

FoKLSS 2021 AGM Meeting Notes

- Reminder – maybe change brochure to say KL is third largest natural lake in BC

Election

- This year- Elizabeth Quinn stepped off board.
- Kelsey Baerg has also recently stepped down.
- Continuing board members
 - Chad Luke
 - Allison Lutz
 - Rory Ghallagher
 - Swami Sukhananda
 - Greg Utzig
 - John Betts
 - Martin Carver

Candidates:

- Tina Deenik- Recent Nelson resident – completing Masters in Earth and Environmental Science at UBCO. About Tina:
 - in 2015 graduated from University of Guelph in Wildlife Biology
 - Worked for Parks Canada in aquatics program
 - Moved to Kelowna – worked as Environmental Consultant for 3 years – Natural Resource Biologist
 - Decided to do Masters at UBCO – Thesis = using LIDAR and remote sensing to map wetlands in the Okanagan – able to do remotely from Nelson
 - Moved to Nelson year and half ago
 - Interested in FoKLSS because Nelson is small – recognize importance of giving back to community – FoKLSS is great way to do that
 - Space to help and contribute
 - Great networking opportunity to meet new people who have equal passions and interest in the natural world
- Ben Simoni: Outdoor educator. About Ben:
 - Also doing masters at UBCO
 - First time he met Kootenay Lake was when his sister was at the Ashram – stayed there for a week
 - Spiritual connection to the lake – love recreating on the lake
 - Huge life source that we get to connect with every day
 - Live in Nelson
 - Bring educational facilitation experience
 - Bring knowledge on environmental management and human and natural systems

Election decision

- **Election by acclimation** – more positions than candidates – do not need formal vote – election concluded by acclimation. Welcome Tina and Ben to the board!

- **Vote to accept financial records:** Accepted by Swami Sukhananda, Tina Deenik, Allison Lutz, Martin Carver, and Greg Utzig (all through Zoom chat)

Questions:

- Tina: Is Love Your Lake connected to Foreshore Inventory Mapping?
 - No
- Tina: Surplus budget of \$45,000 – available for projects or for emergency funding?
 - Surplus is tied to projects and programs – e.g. SSK habitat restoration – Need carry over to continue work and finish program. Will spend money by the end of the program.