

Nature Bay Society

(SABNES)

Agenda

Wednesday September 17, 2008

7:30 pm at the Interpretive Centre

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

1. **Minutes** of meeting of July 9, 2008 were adopted as e-mailed.(Moved Mike and seconded Ed Dahl)

2.Since the secretary will be absent for the **AGM**, Mike Saul offered to be the chief contact person to liaise with Dick Cannings, guest speaker.

3.**Communications** included thank you letters from the school groups who visited the centre, message that the fire extinguisher should be checked, letters re the damaged bird blind, and some interesting newsletter from Creston Wildlife Sanctuary.

4.**Treasurer's Report.** Chequing \$2,547.42, money market \$11,329 (minus \$5000 to bridge until the Service Canada Grant comes through)

5.Possible **grants** to be matched with projects. The secretary will apply for a Credit Union grant to top up the \$1200 granted by the Foundation for producing an updated brochure.

In addition the following granting agencies are possible sources of funding. We need a volunteer to take on the matching of projects to grant applications.

James L Baillie

Federation of BC Naturalists
Fed Gov Invasive Species grant
Habitat Conservation Assistance Fund
Civic Info BC Grant
Funds for Greening of urban areas

8.Success with grant application. The Shuswap Community Foundation has granted \$1200 for brochures and Mike volunteered to pick up the cheque on Thursday evening.

9. Ed agreed to arrange the acknowledgement of **corporate members** at the trail ends , at the centre and in the Friday AM.

10. SABNES was well represented at the **unveiling of the plaque** honouring Frank Kime for all his work over the years in SABNES and in the Naturalist Club.

11.**CSRD Brochure.** Gail Stalker has been working with the help of SABNES on a brochure promoting the bird areas in the regional district. Funding will be available early 2009 for its printing.

12.**Tree Planting.** Joyce Henderson is organizing the planting of seventy indigenous trees and shrubs on Friday September 19. Tom will loan a truck for the event.

13.**Webcam.** The sales of advertising was discussed and some income should be available in Spring 2009

14.**Website.** Updating of the plants photo section was discussed.

15. Trail Improvements . Two possibilities for improving one or both lowlying sections of trail were discussed involving possible CPR help, City help and Lottery fund assistance. Joyce and Mike put together an application for a lottery grant. Tom has written to Fisheries to ask for a letter indicating there will be no problem because the footprint is not being enlarged and there is no fish trapping hazard when the flood waters recede.

16. **Foot bridge for trail.** It was agreed that SABNES was in favour of the proposed footbridge over the CPRailway being located at some midway point along the trail. If the bridge were placed at the Raven end of the trail the bridge would not be greatly used as walkers would take the easier route across the level crossing. On the other hand a midway positioning would allow access from many subdivisions and because of the lie of the land could be built with steps on only the lake side with a ramp or gantry on the upland side.

17. **Smart Centre.** After a long discussion the following motion was passed with three opposed: *That the board ask our City Council appointed director, Councillor Cannon, to urge City Council to reject outright the proposed Salmon River flood plain mega-development, because of the risks it poses to the environment.* (Moved Mike Saul, seconded Ed Dahl)

18 Mike has been offered two **stuffed bald eagles** and it was agreed that we should accept this offer and that a tax receipt would be appropriate.

19. **Next Meeting** Wednesday Oct 22 at 7:30 pm.