

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

Board Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
David Stewart's office in the Langham

Present: Honora Cooper, President; David Stewart, Past President; Barney Gilmore, Secretary; Aiko Jackson, Treasurer, Peter Jonker, and Joe Johnston

Regrets: Catherine Whitehead, Vice President

The meeting was convened: at 5:00 p.m. by Honora

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by David. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2019: Moved by Aiko. **Approved**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report: Since our March meeting our Operating Account was debited \$29.40 for an advertising invoice. It received 5 cents interest. And so it currently shows a balance of **\$3,205.36**. The Treasure Hunt account received \$220 in donations and shows a balance of \$479.63. \$205 of this balance will soon be forwarded to Osprey for the Treasure Fund and for issuing charitable receipts to the various donors. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Aiko. **Approved**

CORRESPONDENCE: One final report on 2018 grant activities was received, from the Library. And to date six grant applications for 2019 have been received.

SPECIAL REPORT: re the Vancouver Foundation Dawn was unable to meet with us as had been planned. She is still in Vancouver. Her report will be delayed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Disposition of our latest income from our Van Foundation rebates. After much discussion the Board decided to hold back \$2,000 of this money for potential needs this year, including in particular our intention to top up the Treasure Fund to a total of \$2,500 if it has not already passed that total at the time the Treasure Hunt concludes. Joe moved then that \$2,000 be retained for this purpose and the remaining \$6,497.64 be deposited into our general endowment fund. **Approved**

2019 Treasure Hunt update. Barney reported on the continued progress in readying for the Treasure Hunt opening at our AGM in June. Honora reported that her earth day event (her seniorhood) on April 22 will mark the opening of publicity for the Hunt. Barney noted that Pennywise publicity will start in May and posters for the event should be ready this week for display in May.

Update re grant applications and planning. Six grant applications are in hand and the deadline for all further applications will occur in less than two weeks. The plan is that all applications will be copied by Honora, with help from David, on April 29th. The grant committee will meet on Saturday May 4th at 9:30 a.m. at a room to be decided, possibly in the Hospital Conference room, as it

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was last year. Confidential copies of all applications will be distributed to grant committee members as soon as available. The committee will include most of the Directors, and probably Elaine Toffan from previous years, and M.L. Thompson. Barney will send the working spreadsheet, for allocating grant awards from our various funds, to the Grants Committee members as soon as that can be created.

Update on website administration & configuration, with additional Board member. Peter advises us that Mike Campbell does not currently have sufficient time to volunteer to our Board. After further discussion of potential Board members it was decided that we will wait until after the AGM before looking further for someone to help round out the skills of the board. **Honora** will explore the potential for a high school student who might have many of the web skills that we would like, and who would be a helpful Board member going forward.

Status report on our Community Facebook account. Aiko reported that over 200 people have read and/or “liked” our CFNKLS Facebook page. She has posted information about the McKinnon student Bursary that is open for application. She urges all Board and CFNKLS members to visit this new Community Foundation of North Kootenay Lake Facebook site.

Status of the Neighbourhood Small Grants Initiative. Honora and Catherine applied to open up our participation with this auxiliary grant awarding initiative. Our application went in before the deadline. We are currently awaiting the results of this application and more details about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

CFNKLS participation w/ Osprey in the RBC Future Launch [youth?] Grants. There was considerable discussion surrounding what participation in this program might help us achieve and require from us. It was generally agreed that more youth initiatives are something we would like to facilitate. The “rules” for participants, and the rules governing the “Vital Conversations” that will be expected, will only be announced in May. Until such time, decisions surrounding our participation will be on hold. It was moved by Joe that CFNKLS go on record with Osprey that we currently approve in principle moving forward with our possible participation. **Approved.** **Honora** will let Tina (at Osprey) know of this decision.

The Giving Circle concept and its potential local applications. The nature of this concept for encouraging new donations was discussed in light of some difficulties we might experience in adequately administering and arranging such a project. As it stands we already have three funds that rarely receive new donations each year, so creation of a new, competing fund, one that might not have many relevant grant applications fitting its criteria, seems inappropriate for us at this time. We are blessed by having a relatively large proportion of our fund assets in our General Fund, interest from which can be used wherever the need appears. **Honora** will talk to our members at the AGM about our various funds and those that are less often donated to. The Giving Circle concept might be possible for doubling donations to one or two of our smaller funds.

Consideration of a new Strategic Planning Session in October, with Osprey. Honora has noted that we have achieved most of the goals set at our last CFNKLS Strategic Planning event, held about five years ago. There may be reasons to consider this work again, and Osprey is offering a chance to look at this with them. Osprey will be picking up the costs. Not all directors need to be

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involved this time, at least at the October meeting in Nelson. The Board then approved this concept in principle, and will try to have at least a few of our Board attend.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled: Our next meeting will be held on Thursday May 16th, this time at 5:15 p.m., at David's office in the Langham.

Adjournment: Occurred at 6:10 p.m.

Barney Gilmore
CFNKLS Secretary