

# NATURE BAY SOCIETY

## (Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: Interpretive Centre

Date Wednesday March 19, 2008, 7:30 pm

Present: Ron Wedman (chair), Mike Saul (treasurer), Tom Brighthouse (secretary), Joyce Henderson, Cllr. Debbie Cannon, Dr. Ed Dahl, Gary Lomax. Minutes of February 20, 2008 were adopted.

1. Correspondence. Draft letter to Council re Smart Centre: a wording will be sent to the Board for suggestions.
2. A letter from a US group monitoring shorebirds was passed on the Joyce for her attention.
3. Creston Valley Newsletters were examined for ideas for our own Newsletter.

The Arts Council asked if we knew of someone to help families create arctic birdhouses during April. Mike May be able to come up with a name.

4 Treasurers Report .Balance increased by a Council grant for \$3000 to \$10,149.22 and the Money Market (Building Reserve) stood at \$10,232.10.

5 Fifty copies of Fred Bird's Photo of Christmas Island have been made. It was agreed to charge \$25 dollars and \$40 for unmounted and mounted respectively.

6 Membership .Ed has sent out letters to 43 corporate members whose memberships fee is now due .

.7. Web Cam. An ad hoc committee of Ron, Ed, Tom and Tim will meet with Scott when he comes to town rather than have him travel specially for evening meetings of the board.. Ron will head up this committee and make the initial phone calls to get the advertising campaign started..

8. Bird blinds. There was a request from the neighbouring residents to dismantle the bird blind in Peter's Park. Some dare no longer use the park because of the blind being used for untoward purposes. The Board authorized Ron to make some decisions on this subject.

9. Rearranging the inner walls. April 5 and 6 will be the dates for a work party to improve the space in the Centre.

10 Debbie will check whether the operations crew can help with the post installations. The gate has been ordered.

11.. Yves Cusson has taken off the nesting materials from two poles so that geese will not make use of them. The ospreys can build new nests each year. The camera will be focused on this activity.

12 Mike reported on reduced threats to the trees adjacent to the osprey nest near the Prestige Inn and the CSRD building. The new project west of the Inn does not envisage cutting the trees down.

13 Instead of the usual (often poorly attended) semi-annual meeting it was agreed to have a celebration to open the Interpretive Centre. Joyce will see if Hanne is interested in helping her organize such an event on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

14 Buoys. The board felt that there is no need to work on the buoys at this time.

15 Joyce sought advice from the board on planting trees.

16. The board appreciate the new garbage can at the car park near the lake and the speed with which city staff responded to a phone call to empty it.

17 A letter will be sent to the dragon boat society reminding new captains of the need to respect the habitat and particularly the likely nesting areas used by the Western Grebes.

18 Gary brought up the need for greater visibility which could be afforded by a banner on top of the Centre to be taken down when the season closes.

Next Meeting: 7:30 at the Interpretive Centre on

**Wednesday April 16, 2008**