

Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society
Board of Directors Emergency Meeting
Tues, Aug 29, 2023 1:30pm via ZOOM

PRESENT: Martin Carver, Chad Luke, Swami Sukhanada, Greg Utzig, Ben Simoni, Camille LeBlanc, Gwen Dell’Anno – ex-officio

ABSENT: Rory Gallagher, John Betts, Tina Deenik

To discuss the Cash Flow shortage coming quickly at FoKLSS

- CEBA loan integrated into General fund - How did we come to this? Likely needs to be answered at the next Board meeting
 - CEBA Money was supposed to be kept separate so this didn’t happen and NOT touched

- Gwen reviewed list of ‘asks’ and updated on current status.
 - RDCK – spoke with Garry Jackman – said there’s not much in Discretionary funds, but he gave a list of the Community Development \$ still available in each area

		left in fund	ask	for	whom	rec'd to date	for
A	S arm incl e shore	35,808.30	5000	WQM	Garry Jackman	2695.96	osprey, beach cu, summit
D	n arm	115,524.35	10000	WQM, osprey	Aimee Watson	0	
E	w arm, s shore + Harrop	142,433.66	10000	Harrop wetland	Cheryl Graham	450	osprey, beach cu, summit
F	w arm, n shore	29,010.35	5000		Tom Newell	5927.94	osprey, beach cu, summit, Bonav
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- Thurs is submission deadline for next RDCK meeting for projects to be presented to council (if we want them on the agenda for September 14th meeting)
- Normally would be 3rd Thurs of the month - so Oct 19 would be next one
- Area A – ask for top-up for WQM - \$5000 Garry seemed very supportive
- Area D – gave us nothing – ask for total \$10,000 - \$5000 for Osprey and \$5000 for WQM (mostly for staff time) – Greg suggested he could make this call and pitch for us
- Area E – ask for \$10,000 (they have lots) - Gwen has a bit of repoire with Cheryl – will contact to see about topping up the Harrop wetland fund, again mostly staff time; could also make a case for some community involvement and informal training such as a ‘Meet the wetland” (and recruit volunteers to do ongoing monitoring and

maintenance; which Oleksandra would already like to do anyways); can also say I'm investigating the Milfoil study as a possibility for next year's funding

- Area F – call Tom – they have already given more than most; but can make a case for maybe a \$5000 top-up split between osprey monitoring, summit and beach cleanups
- Gwen will submit grant applications for Thursday afternoon deadline, once narrative refined
- Need to refine our narrative around the ask
 - FoKLSS is doing great work around / for the lake at a very cost effective rate
 - The world has gone upside down; significant staff turnover has contributed
 - Many grants applied for; some were declined and others at lower funding levels than requested; plus inflation of cost of implementation and the need to increase staff wages to keep staff has left a deficit in the coverage of staff time required to meet our project deliverables well
 - We need short-term support to make it through a rough spot so we can plan to move forward
 - We are in the process of applying for Charitable status – will change funding prospects moving forward
 - Would give staff time to build financial systems to support Charitable status and adopt industry best practices
 - Are looking for local priorities to support and collaborations for the future
 - What projects could you incubate (ie. Up-front funding so that we can develop)
 - Looking at the possibility of RDCK providing ongoing CORE funding – maybe \$10,000 per year – talk to Sangita (for next year)
 - Also, we are initiating a fund raising campaign
- LLC – in addition to above message – our work is complementary to Living Lakes objectives – Camille will present to LL – ask for \$10,000
- Eco Canada – wage funding for Oleksandra – Gwen applied on Aug 25 – takes 10 business days for response - \$15,000
- Fortis BC – Gwen has a call arranged for Thursday with Blair Weston – ask for \$10000
- Suggested we not take CBT off the list, but not much hope – ask for \$5000?
- Alison at Selkirk College – likely not funding but checking with her how to work together collaboratively in the future to include students in our work – volunteerism and/or project work of some kind
- GoFundMe – Jesse will look at putting together the campaign – ask for \$15,000 – again need messaging refined

- Maybe look to some of our local supporting organizations to help us with the publicity around this – like Kootenay Lake Sailing Club – Camille can help Gwen put together a list around this

- Regarding CEBA loan – we need to make this a priority to be paid back by Dec 31 (current deadline) so we are not taking on \$40,000 debt – perhaps if we are close to that point by year-end individual Board members may consider topping up so that we can make this happen

- However, lots of good ideas presented to be acted on going forward

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm