

# Nature Bay Society

(SABNES)

## Minutes

Wednesday October 29, 2008

7:30 pm at the Interpretive Centre

**1. Present:** Ed Dahl, Gary Carder, Ron Wedman (chair), Tom Brighthouse (secretary), Mike Saul (treasurer).

**2. Approval of minutes.** Minutes of meeting of Sept 17 were approved as circulated. 1. Mike Saul 2. Ed Dahl. Carried

**3. Communications.** President's letter to City Council and copy to Daybreak Rotary Club opposing firework display.

**4. Treasurer's Report.** (attached to minutes) Service Canada grant of \$4, 326 received as requested (summer student 2008). Also \$1200 from Shuswap Community Foundation for brochure project was also received and a grant sought to top up this figure.

Current Account as of Sept \$3, 492.48 plus the Service Canada Grant has arrived since then. Money Market is now \$5,386.67 since \$5000 had previously transferred to current account to cover summer staff expenses pending the arrival of the Service Canada grant..

**5. Lottery Grant.** The request for almost \$20,000 was turned down for three reasons: make up of the board; more than 50% of budget for year in reserve; and requirement for show separate budget for each programme as well as last year's details. It was decided not to appeal but answer these concerns in our grant request in 2009.

### **6. Motions for Annual General Meeting.**

That the financial year end date be changed to December 31. 1. Mike.2. Gary Carder. Carried.

That the Annual General Meeting be changed from November to May. 1. Mike 2. Gary Carder. Carried.

**7.Possible Grants.** It was agreed that Mike should make further enquiries into the use of Metasoft Systems, a lower Mainland company which identifies sources and facilitates applications for grants

**8. The Interpretive Centre.** The building has now been winterized by the City staff who now have a key to the new roll shutters and the door.

**9. Website.** Gary Carder's photographs of the flora of the foreshore and area can be seen on the naturalists' website at [shuswapnaturalists.org](http://shuswapnaturalists.org)

**10. Trail Improvements.** President Ron is pursuing a letter from Fisheries so that CP Rail can feel free to help in raising over 600 meters of the lowest part of the trail. We are also part of grant request under Phil McIntyre-Paul's Trail Alliance applications to the provincial government..

It was agreed that the secretary should write to city council requesting that the footbridge projected for crossing the railway should be placed at the already existing pathway and gravel car park .below intersection of 17 th and Lakeshore Road. The Shuswap Naturalist Club was said to be in favour of this location. Placing it at the Raven's end would be a waste of money as walkers and cyclists would still use the level crossing as they do now rather than climb the ramp or steps over a bridge.

**11. Eagles.** The Prestige Inn will find a site for the display of the two mounted eagles presently chez Saul. It was felt they should be displayed in the Centre during the tourist season.

**12. Tap Repair.** In the spring when the water is turned on the outside tap will have to be repaired.

**13. Annual General Meeting.** Friday, November 28 at Art Gallery. Jobs were allocated and Ron will determine if the Board members will stand again. Up for re-election are Ron Wedman, Mike Saul and Hanne MacKay. If anyone is not willing to stand again, the president will seek replacements or delegate that job. Continuing for their second year are Joyce Henderson, Gary Lomax and Ed Dahl.

A secretary will be needed for the AGM and preferably for the coming year.

**14.Next Meeting.** The next board meeting will be on Wednesday December 10 2008 at the Interpretive Centre at 7:30 pm.