

NATURE BAY SOCIETY

(Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: Interpretive Centre

Date Wednesday February 20, 2008

Time 7:30 pm

Present were Tom Wedman (chair), Mike Saul (treasurer), Tom Brighthouse (secretary), Hanne MacKay, Ed Dahl, Gary Lomax, Gary Carder, Tim Giandomenico, and guests John MacVicar and Scott Neumann.

Adopted Minutes of last meeting Jan 9, 2008

Correspondence. In considering a request to be involved as a society pro or con the **Smarts Centre** proposal at the Salmon River mouth, it was decided that each member should take part as individuals rather than try to achieve a consensus as a board.

A **letter** would be sent to council stating our view of protecting wildlife, wetland and the quality of the lake water.

Adams Lake Band sent a **letter to Joyce Henderson** . It was assumed that it concerned the Important Bird Area application. No action needed.

Treasurer's Report showed \$7,316 in chequing account and \$10,176.91 in the interest bearing certificates.

The treasurer has sent in the application for a **summer student grant** by the deadline February 1. Tom had attended a special workshop to help guide the grant application.

Mike will follow up the suggestion as to size and quantity of the **Fred Bird=s Photo** of Christmas Island. 50 prints were agreed on some to be available mounted.

Ed Dahl discussed his ideas for **promoting membership** especially the corporate one.

Scott Neumann brought the board up to date on the **state of the web cam**. Tim will look for an energetic individual to head up the **soliciting of advertising**. Scott was willing to help train the individual on the various levels of advertising available.

The **bird blind burnt** down since the last meeting and Tom and John MacVicar had consulted on design and costs of the replacement amenity. The board did not reach a decision on the design nor the amount of grant to apply for. Tom agreed to talk to the district to see if there would be any help through insurance or labour and equipment.

Ron and Gary L. will decide on a date to work on **rearranging the inner walls** of the Centre, possibly the fourth week in March.

Tom and Ron reported on slow progress on the **gate and railing signs** respectively.

Ron is in contact with two individuals who are willing to **clear the nests** from the osprey poles to avoid the Canada Goose occupation.

Meetings were continuing with regard to the **Estuary Trail**, the next one will be at the Reserve HQ.

Mike was looking into what could be done to save as much or as many of the **trees** near the CSRD building as possible. It was felt that some perching branches are needed near the nest to make the webcam viability more certain.

7. There was agreement in principle that the society prepare to employ John MacVicar for two days a week start in perhaps in May 2008. There was no agreement on whether to employ him for a third (as last year) for maintenance or whether to employ John ad hoc when there was a perceived need. Tom was to see if John would be available on either of these scenarios. (Answer pending). The fact that the Service Canada grants would be announced earlier this year will decrease the duration of uncertainty with regard to staffing the Centre.

NOTE We are putting the meeting off one week to make sure our illustrious president is available.

Date of **Next Meeting**

Wednesday March 19, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the I.Centre