

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society held Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7:30 p.m., SABNES building, Salmon Arm.

Present: Ron Wedman, Chair; Mike Saul, Georgia McLeod, Ed Dahl, Gary Lomax, Don Parks, Hanne MacKay, Tom Brighthouse.

1. Ron called the meeting to order. There were no additions to the agenda.

MOVED by Mike, seconded by Gary that the agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

MOVED by Mike seconded by Gary that the October 21 minutes be adopted. CARRIED.
2. Correspondence:
 - We have received \$250 from the Lady Striders.
 - A change of address was received from Frances Laws.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - The bank balance (chequing account) stands at \$5,342.78 as of December 31. The mutual account stands at \$5,488.06.
4. Tom has applied to the City of Salmon Arm for grant money; Mike will inquire about the status of summer student grant money. **ACTION:** Mike
5. Membership report: we now have over 260 members.
6. Bird report: Swans are in the bay. 72 species were observed during the Christmas bird count.
7. Interpretive Centre: Discussion took place about improvements to the centre, including finishing off the window repairs, a striker plate on the front door, and a motion sensor light. Bars may be installed over the window, as it provides necessary ventilation during the summer. The improvement for the year will be devising a system to keep the building cool during the summer.
8. Trail and walkways: Some frost heaves have been observed on the tower trail. We need more gravel on the muddy sections near the gate end of the trail. Ron will approach the City, as it will keep their access in good shape. **ACTION:** Ron will contact John Rosenberg of the City. Some wooden planks on the walkways need replacing. **ACTION:** Ron and Gary will tour the area. Discussion took place about the dog sign. A newspaper article will be generated in the spring about the importance of dogs not being in the area. **ACTION:** Tom. A metal sign indicating dogs not allowed (the same as the last one), will be put in place in late March or early April. **ACTION:** Ron. There was some discussion about the status of the lock for the gate. **ACTION:** Ron will ask the City. The outhouse will be pumped. Tom will arrange the pumping after talking with Ken Jamieson. **ACTION:** Tom.

Tom has submitted an application for \$2,500 to the Community Foundation (City of Salmon Arm funds). A letter requesting another grant will be made to the Salmar. **ACTION:** Tom. Discussion took place about security for the building – a budget needs to be developed. **ACTION:** Ron and Gary.
9. Buoys report: We apply to the Salmar for funding and wait for the money to be in place before acquiring more buoys.
10. February 5 Trail Alliance Dance and Auction: We will donate a t-shirt and photo of the island. **ACTION:** Ron.

11. January 14 Greenway Meeting.
Tom reported the meeting was interesting, and a lakes committee has been formed.
12. Watershed Week April 18-24. Discussion took place as to whether or not to join the Watershed people, which is a SEAS initiative. The feeling was we operate a nature centre, and individuals are free to join the organization. The purpose of the week is to promote awareness of the watershed, and that we could have the nature centre open that week. Ron will e-mail further information once it is obtained. **ACTION;** Ron. Discussion took place regarding the SABNES logo being placed on the watershed map currently being produced by the DFO. The cost is \$100. **MOVED** by Ron, seconded by Gary that we donate \$100 to the production of the map. **CARRIED.**
13. Water Group: Discussion took place about our relationship with Water. The feeling was the group has been effective in getting its message across. It was felt individuals could support Water, and that as a group, SABNES would support their findings.
14. AGM – Mike will look into booking the last Friday of May at the Art Gallery. Bruce Runciman of the DFO was suggested as a speaker. We could tie in the official opening of the Centre with the AGM. **ACTION:** Mike will find an appropriate date and book the Art Gallery. Discussion also took place about a slide picture presentation for tourists at the Prestige.
15. Officer positions: No one is interested in being President.
16. Trail clearing: will be performed before May. A date will be set after Gary and Ron do their walkabout. Hanne will send a card of thanks to retiring Board person Gary Carter. Discussion took place about recruiting new Board members.

Meeting adjourned 9:09 p.m.