

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society held Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m., SABNES building, Salmon Arm.

Present: Ron Wedman, Chair; Mike Saul, Joyce Henderson, Georgia McLeod, John MacVicar, Gary Carder, Ed Dahl, Gary Lomax, Hanna MacKay, Ken Jamieson.

1. Ron called the meeting to order. Two additions were made to the agenda: (1) SABNES working to get the 24 acres Smart Centre can't develop moved to Nature Trust (2) report on a conversation with Elaine Gustafsen of the Department of the Environment.

MOVED by Hanna, seconded by Gary that the September 9 minutes be adopted.
CARRIED.

2. Correspondence:
 - John reported that on Wednesday, October 28, he will lead a Grade 1 and 2 class on tour and would like to use the SABNES scope and the Centre. Discussion took place with the feeling September and the spring are good months to tour the area. A note sent to the schools in April that they are welcome to tour the foreshore was recommended.
 - An e-mail from the Trail Alliance people has been received. They have funding to create signs for SABNES and will contact us for location and appearance of the signs.
3. Mike reported on the finances, and circulated a copy of our most recent financial statement. \$2762 has been received from the Federal Government, which represents summer grant money. Sales at the Piccadilly Mall were good and about \$800 was put in the bank. It was decided that 20 each of small and medium t-shirts (blue, with the large logo) would be purchased for Christmas season sales. **ACTION:** Hanna
4. Memberships: nothing to report.
5. Bird report: Ted Hillary is helping to prepare a report by Wayne Campbell from the Biodiversity Centre for Wildlife Studies on Clarke's Grebe and would like photos of the Bay. Ron is sending information to Ted, and anyone else is welcome to do so.
6. Interpretive Centre: The water has been turned off and Ed will put antifreeze in the toilet bowl. **ACTION:** Ed. Ron reported that after the break and enter, the roll shutters have been re-erected and are now nailed in place, the bars are yet to be installed, the banner is stored. The new computer is at Mike's house. It was suggested that a motion light be installed on the outside of the Centre.
7. Trail report: Discussion took place about the outhouse. Apparently this item will be mentioned in the consultant's report (the qualified environmental professional hired to evaluate raising the trail). The consultant's report (by Bill Rublee) is tied in the City of Salmon Arm's report, and this report is waiting for DFO approval. MOVED by Joyce, seconded by Mike that the outhouse be pumped this fall or in April – whichever is recommended by the pump out people. CARRIED. **ACTION:** Ken will ask the City of Salmon Arm Public Works Dept. about pumping out. The lock at the gate will have to be replaced and it must be a city lock. **ACITON:** Ken will look after the lock.
8. Buoys: will be removed soon. Gary Lomax, Ron, Ed and Mike will do this, hopefully this weekend. (Note Oct 27/09 – the buoys have been retrieved and will be stored at Ed Dahls place for the winter)

9. November 20 event at the Art Gallery was discussed. Title of the evening will be “the Beauty of Our Bay” and will be an opportunity for the public and SABNES members to show off their work. There will be refreshments, membership sales, t shirt sales and stories of the bay. **ACTION:** Ron will contact Tom Brighthouse to be M/C. Joyce will be M/C if Tom is not available. T-shirt, post card and bay photo sales: Monica Dahl. DVD projector: Ed Dahl. Joyce will contact Ian James. Georgia will contact Dave Harper for stories (5 min. max.), Jillian Jezersek and Jim Hoskins. Hanna will contact Clive Bryson, Jeff Benson and Fred Bird. Gary will contact Ted Hillary for stories. The tasks of inviting James Murray and corporate members were not assigned. DVD presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Tri Boards for photo displays: Ken. Ad in paper and note to Barb Brouwer: Hanna. E-mail members and phone non-members: Joyce and Hanna. Gary will mention the event at the Naturalists Meeting. Coffee/goodies: Hanna, Ron. The evening will start 7:00 p.m. on November 20. Gary will open the Gallery at 5:30 p.m. The evening will consist of a 15 minute mingling session, one hour presentations, then goodies and membership sales.
10. The newsletter was discussed: it will be a single page. Items to include: summer student, break and enter, Ann Ball being a super volunteer for the centre, and the Naturalists covering the centre for 2 hours on Saturdays.
11. Discussion took place about the Smart Centre and 24 acres they cannot develop below high water. The feeling was this makes sense as Nature Trust already owns land in the area. Smart Centres could donate to Nature Trust and get a tax receipt. We will let this issue rest until we know what happens with the area.
12. CASSSA auction: MOVED by Mike, seconded by Hanna that we donate a t-shirt to the event. CARRIED.
13. Elaine Gustafsen of the Department of Environment would like to meet with us. We will meet informally with her next time she's in the area.

Next Meeting: November 18, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.