

NATURE BAY SOCIETY

(Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society)

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Interpretive Centre

Date: Wednesday April 23, 2008, 7:30 pm

Present

Councillor Debbie Cannon, Hanna McKay, Joyce Henderson, , Ed Dahl, Gary Carder, Gary Lomax, Ron Wedman (chair), Mike Saul (treasurer), Tom Brighthouse (secretary).

The minutes of March 19 2008 were adopted.

Correspondence

E-mail re SABNES web domain. D'Arcy McLeod now has his name listed as contact for the web site after we were requested to renew our web domain..

Letter re Western Ridged Mussel

We are asked to report sightings of this mussel which is considered endangered and is therefore being studied by the University of Victoria.

Treasurers Report

Mike reported \$9,891.48 in the Bank Account and \$10,126.91 in the Money Market as of March 31, 2008.

Staffing the Centre

John MacVicar. Tom was authorized to ask John to start on Saturday May 3 working 8 hours per day at weekends. Other days in the week would depend on need.

Summer student and grant. No word so far. Volunteers might fill the bill if a student grant was not available this year. John will be asked to organize volunteers.

The board agreed that the staff should be easily identified by some garment bearing the SABNES emblem. The staff will be asked for their input after which Joyce will decide. Hanne and Gary Carder will arrange to advertise, interview and hire if the grant comes through.

Fred Bird's Limited prints of Christmas Island.

Mike reported on sales so far. Prices \$25 and \$40 (mounted).

Membership

Corporate cheques were coming in very slowly.

Web Cam and advertising sales

Norm Embree has agreed to sell advertising and the campaign will begin soon. Meanwhile the most interesting part of the osprey spring activities is upon us.

Bird blinds.

Almost immediately SABNES board had considered not replacing flammable bird blinds, the district works crew had repaired the remaining blind.

Centre wall rearrangement.

Ed, Ron and Gary Lomax had done a fine job improving the display area of the Centre. The rest of the Board were impressed. Renewing the lighting was discussed with no decision.

New Gate

A work party was scheduled for Friday May 2.

Tree planting

Joyce explained why she has decided to delay planting till the fall. She indicated the locations chosen.

Visibility

Ron is authorized to spend \$260 (plus or minus) on a banner to be mounted on the roof of the centre.

Opening Celebrations

Saturday, May 31, 2008.

Subsequent to the meeting Mike indicated this year is in fact the twentieth anniversary of the founding of SABNES.

Newsletter to announce celebration

Ron will organize a newsletter to be sent out in time to announce the Opening Event.

Buoys

One crew of dragon boaters is willing to help put out a number of temporary (cheap buoys (bleach bottles) in time for the boating/nesting season.

Fireworks

After considerable discussion Debbie was authorized to take the message to council that SABNES is concerned about fireworks near the grebe nesting (wherever the lake floods the grassy area) but that, if fireworks are allowed they should be near Sandy Point where the natural values are less critical, ie fewer nesting birds.

Post Cards

Joyce is authorized to spend funds to produce multiple copies of three post cards for sale at the Interpretive Centre. The board selected two osprey cards and one grebe card.

Supervisor

Tom brought up the need for a supervisor for the Interpretive Centre this summer. Mike, Hanne and Joyce agreed to spell each other off to permit each one to take trips.

Next Meeting: Wednesday **May 14 2008** at 7:30 in the Interpretive Centre.