitehead attended last year and learned about the interesting work done under the title of “Small Neighbourhood Grants.” CFNKLS applied to the VF for funding such an initiative, but was unsuccessful. However, Kootenay Savings donated an initial \$500 for this work, and soon we will have more information about projects that may qualify for it.

In October, Ian McKinnon raised the CFNKLS street banner at the south end of the bridge into Kaslo in conjunction with the fall philanthropy season. Early this year Osprey generously agreed to pay CanadaHelps (the web-based charitable donation site) its 4% service charge that reduced the amount of donated funds that charities such as Osprey receive when donations came through CanadaHelps. CFNKLS thanked Osprey for this help.

CFNKLS has been the grateful recipient of grants from the CBT and the CFC for Board Education in the form of travel and hotel expenses at the annual conferences put on by the Vancouver Foundation and the CFC. We have also this year (and last) received generous rebates from the VF, rebates of part of their earlier administrative fees to us (technically to Osprey) for investing our funds and dispersing the interest earned back each year. In 2018 we received almost \$8,500, of which we retained \$2,000 for the Treasure hunt and other special initiatives, and we returned the remainder of this rebate to our own General Endowment Fund. We are hoping that with community support the Treasure Fund can exceed \$2,500 by the time the Treasure Hunt concludes.

Aiko Jackson, our Treasurer, has now created and is administering a CFNKLS Facebook presence. Osprey is hosting a strategic planning event to take place this coming fall for all its member Community Foundations. We expect to have at least one Board member in attendance. Honora ended with thanks to Osprey, and to each member of the Board, for the various projects they have overseen and coordinated during the past year.

Report from a 2018 grant recipient: Eva Kelemen reported on the summer activities for school children that were held by the Kaslo Library with the funds received last year in a grant from CFNKLS. Approximately 60 students attended these events.

Treasurer's report [On File]: At Aiko's request **Honora** presented copies of the yearly Treasurer's report to those attending and she read aloud to us the "bottom line" figures, explaining the yearly differences that were noted. In 2018 our Society had a total **income** of **\$2,428.68** and total **expenses** of **\$2,380.81**. (These monies stand separate and apart from donations made to our Endowment funds through Osprey, and separate from the interest income expended for granting purposes that derives from those same funds.) In 2018 then our Society saw a net **surplus** of **\$47.87** and a **balance** on December 31, 2018 of **\$2,343.11**. (This balance included \$640 that was to be transferred to Osprey from December endowment donations received.)

In our **budget** for **2019** we can currently be sure of \$1,500 income (plus periodic donations) and we anticipate expenses of about \$2,150.

[A report on the growth of our 2018 endowment funds was not available in time for our AGM, but for the record, in 2018 our combined endowments grew by \$28,536 to a new total of \$1,061,031.]

It was **moved** by **Honora** (John Whitehead) that the **President's** report **and** the **Treasurer's** report be accepted. **Adopted.**

Report from a 2018 grant recipient: John Addison reported on the Historical Society's grant for reviewing its complete collection and future goals. Expert assistance was solicited from Linda Wills for this purpose. In the course of this review some items were found that belonged more properly in other musea and collections, and these were transferred to them.

Greetings from the Osprey Community Foundation: Tina Choi, the current E.D. of the Osprey Foundation, attended this meeting and gave a brief summary of the CFNKLS funds in 2018. We were given \$53,805 in endowment interest from our grant funds for awarding this spring. Our total endowments this year exceeded one million sixty thousand dollars. Tina brought the cheques from Osprey for this year's grant recipients. There were no questions from our audience

Election of the 2019-20 CFNKLS Directors: Barney Gilmore reported that four CFNKLS Board members have one year remaining in their terms of office. These are: Honora Cooper, Barney Gilmore, Joe Johnston and Catherine Whitehead.

Two current directors have been nominated by the current Board for re-election to a two-year term: These are: **Aiko Jackson** and **David Stewart**. The Board has also nominated **Donna Butt** as one further member for a two year term as director. (The Board is currently exploring another potential member to fill our need for one last director with website administration skills.) Barney noted that the bylaws of our Society mandate at most a maximum of eight people may serve as Directors.

Barney then noted that Society bylaws call for asking the attending membership for additional nominations from the floor. This must be done three times. After three such opportunities we can receive a motion that the nominees be unanimously approved, or, that the nominations be closed and a vote called.

Further nominations were then called for from the membership in attendance. As required, the call for nominations was repeated three times. None having been made, it was moved by **Bill Wells** that nominations be closed and that the nominations be confirmed by acclamation. The vote was called and the three nominees were unanimously **confirmed**.

Report from a 2018 grant recipient: Chelsea van Koughnett reported on the grant to the Hospice Society for facilitating further training of hospice volunteers through professional development of, in this case, the Hospice E.D. She described the exceptional training workshop she was able to attend in San Francisco teaching “radical compassion, courage, and connection.”

Announcements of the 2019 CFNKLS grants from the McKinnon Family Fund, totalling \$3,591.45. Ian McKinnon was not in attendance this evening, but in keeping with his local tradition of telling a “colourful” joke before making the presentations of cheques from his family fund, Honora asked if anyone at this AGM would like to share a joke at this point. Chelsea volunteered to tell the story of the small boy who was unclear about what being an alcoholic might imply. The boy’s father helped him understand the visual implications of drunkenness.

Honora then presented a McKinnon Fund cheque for \$1795.73 to **Victoria Hilibrand**, the director of patient care at the Kaslo Health Centre,

for use this year in improving conditions and care at that facility. It was received with thanks.

Next, Honora presented a McKinnon Fund cheque for \$897.86 to the library to be used for expanding the collection and offering special events this year. It was received with thanks by **Eva Kelemen**.

The \$897.86 for a bursary to study a trade was not awarded this year as the only applicant for this bursary recently withdrew his application

Report from a 2018 grant recipient: David Stuart reported on two grants made last year, one to the Kaslo Concert Society and one to the Kaslo Guitar Fest. The Concert Society arranged for 5 concerts last year with help from their grant. The Guitar Fest put on a very successful week of classical guitar master classes and classical guitar concerts. This latter attracted teachers and students from all over North America for a week in Kaslo.

Announcements of 2018 CFNKLS grants from the remaining CFNKLS Grant Funds, totalling \$46,184 this year. Honora Cooper distributed cheques for this years grant awards as follows:

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society \$500. No one from this Society was present to accept this cheque, awarded to assist in holding the FKLSS Annual Summit Meeting. The cheque will be mailed.

Health Arts Society, Concerts in Care \$2000. Noemi Kiss accepted this cheque that will be used to provide ten concerts at the Victorian Hospital Community Health Centre this year.

Hospice Society NKL \$1100. Chelsea van Koughnett received this cheque and explained it will be used for upgrading the Hospice office computer.

Jewett Elementary School \$700. No one from the school was present to receive this cheque to support an Ecological Awareness project. The cheque will be mailed.

Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce \$3200. John Addison accepted this cheque with thanks to support the costs of organizing this year's Village May Day's events. (Any future applications for similar events must be requested in the year before the event will occur.)

Kaslo GuitarFest \$2500. David Stewart accepted this cheque to facilitate

the administration of the coming Guitar Fest week in Kaslo this summer.

Kaslo and District Public Library \$1500. Eva Kelemen received this CFNKLS grant with thanks for supporting this year's Reading Club events.

Kootenay Centre for Forestry Alternatives \$2500. Mark Elder accepted this cheque granting in support of efforts to acquire continuing better data on key local stream flows and water quality.

Kootenay Lake Independent School Society \$651. Kristy Danby accepted this grant in support of Art Supplies for the school.

Kootenay Lake Independent School Society \$555. Kristy Danby accepted this grant for the purchase of an Incubator for the school.

Kootenay Lake Historical Society \$1000. John Addison accepted this grant in support of Heritage Film acquisition and restoration.

Kootenay Lake Historical Society \$2000. Michael Walker accepted this grant enabling the complicated replacement of rotting boards in the Hull and Capstan of the SS Moyie.

Langham Cultural Society \$2300. Rob McClure accepted this cheque to support the various *Shifting Ground: Climate Change* events this summer at the Langham.

Lardeau Valley Community Club \$2000. Deb Ogilvie received this cheque in support of further maintenance of the campgrounds for the summer. She took the opportunity to report on the success of the campground with help from a CFNKLS grant for last summer.

Lardeau Valley Historical Society \$2100. Peter Jonker accepted this cheque to support the creation of improved and safe access to the 101 year old Museum building.

Lardeau Valley Historical Society \$3,850. Peter Jonker accepted this cheque to assist in this years Friends of the Lardeau River Speaker Series.

North Kootenay Lake Community Services \$4000, Danielle Byers thanked CFNKLS for last year's grant that enabled a very helpful Strategic

Planning event for Community Services. This year's grant is to enable a continuation of the Tuesday Dinner Program for parents with young children.

North Kootenay Lake Community Services \$1,850. Danielle Byers accepted this cheque to enable the appointment of a Seniors Coordinator who will coordinate Seniors services and meetings.

St Andrews United Church \$7000. John Whitehead & Catherine McCormick accepted this cheque to be used in restoring and upgrading the heating system in the church to help assure its preservation for future community use.

St Andrews United Church \$1378. Louise de Pape accepted this cheque for upgrading some kitchen items and chairs and tables for the Kaslo Seniors Connect events and meals together. She announced a planned dinner event at the Legion Hall in September, with up to 60 attending, in aid of capturing the stories of local life held in their memories.

Youth Recycling Incentive \$2500. No one from SD#8 was present to accept this cheque, awarded to with a shed for efficient sorting of recycled cans & bottles. The cheque will be mailed.

VHKAS (Community Garden Club) \$1000. Catherine McCormick accepted this cheque for landscaping the Washington Boulevard edge of the Community Garden.

At the conclusion of the presentations of the grant cheques, Honora thanked ML Thompson for her help with the work of the grants committee this spring.

Announcement of the 2019 Charitable Treasure Hunt. Barney Gilmore announced to onset of this year's third annual Treasure Hunt presenting the first two clues and one of the nine photographs that are part of the clues to come. This year's Treasure Hunt contains \$250 for the Finder inside the small and handsome wooden box hidden somewhere in the North Kootenay Lake area. The Treasure Fund, destined to go to one or two local charities chosen by the Finder, currently has about \$1,000 in it but the goal is to raise at least \$2,500 this year.

<http://nklcommunityfund.org/>

There being no further business on the agenda, and no further questions from those attending, **the meeting was adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: J. Barnard Gilmore
CFNKLS Secretary