

Columbia Lake Stewardship Society

Annual General Meeting

October 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Columbia Ridge Community Hall

Meeting Minutes

This AGM covers the period from October 16, 2021, to October 1, 2022.

1. Call to Order and Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by board chair Nancy Wilson.

2. Confirmation of Quorum:

Board Members present in person: Nancy Wilson, Pat Silver, Tom Symington, Bill Thompson

Board Members present via Zoom: Tom Dance,

Board Member Regrets: None

Program Coordinator: Leah Downey

Guests: Cesar Fuertes (via Zoom), Kevin Stromquist, Tess Moffat, Magdalena Palka, Chris Palka, Mary McGovern

Confirmation of Quorum: Five board members in attendance: Nancy Wilson, Tom Dance, Pat Silver, Bill Thompson, Tom Symington. There is a quorum in attendance.

3. Agenda: Addition: Question Period

4. Adoption of 2021 AGM minutes:

M/S Nancy Wilson/Pat Silver that the minutes of the 2021 AGM be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

5. 2022 Financial Report: Treasurer Pat Silver

Summary of 2021 income and expenses:

- Grant income of \$51,938 was almost double 2020's of \$27,669
- Donations of 14,550 were more than double 2020's of \$5,700

Summary of larger 2021 expenses:

- \$5,250 fees for consultant who coached the board in strategic planning
- \$12,147 for wages for education and outreach coordinator
- \$8,131 for wages for summer student for outreach and education
- \$7,973 for a fish study

- \$6,086 for water quality and quantity testing and equipment.

The year 2021 ended with a surplus of \$23,399 carried over to 2022 programs.

Summary of 2022 income so far: Jan 1-Sept 28:

- Grant income of \$55,498, higher than 2021
- Donations of \$4,479

Summary of larger 2022 expenses so far: Jan 1-Sept 28:

- \$35,685 Wages for education and outreach - coordinator and summer student
- \$1,523 Accounting fees
- \$1,699 Insurance

A surplus of 2022 income over expenses of \$10,283 remains to be used for the balance of the year or carried forward to 2023 programs.

Discussion: Tom Symington reported that that Columbia Lake Stewardship Society Endowment Fund with the Columbia Valley Community Foundation has reached and slightly surpassed the threshold of \$10,000 this year. CLSS should start receiving a payment from this fund in 2023.

M/S Pat Silver/ Tom Dance that the Financial Report for 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried.

6. **2022 CLSS Annual Report** – presented by Leah Downey, Program Coordinator.

Posted on the CLSS website.

7. **Proposed Activities for 2023** – our proposed activities for 2023 are outlined in detail in the 2022 Annual Report (posted on the CLSS website).

8. **Other Organizations:** Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners (CWSP); Lake Windermere Ambassadors (LWA); East Kootenay Invasive Species Council (EKISC). See the 2022 Annual Report for details on our work with these organizations.

9. **Election: Board of Directors** - The following members volunteered to let their names stand for re-election to the board: Nancy Wilson (Chair), Tom Dance (Water Quality Coordinator), Pat Silver (Treasurer and Communications Coordinator), Bill Thompson (Water Quantity Coordinator) and Tom Symington (Secretary). Cesar Fuertes of Canal Flats and Calgary is willing to be a director-at-large. There were no other nominations.

M/S Nancy Wilson/Tom Symington that the slate of candidates be approved. Carried.

Board chair Nancy Wilson extended a warm welcome to our new board member Cesar Fuertes.

She also thanked our full-time employee Leah Downey and our wonderful 2022 summer student Lucas Fuertes for their hard work on behalf of CLSS.

10. Question period: There were no further questions.

11. Comments from RDEK Area F Director – Director Clovechok

Director Clovechok was not in attendance

12. **Adjournment:** M/S Nancy Wilson/Bill Thompson that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

13. **Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

A lunch catered by The Local Coffeehouse at Fairmont was enjoyed by all in attendance following the AGM.

Thank you to everyone who attended.