

**Shawnigan Basin Society Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7pm
SBS Office – Shawnigan Village**

AGM Minutes

Board Members:

Bruce Fraser	President
Rod Garbutt	Vice President - absent
Craig Westland	Treasurer – absent (no consent)
Grant Treloar	Director
Mackenzie Brooks	Director
Melissa Nottingham	Director
Susanne Darby	Director – absent (no consent)
Mar Martinez de Saavedra Alvera	Director - absent
Erik Piikkila	Director - absent
Kelly Loch	Director

Employees of the Board:

Kelly Musselwhite	Executive Director
Jenny Berg	Web Designer/Bioengineering Field Assistant

1. **Call to Order** – Bruce
2. **Election of Officers** – Bruce
Bruce Fraser, President
Rod Garbutt, Vice President (**written consent received**)
Craig Westland, Treasurer (no consent, resigned after AGM)
Grant Treloar, Director
Mackenzie Brooks, Director
Melissa Nottingham, Director
Susanne Darby, Director (no consent)
Kelly Loch, Director
Tyson Leslie, Director (**written consent received**)
Mar Martinez de Saavedra Alvera, Director-At-Large (**written consent received**)
Susanne to be re-elected at the April 4, 2017 meeting
This is necessary due to her absence/no consent letter
Election of Officers (other than Susanne and Craig) moved and carried
3. **Appointment of Executive Director by the Board**– Bruce
Kelly Musselwhite
Appointment moved and carried
4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes from last AGM March 1, 2016** – moved and carried
5. **February 16, 2017** – move and carry at the next meeting of SBS
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1. Area Director’s Report: Sonia (absent)
Cliff: Sonia working hard on soil removal and relocation bylaw
Hoping to get something out to the public soon

Mid Island Aggregates – applied for an extension of mine
Two water studies (quarterly) 1) water 2) sediment
Started at Elkington Forest, 8 sites checked
exceedances gradually came up after heavy rain fall
top ones were the last two tests #7 Sooke Lake Rd and Shawnigan Bridge
no too bad (see attached forwarded by Cliff Evans for specific locations)
worst reading was at the West Shawnigan Lake Rd bridge
studies are on-line (forwarded electronically with minutes of AGM)
SIA site – reading is quite high
But once checked further down (after lot 21) the figures are higher
Therefore, materials coming from lot 21
Van Horn Creek – reading very high
Studies were done by a private company
Manganese exceedance (ie couldn't support fish) was past ephemeral stream at lot 23
Other report was on quality
Lots in the yellow/aquatic creatures cannot live

6.2. President's Report: Bruce

Biggest issue in attempting to do ecological practices is because lands are held privately
Most extensive private land ownership are the timber companies
Both participated early in helping our cause
Ekistics and Couverdon - \$50K investment to our early work
Island Timberlands – new staff and forthcoming in discussions
Both have largest impact on upland forest
We have been approaching them for some time
Meeting took place on Feb. 24
In the long-run their social licence would become more difficult
Climate change increased with growth of population, etc, can be predicted
See 50-year plan
Shawnigan was faced with two 50-year plan (other was SIA/necessary planning for the forest company and their crop holdings)
Timber companies would be monitoring over the course of time
Determining information and monitoring for their next rotation, which is a 50-year source of information
Out of necessity, these companies are planning for at least one rotation ahead
This is about 5 X any OCP
Electoral cycle is 4 years
Vision of political leadership is even shorter than OCP
Most humans are lucky for a year projection or even a few weeks
What would it be like if we were to adopt the necessary 50-year plan as a standard?
Why not attach our EBCP with their 50-year plan?
If the SBS starts the round table again, we can talk about what we're doing in collaboration with Island Timberlands and TimberWest for our 50 plan regarding holdings in the watershed

Then we'll challenge every other participant in that round table to meet that 50-year challenge with the request to project all land use managers/owners to do the same
Le lake front owners and aging septic and those drawing commercial water
Start thinking in a 50-year time span as a whole, think intergenerational
A very interesting challenge to take to the public driven by the timber companies long term planning and quite different from the traditional practices
If we agree to go forward, if the SBS agrees and supports, the timber companies will begin implementing this model (50-year planning is only one rotation)
The timber companies have agreed to host/present at the first meeting (Spring)
Motion to reinvigorate the round table with the idea to seek a 50-year plan with Island Timberlands, TimberWest, and the Basin Society– carried and moved

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. EBCP future meetings – Mackenzie/Chris and Craig

Mackenzie formed a block watch

Interested in EBCP kitchen table discussion

Will let us know if a weekend is possible

Cusp of Area A – therefore all will be invited

Chris and Craig's son and daughter in law?

Workshop on milfoil might instigate interest in EBCP

6.2. Grant Applications – Kelly

- Loblaw Water Fund \$25K – March, 2017 – no funds received

- Co-op Community Spaces \$150K – May, 2017

Capital costs only for milfoil equipment

6.3. Dock at Trenant Rd end – Rod (absent)

6.4. Milfoil Workshop in Spring (based on grant \$) – Kelly

7. New Business

7.1. A 50 Year Plan for the Shawnigan Watershed – Bruce

see above

7.2. ISCU Balance Sheet – Kelly

Information only, fully reconciled with bank statements

7.3. Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 – Bruce

2016/2017 \$50K not showing on budget (year of changed fiscal)

Koksilah Watershed (Cowichan Station Association Society)

AAP drawn on all of Area B, including a section in Koksilah

Area focuses on Cowichan Station as their community and they are in the Koksilah drainage

This is fair based on their contribution to date

If budget is passed, we contribute \$10K

\$10K to be given to Koksilah Group - Moved and carried

7.4. BC Society Act - Bruce

- adoption of Constitution – no changes
- adoption of Bylaws

Motion to create a bylaw to allow a vote from a Director present by phone or skype at the time of the meeting (ie active participation is necessary)

Moved and carried

- special resolution for any changes requires a 2/3 vote

7.5. Intern Positions – Bruce

Motion to create a bylaw to adopt a young people internship program to begin immediately by the SBS – **moved and carried**

See Bruce's note and Island Savings Youth Ambassador Program/Summer Student Program

7.6. Coastal Invasive Species Committee on March 3 (CVRD) - Kelly

extremely informative

Brock Musselwhite also attended

Milfoil noted publically as existing in Shawnigan Lake

7.7. Lake Use Meeting on Monday, March 6 at 7 pm (SLCC) – Bruce

complex issue that brought about a spirited audience

very strong interest based on attendance

7.8. Organize BC Event on March 11 and 12 (Nanaimo) – Kelly (not going)

7.9 Eco-Asset Management Symposium on March 14 and 15 (Comox) – Kelly

Barry also coming

Work started in Gibson's BC

Valuation of natural assets and ecological services

Treating same as human infrastructure

8.0. Greenshores Workshop on April 1 (Shawnigan Lake School) - Kelly

will enhance knowledge of ecological restoration

fair amount of work done at Cowichan Lake

second level course approx. \$300 in Victoria

8.1. Mar will be leaving us – Kelly

Thank you Mar!!

8.2. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 4, 2017

6. Adjournment – 8:56 pm