

MINUTES OF THE PETE'S LAKE WATER USERS SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
BY ZOOM – Thursday, November 18, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS –Patty Biro, Doane Grinnell, John Martin, Barbara Smith, Jonah Spiegelman, Jayn Tyson

GUEST: Andrew Fall

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE – Terry Theiss

CALL TO ORDER – 9:31am

Minutes of the previous meeting had been approved via email.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Andrew Fall Regarding Grant Possibilities:** Andrew attended the board meeting to offer advice to the board about how to approach the qRD regarding grant possibilities for infrastructure work on our water system. We will move forward on designing a project once we start to receive data from the in-line water meters. Many thanks to Andrew for his useful ideas.
2. **Sign at Barge Ramp:** The sign that qRD put up defining appropriate water use has been removed. M/S Barbara/Doane that the qRD be notified of the removal of their sign at the ramp and the ongoing unauthorized use of the water. Passed.
3. **Follow-Up with William Shulba regarding the Lasqueti island Healthy Watersheds and Drinking Water Project:** We will contact Mr. Shulba to be sure that we leave the door open for future assistance.
4. **Membership Agreement & Cover Letter:** These documents are being updates for distribution to the membership as of November 30.
5. **Updates**
  - a. **Inventory:** Pachel and John did an inventory in September.
  - b. **WorkSafe BC:** We have been covered since 1993 and payments are up-to-date.
  - c. **Maintenance:** A couple of repairs occurred recently. Seaborne accidentally cut one of the 2" lines near the Teapot Corner. Pachel did the repair, and Seaborne paid for it. There was one other small leak along Main Road going towards Spring Bay from the Teapot House that was repaired. Don MacDonald recently removed a stump that was blocking the culverts at the lake, because water was running over the tops of them. As of yesterday, one culvert is totally clear, the other is slightly obstructed but flowing. Mainroad Contracting is responsible to keeping them clear – they have had their hands full recently.
  - d. **Trailer repair:** No one has been found to do it, so it still needs to be done.
  - e. **Meter installation:** Anneliese and Julia were hired to do the digging. The solar array and battery are in place. The wire is installed from the solar array to the meter site. The meter sensing units have yet to be installed. The project is more than 90% of the way there. Once the meters are installed, we will begin to receive data about how much water we're using. That will allow us to move forward on deciding about infrastructure projects.
  - f. **Coastal Water Suppliers Association (CWSA):** Barbara wants to attend the virtual annual conference. The title of the conference is "Adapting to the Chaos of Climate Change and Drought." Motion: M/S John/Patty that we reimburse Barbara for the \$150 registration fee for the annual CWSA conference. Passed.
  - g. **Small Water Association:** The website is gaining usability; it is still in the Beta phase. John hopes it will be a good network for us to gain info from others. As soon as it's live, he will be posting questions and seeking input.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Back-Up for Pachel:** The board will be seeking to hire a back-up person for Pachel.
2. John will send a link to all board members so they can see the results of our water testing.

Adjourned 11:20am