

NATURE BAY SOCIETY

(Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: Interpretive Centre

Date Wednesday July 9, 2008

Time 7:30 pm

Present: Ron Wedman (chair), Mike Saul (treas), Gary Carder, Gary Lomax, Hanne MacKay, Ed Dahl, Hank Shelly and Tom Brighouse (Sec).

1. **Minutes** of June 11, 2008 were adopted as e-mailed.

2. Communications:

a) letter to the Mayor thanking him for taking the time to open the Centre and celebrate the twentieth anniversary of SABNES.

b) letters to fire department asking for help with the bird blind in Peter Jennink Park. Permission from City to get help from the fire department. Since then the worries of local residents seem to have subsided.

No action contemplated for the moment.

c) Cards were sent to the City and the Maple Reinders company which provided the concrete for the gate installation.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (see attached sheets). Current Account \$2,615.67. Money Market \$10,319.25. Mike and Joyce will look into the possibility of a Lotto grant.

4 **Memberships.** Usually we send out an appeal for memberships at this time of year. Ed may contact Elizabeth to plan a campaign. It was suggested that the first priority should be overdues and new businesses. An up to date list of corporate memberships should be displayed at each end of Raven Trail and at the Centre.

5 **Summer staff** and the Interpretive Centre. Holiday trips meant that several members have had to share supervision duties. Hanne is willing to take on the rest of the summer along with Gary C and Mike. The staff should have only one person giving instructions. For this reason ideas from Board members should be channeled through Hanne.

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6 **Fireworks.** Ed gave a report on the Canada Day fireworks. In spite of discussions at the meeting with the committee preparing the display, the agreements as to safeguards for the wildlife were not met on the night itself. A report was presented and approved indicating that SABNES would not approve any future firework planned during the sensitive season.

Wording will be e-mailed to the board members for suggested changes and then forwarded to the Daybreak Rotary Club with a copy to the City.

7. **Maintenance.** Ron announced that Saturday July 18 will be the date for a work bee for maintenance work. Gary L. reported that John Rosenburg had contacted him about improvement of the trail by the City Crew. Gary and Ron will arrange a meeting with John to plan the work.

8. **Web camera.** Mike will contact Scott Neumann to get an up date on advertising sales.

9. **Signs.** Signs for dog owners should be placed at each end of the Raven Trail. Since several bus loads of Chinese tourists walk the waterfront each evening during the summer a future project could be to arrange for signs in Chinese explaining the natural values.

10. **Web site.** The site seems to be working satisfactorily and we appreciate D'Arcy's work.

11 **Decision making committee** for the summer. Ron and Mike would handle matters arising before the September meeting so that no August meeting is planned.

12 **Algae bloom.** During the discussion of possible contributing factors to the problem might include the increase in slaughtering waste being composted and placed on the fields. The Environment Management committee might investigate the increase and changes in methods of disposal of this sort of waste during the past decade.

13 **Grant application.** Tom had received quotations for two brochures (at 5000 copy level) and had applied for a grant of \$4420 to the Shuswap Community Foundation.

14 **Visibility and visitor numbers.** The banner had been ripped in a wind storm and is being repaired. More advertising through all the media, especially through posters and the community channel of TV.

15. **Estuary Trail.** Gary Lomax and Gary Carder attended the meeting of the Trail Alliance and the Native Bands to plan the Estuary Trail. Some progress was made with

willingness of the bands to continue with the project.

16. **Maguire Lake.** The Board expressed interest in building and installing floats in Maguire Lake for the waterfowl nesting and for the Painted Turtle sunbathing needs. Grebes. Ed reported that as of this week there had been 17 families observed with 31 young counted. Some nests, possibly replacements for nests lost by wave action, are still with eggs.

15 **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7:30 at the Interpretive Centre.