

NATURE BAY SOCIETY

(Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: Interpretive Centre

Date Wednesday January 9, 2008

Time 7:30 pm

Present: Ron Wedman (chair), Mike Saul (treasurer), Tom Brighthouse (secretary). Gary Carder, Gary Lomax, Hanne MacKay, Joyce Henderson, Cllr. Debbie Cannon, Dr. Ed Dahl, Tim Giandomenico, Hank Shelley.

1. The **agenda** was adopted..
2. The **minutes** of the last meeting Oct 17, 2007 were adopted as e-mailed.

3. **Communications**

a)The Trail Alliance had asked if SABNES would be in favour of extending the trail, possibly on Nature Trust lands west of the wharf to link the present concrete promenade with Peter Jannink Park. The Board was not unanimous and it was pointed out that the trail alliance would do well to concentrate on the stretch west of the Park. The area in front of Heron View has been the main location of the grebe colony in certain years. Other members would be in favour if the trail were not available for use during the sensitive nesting season, either by locking the gates or by flooding (by building at the appropriate elevation).

b)The Wildlife Branch asked for the yearly report on the salvaged birds given to us from Vaseux Lake Taxidermy. The secretary requested that an annual report be eliminated by the issuance of an permanent educational permit. This has now been received and filed. In addition to these mounted specimens, the Centre houses birds purchased (both mounted and carved in wood), and also birds on permanent loan from the owner of the taxidermy named above.

c) Photo of Christmas Island. It was agreed that the disk be acquired from Fred Bird, who kindly offered it to SABNES as a fund raiser. The images should be sold in a larger form, perhaps shrink wrapped with the price yet to be determined. A small number should be available at Heron Framing, at Salmon Arm Stationery and at Filiatrault=S. We should see if these prints can be produced as we sell them to avoid our holding a large inventory and incurring attendant front end costs.

4 **Treasurer=s Report** . Report is attached to the permanent minutes.

Chequing \$7,126.95 Money Market \$10,126.91

5 The city **grant** has been applied for by the Dec 3 deadline. The request was for \$4000 as opposed to the \$2500 received last year and the \$1500 in previous years. Other grants will depend on various committees submitting fairly accurate estimates of funds needed for different projects. (Educational initiatives, repairs, gates, signage, banners etc)

6 **Memberships.** Ed Dahl, Ron Wedman and Tim Giandomenico volunteered to devise a means of raising the much needed funds from a) advertising on the web cam site, b)enlarging the circle of corporate membership, c) increasing the number of individual and family members and d) encouraging donations.

7 **Maintenance.** Opinions were divided as to whether the renovations for Centre should include elimination of toilet facilities. Tom will investigate whether we need these facilities to qualify for student grants.

8 It was agreed that more useful space could be available with the removal of an **internal wall** and Ron and Gary L. will try to head a volunteer team for work in March. Storage of archives will be needed.

9 The board agreed that a **banner above the roof line** would provide for greater visibility.

- 10 Now that the foreshore is frozen the **buoys** could be readied for Spring.
- 11 **Web site.** An e-mail from Scott Neumann dated January 9, 2008 indicated that he would like to attend the February meeting of the board to initiate an advertising campaign.
- 12 **Osprey Nests.** The board discussed possible individuals with the skill necessary to remove nesting materials from the two poles near the Inn and the wharf. a) removal prevents geese taking over and b) the building of the nest has great interest for those viewing the website.
- 13 **Signs** on promenade railings. Tom will arrange for a City representative to approve or modify the prototype built by John MacVicar.
14. **Gate.** Ron led a discussion of costs and design for replacing the gate. It was agreed that the gate should incorporate the words AWildlife Sanctuary@ and that the SABNES and Rotary logos should be affixed. In general, the board favored good quality design.
15. **Important Bird Area Designation.** Joyce Henderson and Ed Dahl have worked long hours to prepare a submission asking that the Salmon Arm Bay be once again on the official list of Important Bird Areas. It was suggested that a short personal visit and report be given to City Council and other interested groups (eg Chamber of Commerce).
- 16 **Environmental Management.** Ed reported on the outcome of our motion about the lake water quality. A modified version had been send to council omitting parts which might seem to be interfering in other jurisdictions= business.
- 17 **Estuary Trail.** Joyce volunteered to attend the meeting called by the Trail

Alliance for Thursday January 10, at 2:00 pm at City Hall.

18. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 13, 2008 7:30 pm at Information Centre.