

MINUTES OF THE PETE'S LAKE WATER USERS SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
BY ZOOM – Friday, January 21, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS –Patty Biro, Doane Grinnell, John Martin, Neil Matheson, Barbara Smith

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE – Terry Theiss

CALL TO ORDER – 9:32am

Minutes of the previous meeting had been approved via email.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Updates**

- a. **Canada Infrastructure Grant & Linda Greenan at the qRD:** Neil will have a chat with Linda to see if there's something that suits PLWUS.
- b. **Ramp sign – qRD:** No one is aware of a new sign having been posted. Doane will check later today and will let board know by email, if the sign is there.
- c. **William Shulba** – no update at this time.
- d. **Back-up for Pachel:** Ron Chernick has stepped forward. Ron will be called in to work with Pachel for the next little while with John supervising both.
- e. **Trailer repair:** Jon "Phred" Wallace may be interested. Doane is pursuing it with him.
- f. **Meter installation:** Everything has been installed and is working. Photos were shown to the board.
- g. **Coastal Water Suppliers Association (CWSA)** (<https://cwsa.net>): Barbara attended the meeting. There were only eight attendees, and most were government types. She got nothing applicable to PLWUS, except for a report from Nancy Clements at Island Health. Nancy supplied a list of resource links for anything we'd ever need.
- h. **BC Water & Waste Association (BCWWA)** (<https://www.bcwwa.org/index.html>): John has been working within this organization on a website for small water systems. He reported no change in the website since November 16. John and another member of the network are advocating for a section of the website be devoted to off-grid systems and another one for those on a boil water advisory.
- i. **Membership Agreement and status:** All have been returned, except one, which Patty will attempt to get.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Armstrong application for membership – Prowse Point:** M/S Neil/John. That the new applicant pay the initiation fee and have their own membership per our new member hook-up policy. Passed. Note: Barbara Smith abstained from voting. A new member packet will be sent.
  2. **Format of annual bill & the accompanying email:** The format and wording are acceptable to the board. We will encourage people to pay by e-transfer, because of the post office situation. Anyone who absolutely must pay by cheque will be asked to send payment to Barbara Smith at PO Box 68, Coombs, BC V0R 1M0, where the mail delivery is more assured.
  3. **MOTI Request for Lake Barriers:** Photos were shown to the board of the blockage of the culverts. The north culvert is 80% obstructed. John has emailed Richard with Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting. Richard suggested that we contact the Ministry of Transportation to request a cage or barrier. John will revisit the situation with the local road guys. As a second step, he will approach Andrew Fall. M/S John/Neil. That John send photos and express our concerns in a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Passed.
  4. **Dam Ownership** – We recently received a packet of information from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Water Management Branch. As the owner of the dam, PLWUS is responsible for the upkeep and safety of the dam. John and Neil are reviewing the documents.
  5. **Google Docs** – Barbara and Patty will begin to explore the possibility of posting important society documents on Google Docs, so that the board can readily access needed society information. This may ease the secretarial burden on Terry.
- Adjourned 10:34am