

**NATURE BAY SOCIETY**  
**(Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)**

**BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Interpretive Centre, Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

**Present.** Ron Wedman (Pres.), Mike Saul (Treas.), Gary Lomax, Joyce Henderson, Gary Carder, Ed Dahl, Georgia McLeod (recording secretary), Ken Jamieson.

**Agenda.** No additions were made to the agenda.

**Minutes.** MOVED by Ron, seconded by Mike at the minutes of the June 17 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

**Correspondence.** The thank you note sent to Ready Mix has been returned. Ron will deliver the note by hand. **ACTION:** Ron

**Treasurer's Report.** Report circulated for the 6 months ending June 30. Income is \$2637.45, expenses \$6413.24, for a deficit of \$3775.79. Brochures and wages are the main items which have lead to the deficit. Smaller t-shirts, suitable for children, will be ordered. The AGM expenses included Dick Cannings' honorarium.

**Membership report.** We have more than 250 members at the moment.

**Bird report.** 137 adult grebes and 62 young grebes have been sighted by the mouth of the Salmon Arm River. Canary grass growth prevented nest building along the shore. Discussion took place about with the feeling that the grass doesn't flourish in deep water, and is not detrimental at this point. Crested cormorants and Caspian terns have been noted on Christmas Island.

**Interpretive Centre report.** Mike reported things have been going very well, with many drop-ins. Cam now works 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. A new donation sign for the gate will be erected. Joyce reported that the brochures will be translated into Mandarin and Cantonese (and one other language?) by the tour companies that work with the Prestige Inn.

**Trail report.** The clearing went well. Rain orchids have been observed on the trail. Discussion took place about the flooded section and the need to make sure it is safe for bikes. DFO is processing our request to raise the trail. **ACTION:** Ron will talk with the City about adding a few inches of sand to the trail. It was suggested that warning signs be posted.

**Trail raising.** Discussion about the merits of raising the trail. It was felt a raised trail will increase usage. MOVED by Ron, seconded by Mike that it is o.k. to raise the trail. CARRIED with two abstentions. The City of Salmon Arm is responsible for the section closest to the island (DFO approval is in the works), SABNES is responsible for the far end near the Raven subdivision. A boardwalk could be an option and would be more likely to please DFO. **ACTION;** Ron will reply to the Greenways request for a letter describing our position.

**Buoys report.** Four buoys have been installed, and more will be required next year. We will apply for \$1800 for 6 buoys in 2010. Joyce commented that the Community Foundation may have money available for buoys and operating the nature centre. **ACTION:** Joyce will investigate.

**Bird platform for Jannink Park:** deferred to fall meeting.

**Fund raising:** Mike reported on the fund raising company that is looking for our business. We can join and pay a subscription, make applications, and if we do not receive any money within a six month period, we have our money refunded. They provide a list of grant giving foundations, and the database can tailor the search to nature. The data base also shows amount of grants which have been awarded. They provide assistance in writing proposals. We have to establish what we want money for, then submit our application after contacting the grant giving organization to see if they are receiving requests. Ken reported the Regional District is proposing to acquire a grant writer, and the City is offering office space, but this is not likely to happen this year. The Board felt we would not subscribe for more than two years. Mike will obtain references, which we hope will include a similar society operating in the Interior. **ACTION:** Mike. Mike will also consult with Hanna, Tom and Tim. If Mike obtains good references, he will bring the issue back to our next meeting.

Discussion about revenue from the WebCam – which is to be 15% of ad revenue. Ron will contact Scott and ask for our money. **ACTION:** Ron

General discussion about SmartCentre's plans to fill their site west of town. Ken reported that the City is aware of what is happening, that Highways owns the fill, and they can legally dump. The area apparently could now all be defined as wetland as the buildings have been removed. The City has the authority to enforce environmental regulations.

Next Meeting: to be September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 unless required sooner, will keep you posted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.