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Regular Meeting  
November 30, 2023  
Horsefly Library or Join by Zoom  
Horsefly BC

Minutes

<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
Chair Brian Englund	Lorena Tillotsen
Vice Chair Bill Lloyd by zoom	Ray Englund
Treasurer Helen Englund	Director Kirsten Saunders
Secretary Elaine armagost	Monika Schlepper
Sue Woermke zoom	Director Walters
Director Judy Hillaby by zoom	Dina Stephenson
	Richard Horgan
	Phil Hartman
	Jenny Noble

Chair Englund called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

**Adopt Agenda**

Director Englund Adopted the agenda Director Hillaby seconded  
Carried

**Adopt minutes**

Director Lloyd moved the minutes of the October 19, 2023 meeting be adopted,  
Director Hillaby Seconded  
Carried

**Financial Report**

Director/Treasurer Englund provided a financial update and Balance Sheet as posted below.

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*Our Mission: To be a catalyst to achieve and maintain healthy Horsefly community watersheds, through coordinated management of all resources, respect for all concerns and cooperative, positive action.*

**STATUS OF PROJECT FINANCES**

December, 2023

Project	November 2023	January 2023	Comments
General	\$1,543.87	\$1,543.87	
DFO/PIP	\$4,951.81	4991.81	
Troil/CRD	\$ 1,518.48	\$1,518.48	No change, cleaned up after festival.
Stream keepers	\$2,047.17	1400.45	Purchase of power pack, completed contract with PSF. \$ 496.72 has been sent back
Salmon Festival	\$4,625.25	\$4,625.25	Is actually much less about \$ 900. waiting for invoices
Archway/status	0	0	No change. Ceremony required.
Restoration	\$ 559.50	\$598.50	No change.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,326.08</b>	<b>\$14,741.11</b>	Balance with back statement

*We recognize that we are in the traditional territory of the Xats'ul/Cumstem' (Sula/Deep Creek), Tse'k (Williams Lake) and Tse'ispa' (Cumul Lake) people*

Director Lloyd moved to accept the Financial Report, member Woermke seconded Carried

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## Director/Committee Reports

### Director Hillaby **Salmon Festival**

#### **Vexilar Cameras**

Discussion: Contract complete, HRR should consider purchasing tether cable, Judy is owed for the Range Finder, and will resend the invoice. Brian will look for tether cables.  
Carried Forward

#### **Power Banks**

Final report has been submitted and approved for the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF) contract.  
Complete

#### **Final Kiosk Report**

Final report is submitted to Pacific Salmon Foundation.  
Complete

Director Armagost moved to accept Director Hillaby report and to authorize Chair Englund to purchase tether cables. Director Englund seconded.  
Carried Forward

### Directors Walters and Englund **Fisheries Sensitive Watershed Independent**

#### **Consultant**

Carried

### Director Englund **Watershed Restoration**

Nothing to report  
Carried Forward

#### **Forestry Open House**

Nothing to Report  
Carried Forward

#### **Josh Pressey Letter**

Nothing to Report  
Carried Forward

#### **Boardwalk on River Trail**

Nothing to report  
Carried Forward

Discussion was had around Licence Cutting Permits for McKusky and Archie Creek, with phenomenal input from Director Walters and Member Woermke, comments have submitted and will be shared with the membership encouraging folks to make their own comments.

Discussion was had regarding the Josh Pressey letter and creating a follow up.

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Director Englund moved that the report be accepted and that Directors Armagost and Lloyd create a draft follow up letter for Josh Pressey Chair Englund seconded.

Carried

Member Woermke                    **Danger Tree Assessment**

Member Woermke will try and get to the site Dec 1

Carried Forward

Director Saunders                **Salmon Egg Float Fundraiser**

Later in the meeting a discussion was had regarding a special dedication for the Fish Pole, it was thought that perhaps we can incorporate this with the Salmon Edd Float, perhaps a parade?

Carried Forward

Member Tillotsen                **Third Kiosk**

Carried Forward

**Tina**                                    **Jet Boats on the River During Spawning Season**

Carried Forward

Director Armagost                **Stream Keepers**

A Zoom meeting was held with Zoann Morton and Aline Lachapelle on November 22, 2023. Lots of information sharing and discussion around sharing data and training from MoF and Streamkeepers. There is a place for data entry on Streamkeepers, which was created through partnership with Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Province of BC. Aline compared a few surveys to what she had looked at from the stewardship perspective and was disappointed with the results after harvest. Also wishes to improve monitoring to suit a Fisheries Sensitive Watershed.

