



Annual General Meeting
LGMGIS Kiosk
June 19 2023
6-8pm

Present: Alexis Thoo, Patrick Farmer, Judy Guichon, Katharine Shewchuck, Murphy Shewchuck, Wayne Schindler, Bruce Beech, Liis Jeffries, Gerry Sanford, Jill Sanford, John Anderson, Kate Anderson

This hearty group gathered in the rain and started with Subway Sandwiches and cookies and our opening circle.

The Agenda was accepted.

New Business: Update on kiosk area and maintenance for pit toilets

Last Years minutes read aloud and accepted.

Report from Chair: Captured in the notes below.... This was an oral report

Read aloud.... And discussion along the way.

We had one meeting at the Civic Centre in October 05/23 where “compassionate communities” was brought forward, an off shoot of Hospice.

Jill elaborated on this initiative and reported the local Hospice Office has moved to the Hospital.

Judy spoke about her visit to the Margery Snowden Hospice House in Kamloops.

John attended the 3 day Water and Fish Restoration Forum put on by local First Nations in March and spoke to the evolution of Bands managing the overall care and attention to water and land issues. Resulting from this forum a huge “to do list” was created... with a lot of paperwork but also some projects. Mapping and fencing for FN lands, planting 10,000 trees....

Discussion about changing Governance with FN

Conversations and importance of listening and respect going forward is needed.

Discussion about the Guardian Program where FN people are being trained to be relationship builders on the land (not enforcement officers) more like walking educators and eyes on the land use activities.

Financials: Presented by Jill Sanford. Our expenses for the year were \$2,034.64 *this included 2 years of maintenance fees for LGMGIS

Our bank balance is: \$10, 209.32

Accepted by consensus.

LGMGIS:

Student Field trip a success.

Nicola Stock breeders donated \$500 towards the day which paid for some nets for the pond station and supplies (including pepperoni for the kids at the ranching station!)

- Talked about the ongoing research at the site along with studies done in the past. We had talked about these studies being available on our website. Kate will look into this.
- Platform infrastructure and walk ways: some of these are failing. Bridge plank was replaced (maybe by Greg?) on the Harry Sanders bridge. The Platform continues to shift.
- Wayne and Bruce agreed to be a subcommittee and investigate this and make recommendations &/or just do what is needed. If the platform needs replacing, it may be modified to not be a dock but more of a lookout... they will report back if they need anything.
- HUGE shout out to Gerry Sanford who is the quiet presence maintaining and managing the site.
- Jill is negotiating with the Caretaker at Lundbom Lake(This was confirmed on June 20,2023.)

Directors:

The following people have agreed to be directors: Jill Sanford, Bruce Beech, Wayne Schindler, Judy Guichon, Patrick Farmer, Kate Anderson, John Anderson, Al MacKay-Smith and Harold Joe.

Directors agreed to having Jill Sanford be a signing officer along with Judy Guichon and Al Mackay-Smith.

G to G (Governance to Governance) discussion lead by Patrick Farmer on where and what is happening with this process.

- Managers are Ministry of Forests and Indigenous Leaders (WALRUS)
- The objective to have **Indigenous** Laws incorporated into a shared decision making process with Government around land and water and drought responses.
- This process started 5 years ago with the Province and Bands working together to understand water. The 3-year pilot project is now a process to continue on.
- Comments noted that this process was intended to be transparent but there has been little (or no?) public input with this process. Stakeholder engagement (ie: Ranchers with water rights) are not part of the process. Nonindigenous communities need to understand the process. This is a new process, and it is moving slowly.
- There are some projects happening. One is a Beaver Dam Analogue. There are no Beavers in the top of the watershed, so there is a project to weave willows and build small berms at the top of Howarth Creek (and elsewhere) and eventually to relocate Beavers for maintenance of these structures. Nicola Cookhouse meeting on June 22, 2023 at 1pm for information, all are welcome.
- Water storage – future water storage: G to G is into projects that have been on the back burner.
- BC Cattle Association’s position remains to not lose anymore storage and advocate for additional storage where possible.

The importance of listening and being heard, respect and dialogue was a resounding message as to what this process involves. This too is the premise of the NWCRT.

Always, good conversations and dialogue! 😊

Closing Circle at approximately 8pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kate Anderson.