

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society held Monday, March 8, 2010, 7:30 p.m., SABNES building, Salmon Arm

Present: Ron Wedman, Chair; Mike Saul, Georgia McLeod, Ed Dahl, Gary Lomax, Monica Dahl, Tom Brighthouse, Geoff Benson, Joyce Henderson. Guest: Elaine Gustafson, Ministry of the Environment.

1. Ron called the meeting to order. There were no additions to the agenda. Ron introduced Elaine Gustafson, Parks Division, Ministry of the Environment.
2. MOVED by Mike, seconded by Gary that the minutes of the January 26 meeting be accepted as circulated. CARRIED.
3. Discussion took place with the members present explaining to Elaine how SABNES receives its income and the role of volunteers in operating the centre and the trail. SABNES manages the waterfront on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment and is therefore considered part of the provincial parks system. Elaine indicated money is very tight now, with the Ministry working on their own trails. SABNES must contact the Ministry of the Environment if they are performing trail changes. Elaine explained her role and the role of the Ministry. She is available for information regarding the land base and how the government can be of assistance. The MOE has been working with the Shuswap Trail Alliance in the area. Elaine was invited to hike the trail and have lunch with some of the members next time she is in town, and was invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report: Mike gave his report. Income \$230.00, expenses \$309.36 (\$100 to SEAS, \$183.75 for Canada Post box rent, \$25.61 WCB). Our current bank balance is \$5273.20 and we have \$5488.06 in the money fund. An application for a summer students has been submitted. Elaine indicated Thompson Rivers University may be a source of students as it conducts a Natural Resource Management Program. Elaine will obtain further information about this and forward it to Ron. **ACTION:** Elaine
5. Correspondence: There was no correspondence to read to the meeting.
6. Membership report: No activity to report in this area.
7. Bird Report: Ron gave a brief history of the pole in front of the Prestige Inn. None of the promised money has materialized as a result of this venture. The existing nest will be dislodged this week to avoid it being taken over by canadian geese. 207 Trumpeter swans have been noted on the bay, which is a record.
8. Interpretive Centre Report: Gary and Ron have been talking and have set ventilation and security as the top priorities for improvement to the centre.
9. Grant applications: The Salmar has denied our request for funds. Tom will approach the Credit Union, and it was suggested that TD Canada Trust may be a source of funds as well. **ACTION:** Tom
10. Discussion turned to the priorities for the coming year. The trail repairs/upgrades list was circulated. The priorities appear to be ventilation and buoys. SABNES brochures were given to Elaine, who will take them to the public domain – likely Herald Park – to give to visitors. The state of the outhouse was discussed, with the feeling we need a new wood structure. We are not in violation of the riparian area at the present location. Tom will pursue pumping out the outhouse with Ken Jamieson. **ACTION:** Tom. Elaine volunteered to find plans on toilets, as well as locate spare parts or a panabode shell. Mention was made of the Yard Creek outhouse. **ACTION:** Elaine.
11. It was reaffirmed that dogs are not allowed on the SABNES trail – it is part of the agreement with the Nature Trust. This will not be brought to the attention of the City as we don't want to make an issue of the matter.
12. Watershed Week: We will have the Centre open a few hours each day, and conduct bird tours down the trail.
13. AGM ideas: Ron will contact Elaine and ascertain the name of a speaker for the AGM. It was also suggested that someone from TRU could speak on the tourism aspect of the bay. **ACTION:** Ron

14. AGM: Directors are elected for two years. Tom and Joyce will ascertain who is up for re-election and survey individuals regarding their intentions. **ACTION:** Tom and Joyce. **ACTION:** Tom. Ron will be retiring as President.
15. The Young Naturalists will be using the Centre on March 13, which is fine with the Board.
16. Joyce and John Henderson will clean the birdhouses. Discussion took place about roosting poles. Gary and Ron will obtain estimates for ventilation and security for the centre.

Next Meeting: April 13, Tuesday. 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.