

LRISS 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes



Where: Virtual on Zoom

When: May 4, 2021

Time: 1:30-4pm

Participants

Name	Title	Organization
Sue Senger	Chair	LRISS
Bill Spencer	Treasurer	LRISS, Yalakom Ecological Society
Mandi Rogers	Vice-Chair, President	LRISS, Lillooet Livestock Association
Gerald Michel	Director, Councillor	LRISS, Xwisten
Sarah Petznick	Executive Director	Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society
Geoff & Karen Playfair	President, Directors	Lillooet Naturalist Society, Bridge River Valley Community Assoc-Trails Committee, Lillooet Off Road Cycling Association, Tourism Lillooet (Karen only)
Sal Demare	Area A Director	Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)
Vivian Birch-Jones	Area B Director	SLRD
Ried McTavish	Range Agrologist	Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, Cascades Natural Resource District
Rachel Whitehouse	Range Agrologist	Cascades Natural Resource District
Coleen Hougan	Invasive Plant Management Coordinator	Thompson Nicola Regional District
Clare Greenberg	Executive Director	Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council
Jacque Rasmussen	Executive Director	LRISS
Louise Pederson	Executive Director	Outdoor Recreation Council of BC
Lisa Scott	Executive Director	Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society

AGENDA:

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review
2. Speaker #1: Louise Pedersen, Executive Director
3. LRISS 2020 Activities – Jacque Rasmussen
4. Speaker #2: Lisa Scott, Executive Director, Okanagan and Invasive Species Society
5. AGM Business
6. Round Table Partner Updates
7. Wrap-up.

1. Welcome & Introductions: Sue Senger & Jacquie Rasmussen

Acknowledgement of the St'át'imc Territory by Sue Senger, LRISS Chair.

Review Agenda:

Changes to Agenda? None – Motion passed to adopt agenda.

2. Speaker #1: Louise Pedersen, Outdoor Recreation Council

Louise Pedersen gave a presentation about the ORC, outdoor recreation in BC and the advocacy work the ORC is for responsible outdoor recreation in BC. The website link is [HERE](#)

Q&A

Mandi Rogers: Speaking as a cattle rancher, president of the Lillooet Livestock Association and Member of the BC Cattlemen's Association I would like to know if the BCCA is part of this organization? Also, is your group working on issues that face our industry in regards to livestock issues on both crown and range lands such as harassment of livestock, destruction of crops and damage to fences, gates being left open etc. Does the best practices your organization include enforcement? Tenure holders have large tenures. Need for education for recreation users to think of livestock when recreating.

Louise: This is an outstanding item of the BC Trails strategy. BCCA is not a member of the ORC. The ORC is making a special category for groups that are not necessarily outdoor recreation-based but a supporter organization. This could be a membership option for BCCA and LRISS.

Sal Demare, Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), Area A Director: He addressed Mandi and said he will discuss her input with the BRVCA to see if they will include now to interact in recreation that is respectful of livestock operations on range.

Gerald Michel, Xwisten: Gerald expressed concern about the public. They need to be educated. Tourists and recreationists have increased in numbers so much in our region. There were 3 animal attacks last year.

3. Jacquie Rasmussen, P.Ag, LRISS Coordinator

Jacquie gave a presentation that summarized the activities of LRISS in 2020. This is based on the report that was produced outlining these activities in more detail.

The 2020-21 report is on our website www.lriss.ca

4. Lisa Scott, Okanagan & Similkameen Invasive Species Society

Lisa gave a presentation about climate change and invasive species and 2 tools created in the Okanagan to assist with the prevention & management of invasive species: the [Okanagan Invasive Species Online](#) website and [Building Climate Resilience in the Okanagan: A Homeowner's Resource Guide](#).

5 AGM Business

Review of financials: Bill Spencer.

**All financial documents are found at the end of these minutes.*

Balance Sheet and Income Statement presented by Bill Spencer.

In kind contributions: Approximately \$1850 about 84.5 hours.

Questions

None.

Motion Passed to adopt the financial report as stated above.

2020 Minutes

Actions from previous year: NONE

Motion to accept the minutes from 2020 - Passed

Election of the Board of Directors: Run by Sue Senger and Jacquie Rasmussen

Positions that are current:

Mandi Rogers, Matt Manuel

Positions to be renewed this year:

Travis Peters, Bill Spencer, Sue Senger & Gerald Michel– Bill, Sue & Gerald have accepted to let their names stand again before this meeting.

