

Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake

Draft Minutes

February 23rd, 2026 via Zoom

In attendance: Honora Cooper, Catherine Whitehead, John Cathro, Lorna Lynch, Penny Yeo

Guests: Rachel and Eden from Osprey - Presenting on Neighbourhood Small Grants, Nelson and Area, this is the 6th year the program has been available to individuals. They screen shared a history of the program and total disbursements to date. Vancouver Foundation and Osprey provide the funding, and the program is guided by ABCD principles (Asset Based Community Development)

There has been some confusion, with our local Small Grants program, and our name for this needs to be modified on our website.

Meeting convened: 4:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve: Lorna. All in favour.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve, Honora. All in favour.

Correspondence: Emails have been received with Rachel and Tina plus a zoom call re granting period and review of grant application. 2026 Affiliates gathering May 2nd. Emails received from Eden. Valley voice re small grants ad. CBT call re CFNKLS receiving \$50k donation to the general fund. Zoom application for non profits. Final project reports coming in online. Osprey paid the Valley Voice ad.

Old Business: Membership list, Penny will update the Board on all her work on this. She will receive the next quarter from Tina, and will be able to finalize it for the next Board Meeting. Lorna has sent a scanned copy of her conflict of interest form to Honora.

Treasurer's Report: Penny

Social Media: Pauli is now our administrator.

New Business: Website update, are board members all receiving emails from cfnkls.info? Advertising to be discussed.

Regional gathering with affiliates - Saturday May 2nd.

Time line for grants March 1st, who will serve on the grant committee. Currently, Honora Cooper, Catherine Whitehead, Lorna Lynch, and John Cathro from the board, and Cheryl Sword from the community has confirmed. Dawn Lang will be contacted.

An article has been sent to the Valley Voice. We meet May 3rd to finalize recipients.

Small Grants: - none since last disbursed. Catherine has a new application that was submitted by Karen Pidcock for Climate Action Team. Catherine will circulate the letter for all to review.

Discussion regarding clarification of our local Small Grants funding. John Cathro will correspond with Rachel regarding the Rebate Fund, and monies available to apply to our local small grants. He will report back to the Board and share the information, to ensure an informed decision.

Advertising Grant Cycle.....An article has been sent to the Valley Voice. We meet May 3rd to finalize recipients.

We now have a CFNKLS Zoom account.

Next Meeting: Date: March 16th

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 5:02 pm.