



Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS)
Annual General Meeting Summary
October 17, 2019, 12:00pm to 3:00pm MST
Arena Lounge, Golden BC

In Attendance (Total 24 participants, including 19 voting members)

Hamish Kassa; Chair CSISS	Peter Tarleton, Parks Canada
Chris Cochran; Vice-Chair CSISS	Laurel Corrigan, CSISS Director
Robyn Hooper, Executive Director, CSISS	Dan Bartol, BC Conservation Officer Service
Sue Davies, Aquatic Invasive Spp. Coordinator, CSISS	Rachel Darvill, Wildsight Golden and Consultant
Laura Gaster, Field Operations Program Coordinator, CSISS	Bryan Kelly-McArthur, Golden resident
Kim Kaiser, Education Coordinator, CSISS	Jessie Paloposki, East Kootenay Invasive Species Council
John Braisher, Private landowner/Rancher, Golden IPMA / CSISS Director	Joyce DeBoer, High Country Spinners
Bruce Husband, Salmon Arm resident / CSISS Director	Jackie Hudson, High Country Spinners
Kayleena Taylor, District of Sicamous	Jackie Campbell, High Country Spinners
Marcy Mahr, Kootenay Conservation Program	Ron Oszust, Town of Golden
Donna Olsen, MOTI	John Manuel, Town of Golden
Diane Millar, MFLNRORD / CSISS Director	Adam Croxall, BC Hydro, CSISS Director

Regrets

Darren Komonoski, City of Revelstoke / CSISS Director
Bert Revel, Salmon Arm Resident
Natalie Stafli, Parks Canada, CSISS Director
Chris Gill, Consultant, CSISS Director
Erin Veira, Shuswap Watershed Council
Rhonda Kariz, BC Hydro
Joe McCulloch, District of Sicamous
Alan Major, Contractor CSRD/Parson Transfer Station

Welcome and Roundtable

Hamish Kassa, CSISS Chair, welcomed everyone to the AGM. Prior to the start of the AGM there were refreshments and time to network between members. No additions were made for the agenda. There was acknowledgement of the traditional territory of indigenous peoples on which meeting was held. The Town of Golden was thanked for the in kind use of the meeting room. All attendees introduced themselves during the roundtable of introductions and partner updates. High Country Spinners in

particular gave a summary of their work using invasive plants to dye wool, and they provided a display booth at the AGM.

Guest Speakers

Rachel Darvill presented on the Wildsight Community Invasive Plant Program run with support from the Town of Golden. Marcy Mahr presented on the Kootenay Conservation Program and their new stewardship toolkit for private landowners interested in conservation work. Dan Bartol presented on the BC Conservation Officer Service Mussel Defense program, sharing 2019 highlights from the watercraft inspection station.

Presentations are available by request.

Columbia Shuswap Operational Plan and 2019 Program Overview

Robyn Hooper, CSISS Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the AGM and provided a brief overview of the regional updated Columbia Shuswap Operational Plan compiled and reviewed with the support of land managers and residents from around the region. The plan is a living document and will be reviewed annually at land manager meetings. Robyn also provided a brief introduction into the 2019 CSISS Programs and staff. Presentation available upon request.

Operational Program Updates

Laura Gaster, CSISS Field Operations Program Coordinator, presented 2019 invasive plant Field Program activities and updates. Presentation available upon request.

Education/Outreach Program Updates

Kim Kaiser, CSISS Education Program Coordinator, provided an update on CSISS Education and Outreach activities in 2019. Presentation available upon request.

Aquatic Invasives Program Updates

Sue Davies, CSISS AIS Program Coordinator, provided an update on CSISS Aquatic Invasive Species activities in 2019. Presentation available upon request.

2018 Financial Report and 2019 updates

Chris Cochran, CSISS Vice Chair of Finance Committee, presented the 2018 financial statements (available upon request). Motion to accept 2018 Financial Report made Laurel Corrigan, seconded by Diane Millar, all in favour.

Updates on 2019 CSISS Finances. CSISS funding increase from 2018 to 2019 with a few small new funders. Budget is on track and can request more information from CSISS Board Finance Committee or Executive Director.

Election of 2019-2021 Directors

Nominations and Acclamations:

NEW ELECTED MEMBERS – Two-year term of September 2019- September 2021:

- Hamish Kassa
- Chris Cochran
- Chris Gill
- Laurel Corrigan
- Diane Millar
- Adam Croxall
- Joe McCulloch

Call three times for nominations.

Motion to nominate the above board of directors made by John Braisher, and seconded by Rachel Darvill. All in favour.

Continuing Board Members with two-year term – Continuing from 2018-2020:

- Natalie Staffl
- John Braisher
- Bruce Husband
- Darren Komonoski

Wrap-up

Hamish Kassa and Robyn Hooper thanked participants and event sponsors (CSRD, CBT, Province of BC, BC Hydro, Shuswap Watershed Council, and other partners from 2019). Thank you to the Town of Golden for the meeting space. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45pm MST. Motion to close the meeting by Hamish Kassa and seconded by Adam Croxall.

New Board Member Welcome

Following the AGM, the CSISS Board of Directors held an in-person meeting that included introduction/welcome, paperwork, and position elections. Board meeting adjourned at approximately 3:21pm MST.

THANK YOU TO 2019 FUNDERS AND PARTNERS!