Travis will be stepping down due to other commitments

Nominations from the Floor:

None

All were accepted and passed by the membership.

6. Partner Updates

Bill Spencer – Yalakom Ecological Society, LRISS Treasurer: Bill has been living in Lillooet area for 45 years. He is a founding member of LRISS. He's been involved in land use planning tables and the issues in the area for decades. He is well-connected in the community and wants to protect the ecosystems and biodiversity. This is why he is part of the LRISS Board and volunteers his time to remove invasives. He weed wacks a hoary cress site on highway 40 every year since it was first discovered. He is adamantly supportive of the title and rights of the St'át'imc.

Sal Demare – SLRD Area A Director. He let the group know that there will be information stations coordinated by the Bridge River Valley Community Association to educate people about a variety of topics when living & playing in the Bridge River area. LRISS is involved in this initiative and the education will include prevention of invasive species. He was the Chair of the Trails committee. He'd like to have a Bear Aware and Invasive training again in the future. He will talk to Sue Senger and Jacquie Rasmussen about coordinating a session. He wanted to mention that the BRV has a Bear Aware Coordinator sponsored by Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear initiative. It is Kenneth Walker who lives on Marshall Lake.

Vivian Birch-Jones – SLRD Area B Director and past-President of the Lillooet Naturalist Society. She is a huge supporter of LRISS. She continues to advocate for the treatment of Hoary Cress and coordinate treatment on Pine Ridge Road where she lives.

Sarah Petznick – Executive Director for the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society. LAFS works with LRISS on promotional information (sharing information to our membership) as well as Sarah recently was hired to work on our new website. LAFS is working with LRISS on the HUB model that includes shared resources for not for profits as well as a shared working space. Previously occupied by Mel's Place, the HUB was approved to be managed under the Lillooet Learns Society and LAFS and LRISS are intending to rent space in this building.

Rachel Whitehouse – Range Agrologist, MoFLNRORD, Cascades Natural Resource District. Rachel's position does not have any funding for invasives for this year. She is interested in the work that LRISS does with regards to manual removal.

Ried McTavish – Range Agrologist for Lillooet area, MoFLNRORD, Cascades Natural Resource District. Ried reviews Range use plans and tenure areas. Ried is very supportive of our program and is always on the look out for new invasives when he is traveling the Lillooet range tenure areas.

Partner Updates continued

Clare Greenberg – Executive Director, Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council: SSISC’s field program has already begun. They have a number of projects and you can see what they are working on by looking at their website. Clare works closely with Jacquie on a variety of activities and collaborations.

Gerald Michel – Lands & Resources Department, Councillor, Xwísten, LRISS Director. Gerald is a founding member of LRISS. He started work on invasives in 1982.

Mandi Rogers – Lillooet Livestock Association President, LRISS Director, LAFS Director, SLRD Agriculture Advisory Committee member. Mandi stated that invasives do impact our food supply. Burdock and Hounds’ tongue are the key species of concern for her range tenure area. She does annual removal programs for these species.

Geoff Playfair – President of the Lillooet Naturalists’ Society, Lillooet Off Road Cycling Association (LORCA), BRVCA – Trails committee. In his capacity with all of these groups, Geoff assist’s LRISS to give our outreach information/articles etc to those members and post them to various social media channels.

Karen Playfair – Tourism Lillooet, LORCA, BRVCA-Trails committee, employed by Tyax Adventures: Tourism Lillooet is aware of the PlayCleanGo messages and also wants to incorporate these messages into any program that Tourism Lillooet will implement. Tyax Adventures has been a supporter of LRISS for over 5 years and has a boot brush sign at their dock.

Sue Senger – Chair, LRISS, Biologist, Agrologist. On her property she is dealing with Hoary Alyssum, Burdock, and a variety of other invasives.

7. Wrap-up

Sue Senger, LRISS Chair: Thanks to everyone that were able to attend today.

If you have any questions moving forward, contact Jacquie or look at the website.

Please consider signing up to become a member and get our free monthly newsletter.

Motion to adjourn at 3:56pm was passed.

