

**LILLOOET NATURALIST SOCIETY    Minutes – Annual General Meeting – February 16, 2008**

**Present:** Vivian Birch-Jones, Ian Routley, Jeff O’Kelly, Ursela Stephane, Ken Oakes, Scott Bodaly, Greg Kamenka, Kim North, Cathy Arthur-Stathers, Susan Brown, Anne Heath, Bill Spencer, Rod Webb, Nancy and Lionel Leston, Lindsay Hillocks, Paul Ehni, Bob Deadman, Bruce and Mary Jaffary

**Regrets:** Maschers, Eleanor Routley, Eleanor Wright, Doug Grossler, Olivia Flynn-Goméz, Ken Wright

**Minutes:** Jeff O’K

1. Call to order – 1:13 P.M. (On display: bat and owl-houses constructed by Cayoosh Kidz – thanks to Ken Oakes!; also available were the most up-to-date versions of Lillooet area bird checklist)
2. Welcome, introductions and regrets.
3. Agenda adopted with additions under “New Business”: update on powerhouse project, discussion of Independent Power Projects (hereafter referred to as “IPPs”) – put forward at request of Doug Grossler, Rivershed Society, Sustainable Living Leadership Program (SLLP), Earth Day, Breeding Bird Atlas.
4. Motion to adopt minutes from 2007 AGM (Ken/Ian). Carried.
5. Business arising from previous minutes:
  - Hiking guide – There’s a need for updates on some of the trails and addition of some new ones in the next edition. Some of these have already been made in Vivian and Kim’s master copy. We have no “system” in place for responding to out-of-town requests for the guide, but Vivian has been responding as they come up.
  - The Term deposits at the Credit Union were not staggered as suggested at the 2007 AGM. Not an urgent problem.
  - We now have our own domain website ([www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org](http://www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org)). Ken and MJ are making updates to the site as necessary. Many thanks to them for their great work.
6. New Business:
  - Financial Report presented and reviewed. Motion to accept (Scott/Kim). Passed.
  - Many thanks to Anne Heath for another generous donation in 2007 to the society!
  - Presentation of President’s report. Motion to accept (Jeff/Anne). Carried.
  - We agreed to make no changes to our membership fees for this year (\$25/yr. for either an individual or a family). Of the \$25, the LNS receives \$11, B.C. Nature gets the other \$14 but two of those dollars go toward liability insurance.
  - Election of Directors. There were no nominations or resignations. Current directors were re-elected unanimously as a slate.
  - Motion to approve up to \$500 in the 2008 budget toward Chris Galliazzo’s maintenance costs of the Harry Purney Bluebird Trail (Anne/Jeff). Carried
  - The \$500 which has been allocated toward the book Ken Wright is working on about birds of the Lillooet area remains available.
  - Ken Oakes believes the cost for maintaining our own domain for the website is about \$104/yr. Motion to budget \$120 for this year (Jeff/Ian). Carried.
  - SLLP: Motion to set aside a maximum of \$1000 toward sponsorship of one or more students who wish to participate in this program, provided they give us a presentation on it afterward (Anne/Kim). Carried.
  - Earth Day is April 22 this year. The Lillooet Peace and Ecology Group have booked the Friendship Centre for activities, meetings and presentations on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Rod Webb invited the LNS to take part. We hope that we can organize or at least take part in a nature walk (associated with the “Walk for Peace”) – perhaps at the Powerhouse site in the morning, or on the next day (Sunday).
  - IPPs. Much discussion of this issue. A lot of people are concerned about the large number of IPPs that have been proposed in this area. It was agreed that the LNS should put together an educational presentation on the subject inviting representatives from various concerned parties to attend including the provincial government, SLRD, the industry, local First Nations and possibly some others. For the present, Jeff and Vivian will write a letter to the SLRD and provincial government expressing concern (Bill

Spencer to provide Jeff and Vivian with background info). Up to \$500 budgeted toward this forum. Kim North will take the lead in organizing.

- B.C. Nature spring meeting. Ian and Vivian have registered for this and will be attending on behalf of LNS but as always other members are invited and encouraged to attend. Vivian will take the resolution about steady-state economy to the B.C. Nature meeting.
- Ian gave an overview of the Breeding Bird Atlas project and asked that anyone interested in covering an area in the Lillooet region get in touch with him.
- The Rivershed Society of B.C. wants to bring an educational component to the B.C. interior and may be bringing it to Lillooet in 2009. If you're interested in helping, please talk to Kim North.
- Powerhouse Project report. The BCRP has agreed to funding this project up to \$150,000 for this year. We have also received \$2,340 from the provincial government and another \$1,800 from B.C. Nature. Thanks and "Bravo!" to Kim for all her hard work. However, she does need an "advisory council" once the actual work begins which will include representatives from several interests. Jeff or Scott will represent the LNS.
- The next Christmas Bird Count will be held on Dec. 28 this year (Sunday). The night before, some combination of Ken, Ian and Jeff will give a presentation on local birds for those interested.
- The Walking Club may have some surplus funds available to donate to LNS. Anne will find out more about this when she attends their meeting in March.
- Cayoosh Kidz ([www.cayooshkidz.net](http://www.cayooshkidz.net)) have produced some relevant videos (wildlife trees, bears) which are on their website. Ken will be adding a link to our site on their webpage.
- This spring Scott Bodaly, Chris Galliazzo and Doug Grossler will hold a bluebird box building bee. Anyone interested contact one of the three of them.

7. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M. after which we had tea and cookies and discussed wildly optimistic plans for this year!

- Geology – Susan Brown has contact for a presentation;
- Butterflies – we already have contact with David Threatful in Vernon;
- International bird slideshow and talk – Nancy Leston's stepson;
- Presentations from current BCRP research projects – e.g. Bridge River birds, Grizzlies, Mule Deer;
- Jeff talked about creating a CD of local birdsong in partnership with Radio Lillooet)

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**AGENDA February 22, 2009 Lillooet Naturalist Society AGM**

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions
2. Review and approval of agenda, additional items?
3. Review and approval of minutes AGM 2008 / business arising from minutes.
4. Annual report – Vivian
5. Financial report - Ian
6. Call for directors – current directors willing to continue / new directors welcome
7. Membership renewal
8. **Upcoming for 2009**
  - Kim – Powerhouse
  - Chris – Bluebirds
  - Ken – Christmas Bird Count
  - Ian – Breeding Bird Atlas
  - Tim – Sturgeon
  - Greg – Chilcotin
  - Vivian for Jacquie – Wetland creation June 24, 2009 at Cayoosh School
  - Vivian for Toby – Young Naturalists
  - Vivian - BC Nature Camp at Lillooet September 2009
  - other wildly optimistic plans.....adjourn at 12:00 noon