

BEAVER LODGE TRUST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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ITEM #	AGENDA TOPIC	TOPIC BRIEFING <i>Outline of Discussion/Presentation; Define Problem</i>	ACTION
1.0	APPROVE PREV. MINUTES	<p>Under 3.1 Simms Creek Stewards, change name of Lead to Tom Easton not Porsborg. No further changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Nuttall needs to phone Lyle as he will soon be retiring. We need to get a letter out. • Ron Burrell stopped by the MFR district office to discuss garbage pails in the Beaver Lodge Lands. 	
2.0	APPROVE AGENDA	Add under New Business: Beaver Dams and 'other'.	
3.0	OLD BUSINESS		
3.1	Simms Creek Stewards	Action: Tom to report back to the Committee regarding water retention storage area west of the ERT.	CARRIED FWD Tom Easton
3.2	Trial Maintenance	Action: Bob Dice will check the status of the ERT Road as an FS Road.	ONGOING Ron Burrell
3.3	UBC Research Project/User Survey	<p>Action: Each recommendation will be discussed in upcoming meetings. The final report will be coming out within the month so if you have additional feedback please take some time to review the draft documents and provide your input to Howie. Action: Bev will scan for accuracy, i.e. spelling and relay required changes to Howie.</p> <p><u>To be discussed at September meeting and what actions the BLTC can take to address the suggestions.</u> Recommendation #1 – reassert the role of the BLFL as a research forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise research opportunities in the BLFL. - Highlight research activities and outcomes. - Include recreation as a research priority. - Develop education/interpretative materials about the practice of forestry and the importance of continued research. 	ONGOING Paul Nuttall



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3.4	Community Development Trust	<p>Richard has been approved for an additional 3 months for this project and is submitting a request for an additional six months. Brushing and cleaning trails has been the focus. Danger tree surveys have been conducted on designated trails. Structures have been removed as identified by Ron Burrell at the last meeting. Ongoing clean-up of garbage. Trask Road to ERT Connector has been brushed out. Prevention/Education is critical to stop people from dumping grass clippings, invasive plants, etc. in the Beaver Lodge Lands.</p> <p>Suggest education start, as a minimum, around the harmful properties of invasive plants. Some education has already started by bringing information into the schools.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit article to the papers regarding plants and yard waste. • Write letter to BLLA neighbours relating to not dumping lawn clippings and waste into the BLLA. Greenways group offered to deliver the letters. • Waste yard pickup. Write letter to City Hall to make this a continuous program and do it right so it doesn't fly out of their truck. Include request to have more frequent yard waste pickup during the year. <p>Tony has been approved to move ahead with his ideas. Request that the 'Create Butterfly' idea be removed from the list of tasks. No access as a viewing area. Danger trees on Dogwood; high profile, press release coming hoping for federal funding.</p>	ONGOING Richard & Susan Mallinson
3.5	Mapping & New Trail Names	<p>Names can be tricky. Suggest themes on plants, beavers, trees or wildlife. Action: to be discussed at next meeting. Trail/Kiosk signs discussed and draft template presented. Changes suggested. The cost is \$550 to produce and install the signs by Al Grant Signs. Four signs requested. Funding source not yet determined. Action: Paul Nuttall and Ron Burrell will discuss funding source. DONE. Members present endorsed the template with changes.</p>	CARRIED FWD Paul Nuttall
4.0	NEW BUSINESS		
4.1	Volunteer Steward Program	<p>Application form template created to schedule people's time to have regular monitoring time to give out pamphlets. Need to educate the public. Quotes needed for volunteer training, i.e. conflict. High vis vests at printers for GLT. Promote awareness of the purpose of the BLLA. Focus is summer at this point.</p>	CARRIED FWD Paul Nuttall

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4.2	Proposal for Fire Hazard Abatement	Henry of Strategic Forest Management (SFM) presented a proposal to the Beaver Lodge Trust Committee. Due to increased concern with fire potential within the community and the Beaver Lodge Lands, SFM is proposing creating a fire abatement map for the Beaver Lodge Trust Lands. Pruning is suggested as one activity to stop fires from going from group to crowns of trees. SFM would provide the expertise but not able to fund this project. Suggest going to JOP or a variety of other funding courses are available. i.e. UBCM provides 50% of funding for planning and implementation. SFM in process of gathering letters of support from a variety of sources. Consensus is that this project is supported. Action: Paul Nuttall to prepare a letter of support to SFM. DONE.	CLOSED Henry Grierson
4.3	Beaver Dams	Beavers have been very busy; high water anticipated. Revising/rebuilding the bridge could be very expensive; bridge has suffered some damage. It is a matter of elevating the bridge. Problems were identified with getting equipment in to fix the bridge. Need to keep the beavers rather than taking them out. Perhaps putting in another culvert would solve the problem. Action: Engineering Department to look at this issue and resolve. DONE.	CLOSED Chris Petersen
4.4	Pond #3 Update	Excavating tomorrow (July 22/09). Butterfly pond has worked out nicely; still have some water in it. Suggest taking pictures and sending to local media and raising attention. Could also highlight Richard's work. Cougar sighting last week. Increased rabbits in the area. ATVs/bikes tearing up gravel pit on ERT Road. Anticipate increased usage with new access.	CLOSED Paul Nuttall
5.0	ADJOURNMENT	10:15 p.m.	
6.0	NEXT MEETING	September 15, 2009 (Tuesday), at 7:15 p.m. Ministry of Forests and Range conference room, 370 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, British Columbia, V9W 6Y7; Phone (250) 286-9300; Fax (250) 286-9490; Email: Forests.CampbellRiverDistrictOffice@gov.bc.ca	

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