Adjourned at: 3:56pm

LRISS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society Balance Sheet As at 2021-03-31

ASSET

Current Assets

Gaming Equity Shares	6.21	
Gaming Bank Account	11,004.89	
Chequing Equity Shares	6.41	
Chequing Bank Account	8,303.70	
GST refunds accumulated	<u>7,409.19</u>	
TOTAL CASH		26,730.40
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,679.51</u>	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES		<u>1,679.51</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>28,409.91</u>

TOTAL ASSET 28,409.91

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Pre paid expense		0.00
GST Receivable	<u>-833.36</u>	
GST Owing (Refund)		<u>-833.36</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-833.36</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY -833.36

EQUITY

Retained Earnings

Retained Earnings	6,786.40	
Current Earnings	<u>22,456.87</u>	
Total Retained Earnings		<u>29,243.27</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 29,243.27

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 28,409.91

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**Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society
Income Statement 2020-04-01 to 2021-03-31**

REVENUE

Revenue from Funding

Habitat Conservation Trust Fund	4,570.00
Deferred Revenue	1,656.03
MOFLNRO - COORDINATION	14,000.00
MOFLNRO - OPERATIONS	27,500.00
MOTI	30,000.00
BC Hydro	6,500.00
ASETS funding	4,332.84
SLRD Service	32,142.50
CWRG Funding	6,857.01
BC Gaming Grant	22,023.00
Canada Summer Jobs	17,523.00
Lillooet Naturalists Society	1,533.48
Net Funding Revenue	<u>168,637.86</u>

Other Revenue

Bank Interest Revenue	15.32
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,926.07
Total Other Revenue	<u>1,941.39</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	<u>170,579.25</u>
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EXPENSE

Operating Expenses

EI Expense	827.03
CPP Expense	1,292.12
WCB Expense	55.55
Vac Expense	1,442.90
Bank Fees	0.00
Advertising	5,376.33
Equipment	1,061.09
Fees, Licenses, Permits	5,250.87
Meeting Expenses	162.50
Mileage - kms	5,643.23
Office and Outreach	4,494.80
Transportation	128.08
Contract - Equipment	1,750.00
Contract - Mileage	2,285.00
Insurance & Liability	0.00
Meetings-Do not use	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00
Subtotal	<u>26,151.90</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>29,769.50</u>

Wage categories

Coordination-Communication	5,399.19	
Coordination - Meeting	7,588.63	
Coordination - Planning	11,166.14	
Education & Awareness	29,342.36	
Inventory	5,596.75	
Treatment	6,383.25	
Monitor	3,558.00	
Data Entry	80.72	
Funding - Coordination	6,356.79	
Funding - Grants	2,206.32	
Reporting	1,713.04	
Survey	4,249.25	
Training	5,245.70	
Data Management	1,856.53	
Contract - Planning	630.00	
Contract - Survey	12,139.50	
Contract - Treatment	12,826.71	
Contract - Data	966.00	
Wages Stat Holidays	1,048.00	
Wages - Subtotal		<u>118,352.88</u>
Total Contract Wages		<u>118,352.88</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>148,122.38</u>
NET INCOME		<u><u>22,456.87</u></u>

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Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society: 2020-21 In-Kind Contributions

Volunteer or Organization	Activity or Resource	Estimated number of hours	Rate (if applicable)	Estimated Value
Volunteers	Pulling invasives on Picks falls trail	14.5	\$20	\$290.00
Naturalists Volunteers (3)	Pulling invasives on Lillooet Hydro Canal walk.	4	\$20	\$240.00
Ts'kw'aylaxw, Sekw'el'was, T'it'q'et, Tsal'alh, St'át'imc Government Services, Lillooet Tribal Council, Bridge River Valley Community Association, Lillooet Livestock Association, Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society, Lillooet Naturalists, Lillooet Volunteer Connect	Organizations posting monthly newsletters	42	\$20	\$840.00
Tourism Lillooet AGM	Event Organization	4	\$20	\$80.00
Lillooet Off Road Cycling Association AGM	Event Organization	4	\$20	\$80.00
Timber Supply Area Partner Meetings - 2	Meeting Organization	8	\$20	\$160.00
Seedy Sunday 2020	Event Organization	8	\$20	\$160.00
TOTALS		84.5		\$1,850.00