**7/10/2024 FoKLSS Board Meeting Notes**

Attending: Sukhananda, Ben Simoni, Melanie Mobbs, Lily Feedback, Alanda Greene

**Agenda**

**1. Updates**

**2. Draft Plan Response & Discussion**

* missing or extra?
* budgets?
* roles, timelines?
* funding?

**3. Next meeting**

**1. Updates** (Sukhananda)

* **Social media**: more than 1500 saw the June 20 meeting notes, 35-40 responded positively and Blair from Fortis forwarded them with a “this is good” comment.
* **Contact made from:**
  + Four potential volunteers who are willing to contribute effort, if we can be clear what the tasks are
  + Storm Lennie 9a Nelson Reporter) would like to help get the word out

How do we most use or get the best effort from those who want to get involved?

* **Current membership numbers**: 55.
* **Financials:** Ben:
  + FoKL’s bookkeeper has finally updated the books. We will now switch to either QuickBooks online or using an alternate bookkeeper who maintains financials with QB.
  + ACTION: Ben will speak to David this week the cost of the bookkeeper he mentioned (used with Nelson United) and compare cost.
  + Updated accounts sit at about $6000; monthly expenses for storage locker, software, insurance, Gwen’s time.

**2. Draft Plan**

* **Funding:**
  + Ben reiterated the need to establish secure funding. (We need staff.) BC Gaming Grants and others are now coming out. Do we have a volunteer team to do the grant submission? BC Gaming can be non-project grants and perhaps assign enough funds to get us going.
  + Sukhananda mentioned that in talking to funders we need projects to show that “we’re in business” – small ones like beach clean-up, Kokanee Creek Park (need to check with David who mentioned this, as to what he had in mind). We could get some volunteers – eg, those working with youth. Others? These could put us in a position to apply for grants to lead larger projects later
  + ACTION: Melanie will look at FoKLSS accounts with Ben and Gwen.
  + ACTION: Lily is willing to lead beach clean-up. She will look at Harrop wetlands project this coming week, take photographs. The work FOKLSS did there is showing success – a good news story.
  + ACTION: Melanie will call the CBT coordinator to discuss which grant applications might give the best fit for funding.
  + ACTION: Sukhananda will contact Paris about who Melanie should best talk with in the RDCK
* **Charitable Status**
  + Top priority for many types of funding but will take time.
  + need for a push of people to be involved to coalesce and move forward
  + need a funding start, short term, to get moving with the goal of charitable status asap. This process requires AGM ratification.
  + need to resolve unfiled tax question?
  + ACTION Melanie will check with Gwen on this information
* **FoKL Summit**
  + will require much of our finances
  + Melanie will contact Martin as to his involvement
  + Summit could be in fall; Juliet Craig of Kootenay Conservation is hosting a 2-day Summit in October. We would want to avoid scheduling a summit close in time to that.
  + ACTION: Sukhananda will circulate the information about that – so that we don’t clash
  + ACTION: David will check with Fortis as to funding a summit
  + ACTION: Sukhananda will send out a request to members needing to renew and invite new members
  + need to determine who might like to be part of organizing.
  + Who might we want to invite? What kind of presentations? We brainstormed
    - Lily suggested possibility of using Harrop Wetlands project – data on before and after
    - Robin Louie – Indigenous presentation
    - Susan Simard as presenter – knowledge on influence of forests and logging methods
    - *Big River; Resilience and Renewal in the Columbia River* – David Moskowitz and Eileen Delehanty Pearkes
    - Lily knows grad student who had good presentation on work with floating wetlands as method of using plants to take up contaminants.
    - ACTION: Lily ill get more info to share
    - Influence of shoreline development on fish stocks
    - development control to protect shoreline, loss of unspoiled edges

**Committee Possibilities**

* Charitable Status: Sukhananda, David, Gwen
* Finance: Ben, Melanie (Greg?)
* Board Development: This is an interest of Melanie. There is CBT funding for this.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 16: Nelson, Rotary Shelter at Lakeside Park,**

**12 noon – 2pm – Bring your lunch.**

**Preparation: reflect on Draft Plan document David submitted**