

Present: Celia Cheatley, Leah Honkanen, Stephanie Judy, Trish Feeney, Molly Leathwood – Village Representative, Eva Kelemen (recorder)

Regrets: Margaret Wanke

1. Call to Order: **6: 02 pm**
2. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 5-d: Board recruitment update. Leah/ Molly/ carried.**
3. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes from June 29, 2023 with a correction to typo in motion 6-a. Stephanie/ Molly/ carried.**
4. Correspondence:
 - a) August 29 RDCK emergency planning email – Eva to contact coordinator.
5. Business Arising:
 - a) Email motions: none
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 - b) Strategic Planning– New Library Project
 - i. Fundraising committee: Four fundraising projects in process: library bag sales, Oso Negro Coffee sales for September, ongoing Perimeter Plaques (43 sold so far), and preparing for Langham event October 15 featuring a performance by Deryn Collier, harp music by Diemm, and an assortment of desserts. In August, the Library Fund held by the Village received a \$40,000 donation.
 - c) BC Enhancement Grant: Eva to calculate amount of grant used for 2023 projects to determine amount that should be invested in a Kootenay Saver term.
 - d) Board recruitment update: We are able to fill the 2 board vacancies until our next AGM in 2024 as this would complete both terms.
6. Reports:
 - a) Financial—(July comparative income statement) – Eva presented a revised July report. Donations (sponsorship and cash) & Fundraising are lower than usual due to our focus on raising funds for a new library. The July booksale at the Saturday Market raised \$651.35 and was directed towards the new library project rather than operations. The RDCK/VOK annual operating grant was received in August. The second part of the BC Enhancement Grant was received in July. Expenditures are on target. **Report accepted as presented.**
 - b) Library Director – (attached) – Our website went through an overhaul to delete old pages and improve accessibility. Angela and I participated in training to manage the site with accessibility in mind. The LibPress team has provided superb support & resources to achieve this. It is time to plan for a new strategic plan – outstanding items from the current plan include: move into new facility (and related projects), library director succession planning, and board recruitment strategy. **Report accepted as presented.**

- c) Program Coordinator – (attached) **Report appreciated & accepted as presented.**
 - d) Kootenay Library Federation- (no report) Margaret and I will attend the KLF meetings in Creston this week. I look forward to learning more about privacy guidelines and inclusive libraries at the workshops. Report to follow.
7. New Business:
- a) Kootenay Libraries draft Accessibility Plan (attached) – The draft Kootenay Libraries Accessibility Plan was ready for the September 1, 2023 deadline and is currently under review by Untapped Accessibility’s consultant, Farshid Sadatsharifi. An official launch and Q& A is set for early October.
8. Next Meeting: October 19, 2023 at 6 pm
9. Adjournment: **6:48 pm - Leah**