Zoann shared that stream keepers training is typically Modules 1,2,3,4,7 and 11 over 2 days with a group size of 12 and is willing to explore dates in May.

Aline offered to walk us through her riparian assessment and perhaps take a shot at doing a Module 2 assessment in advance of the formal Streamkeepers training.

As for Education for Children, many of the modules can be completed by children, Zoann has shared a letter to teachers. Attached here in correspondence

Discussion was around data integrity using the stream keepers data capture system. Director Hillaby is concerned with the data entry because we are in a wild watershed and are not urban.

Carried Forward

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### **Zoom Account**

Zoom has been purchased at a cut rate by HRR signing up to TechSoup, a company which offers hardware and software at a cut rate for not for profits. There are opportunities here for the membership to use the account as well.

Zoom was purchased and is set up as a Horsefly River Roundtable Account. We can use this to hold meetings amongst ourselves, for example, the third kiosk program would be a great candidate, as would Salmon Festival planning. And tracking annual commitments

Director Lloyd moved to accept Director Armagost's report, Chair Englund seconded

### **Old Business**

#### **Clean Drain and Dry**

Discussion: The Cheque has been sent. However, because Invasive Species are a huge risk to native ecosystems, the roundtable should re-invigorate the project. Aquatic hitchhikers are a giant risk to Horsefly River Watershed.

Chair Englund moved that Director Armagost create a cost estimate, project plan with DFO, private land holders, Recreational Forest Service boat launches and provincial boat launches in the area for posting awareness signage at key locations. Director Lloyd seconded  
Carried

Carried Forward

#### **Overnight Parking**

Discussion: DFO has been notified, waiting for reply.  
Carried Forward

#### **Community Forest**

Discussion: The application process takes about three years to finalize and it will be difficult to find a location. It would be a lot of work, but a really good idea. Len Teppema and member Woermke though the best location would be the Vunder Fire and its currently being logged.

Carried Forward

#### **2024 Projects**

Discussion: Outstanding items from 2023 are for Directors Englund and Armagost to apply concrete sealer to the Salmon and the outhouse floor.  
Carried Forward

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### **Forestry Timeline**

Vunder Fire, McKusky, Prairie Creek comments were submitted, Helen will email these comments to everyone.

Director Armagost made a motion that Directors Walters and Englund along with Member Woermke collaborate to prepare responses to Cutting Permit referrals to match the forest harvesting timeline. Chair Englund seconded  
Carried

### **Equipment Inventory**

HRR and Salmon Festival Committee have a room of equipment which needs to be inventoried and valued for insurance purposes. Director Englund is looking at taking this exercise on in January. As we explore Streamkeepers planning and training, this is a necessary exercise.

Carried Forward

### **New Business**

#### **Governance-Membership/Funding/Streamkeepers/Interior Watershed Task Force (ITWF)?**

Discussion we need to prepare some information around each of these tasks and present it to the membership.

Director Lloyd volunteered to manage our work with the IWTF, Directors Armagost and Englund will share contact information and make introductions. The IWTF is a coalition of NGO's, Agencies and Organizations since 2023. IWTF has a lot of contacts to help us in our FWS. UBC professor Younes Allia is an excellent person for helping with managing forest Licences. He is currently working on the Peachland watershed but is interested in looking at a Fisheries Sensitive Watershed. Director Englund will share Professor Allia's information.

Carried Forward

#### **Williams Lake Community Forest/Walmart Funding Applications**

We expect a response by Christmas from the Williams Lake Community Forest regarding our ask for \$3,000.00 with HRR contributing \$500.00 for a possible budget of \$3500.00

Walmart requires a tax number, HRR doesn't have one. Helen will work with our bookkeeper to get a tax number and file annual returns.

#### **Meeting Schedule/Frequency/AGM 2024**

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Tentative dates for 2024

January 11  
February 15  
March 21  
April 18  
May 16  
June 20 AGM  
July 18  
Aug 15  
Sept 19  
Oct 17  
Nov 21  
Dec 19

#### Correspondance

Letter of support for McKinley Creek Flow Structure which was established for a Gill disease that has since disappeared. Doing an assessment, Chair Englund shared a bunch of historical information with them. C&E enforcement has been involved, Chair Englund is looking for more information. Funding will come from PSF, the DFO is heading up the initiative.

Director Lloyd moved to Adjourn the meeting Chair Englund Seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

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