

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE

**Board Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.
David Stewart's office in the Langham**

Present: Honora Cooper, President; Catherine Whitehead Vice President; David Stewart, Past President; Barney Gilmore, Secretary; and Peter Jonker

Regrets: Joe Johnston and Aiko Jackson, Treasurer

The meeting was convened: at 5:13 p.m. by Honora

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Honora with one addition. **Approved.**

Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2019: Moved by Honora. **Approved**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report: Aiko emailed the following report to the board before the meeting. She reported that in our operating account we earned 4 cents interest and so our closing balance is \$3,234.71. We received \$1,000 from the CBT for our Board Education fund in 2019. That deposit was made but there was an earlier \$2.50 charge when the account dropped below a minimum level, leaving a balance of \$997.50, available for our dispersal later.

CORRESPONDENCE: No Correspondence was received since our last Board Meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Consideration of potential additions to the CFNCLS Board. Peter interviewed Mike Campbell and reported that he would likely be willing to join our Board. Mike has recently moved to the north end of the lake from Yellowknife. He was the technician for Mac computers for the entire north for a time. Mike then worked as the IT-person for Hamill Creek Timber Homes, and now works out of his home for a company that provides online IT trouble-shooting service to businesses.

Aiko was to contact Greg Quimby, but has not reported the result of that enquiry. Honora informed us that Donna Butt would not likely be available before this fall if we wanted to invite her to join. After some further discussion those present reached a consensus preference that Mike Campbell be invited to our next Board meeting if and after Joe and Aiko were to agree as well. This would permit us to put his name forward at the AGM for the vacant seat at our Board.

2019 Treasure Hunt update & funding arrangements for [see also New Business] Honora reported that a link now exists on our CFNCLS website to the Treasure Hunt website. Barney reported that the 2019 version of the Treasure Hunt website is now fully updated and visible on that website at <https://nkltreasure.wordpress.com>.

Status of grant applications forthcoming The information on the web is ready for applicants to use, but so far no applications have been received. David's posters have been printed and members

of the Board will be distributing them this week. The website list of eligible grant-types will be updated to match the more complete list on the posters.

Update on website administration and management Honora reported that all links have been established. There still exist announcements about the 2014 and the 2015 AGMs that are long out of date and should be removed. These will be removed.

Status report on our Community Facebook account In the absence of Aiko, this item was deferred to our next meeting. David was helping Aiko with this, but is having trouble accessing Facebook.

Status of the Neighbourhood Small Grants Initiative Honora reported on the imminent deadline for applying to the Vancouver Foundation to match our designated funds for these potential projects. She and Catherine will fill out the required forms very soon to meet the required deadline.

NEW BUSINESS:

Press Release. The draft press release for this year's grants was edited at this meeting, and will go out soon.

Disposition of our latest income from Van Fndn rebates The Vancouver Foundation rebates this year have totaled \$9,020.65. Honora has suggested that a portion of this total might be made available for putting into the Treasure Fund, to go to a charity that is selected by the Finder of the Treasure Box. She also suggested that, should we have a surplus of un-awarded grant funds this spring, some of that surplus also might, with Osprey's blessing, be given to the charity selected by the Finder, i.e., in effect, be added to the Treasure Fund just before the AGM. Barney was concerned, given this latter situation, that any grant applicant whose request was denied or sharply reduced, might feel we did so in order to favour our own Treasure Hunt project: indulging thus in a conflict of interest. He was concerned that the Osprey Board, who must approve our grant awards, might take this view too.

After discussion it was decided that **Honora** will clarify with Osprey whether we might (a) use a portion of our rebate funds to put into this year's Treasure Fund, and (b) apply any part of any surplus left over from grant awards to the same charitable purpose. She will ask Tina under what conditions the Osprey Board would approve either such action by our Board. Pending answers to these questions we will decide at our next meeting where to direct our rebate funds.

Consideration of current Fund totals, and their futures Honora explained to the Board the Osprey report as of this spring regarding (a) new donations to each fund, (b) the current total in each fund, (c) the interest received from each fund, (d) the administrative fees from Vancouver and Osprey deducted from that interest, and (e) the final amount available to CFNKLS to award this year from each fund. This may be reviewed further at our next meeting.

Additional Remarks by members of the Board David shared copies of the Poster advertising this year's grant application cycle. It is a very handsome poster, and David was thanked.

Honora mentioned that Earth Day this year will occur on April 22nd. She noted that some people do not wish to have personal gifts on holidays and birthdays, but are happy to have charitable donations made to a charity of their choice on such occasions. Honora's 65th birthday (a not insignificant one)

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will be on or near April 22nd, and will occasion a large party, encouraging donations to the CFNKLS Treasure Hunt. A donation box will likely be at this fine party.

Next Board Meeting Scheduled: April 15 at 5:15 p.m. at David's Office in the Langham

Adjournment occurred at 6:10 p.m.

Barney Gilmore
CFNKLS Secretary