Kootenay Lake EEPSA Local Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2017

Location: Falls Restaurant, Nelson, BC

In attendance - Executive: Nashira Birch, Linda Out, Graeme Marshall, Megan Jamison; and Duncan Whittick, Rebecca Bergshoeff, Nicole Murray, Shannon Lanaway, Daniela Fiess

- 1) Duncan introduced Rebecca Bergshoeff, who is the new Wild Voices Program Manager with CBEEN (Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network).
- 2) Catching up: There was a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, the AGM, which was held in June. The motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's report: Graeme has not been reimbursed for the June meeting food bill. Duncan said EEPSA has a new treasurer and we should resubmit the bill. There was some discussion about applying for a budget for our local chapter, up to \$1000 from the provincial chapter of EEPSA.
- 4) EEPSA update by Linda: We applied for an EEPSA grant for the year:
 \$200.00 for meetings; \$300.00 for publications (we would like to develop a library for EE); \$500.00 for a chapter sponsored conference (Nashira will pursue a WILD BC pro-d: Below Zero workshop).
 This application was signed and sent to Selina during the meeting.
- 5) Previous business:
- 6) Upcoming business: Duncan invited us to join in on hosting a conference that he's planning for March 2-3, 2018 in Nelson on Climate

Change Education. This conference is being co-planned by Duncan with CBEEN, our local EEPSA chapter, and Wildsight. We will book a BCTF presentation: Climate Change Hero's: EEPSA's Jonathan to present to teachers on Climate Justice.

Nashira mentioned that it would be helpful to discuss how to write a letter to parents of your students giving them ideas as to how they can discuss climate change with their kids.

Pro-d event: Below Zero workshop for winter EE –Nashira to book (WILDBC: Monica) for February 9th.

We would like to have a meeting with Christine our new Superintendent in November – to share our momentum.

We discussed a Coyote mentoring workshop –mentor Dave Verhulst: CBEEN donated \$1000.00 for SD8 and SD20 (West Kootenay Boundary Schools). There was a Coyote Mentoring Workshop held in Golden on Oct. 20th.

Nicole said that she is very keen to provide gardening workshops to classes of students.

The Professional Development workshop on Feb. 9th has been booked. It is a "Below Zero" Workshop with Monica Nissen facilitating. Location is to be determined. We hope to see many of you there!

Next meeting – may be after the Pro-D on Feb. 9th