

# Guardians of Nicola Lake and Watershed Society

November 7, 2025

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Dawne Tomlinson, John Arnold, Brent Pascall, Lisa Schlagintweit. **Regrets:** Peter Schmidt, Dan Emerson

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6.33pm – John.

**1. Motion to Adopt Sept 9, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes:** – Brent, John, AIF

**2. Treasurer's Report:** – Brent.

- Balance of \$6303.00 in bank account.
- \$3775.00 from Membership Dues (to date)
- \$3028 in donations (to date)
- Dawne and Brent presented a Draft Budget required for insurance purposes (in lieu of a financial statement).
- **Motion to adopt Draft Budget** – John, Lisa, AIF

**3.1. Nicola Watershed Planning Initiative (NWPI):** - Dawne. Dawne and John were invited to attend a NWPI meeting. This is an initiative through the Water Sustainability Act. The Plan will establish a strategic direction for the stewardship and management of lands and waters in the Nicola Valley. The next steps in the process is to engage interest holders in the Plan Initiation Stage. We are pleased to be invited to participate in this process.

**3.b Level 3 Testing:** -Dawne. Testing implementation is delayed because of the CUPE strike. Training will occur in March 2026. Testing will start in the spring. Dawne has 6 groups of people who will undertake this testing.

**3.c Contacts:** -Dawne/John. We realize the importance of developing a comprehensive contact list. To this end we are actively working on a contact list of relevant federal, provincial, local, health department, organizations,

farmers, ranchers, businesses, non-profits, landowners and residents. **Brent suggested we investigate the non-profit society: Swim. Drink. Fish.**

**3.d Grant Proposals:** -Dawne. Two grant proposals have been submitted to the Thomson Nicola Regional District. One proposal for \$5000.00 is to develop and install informational signs at water access points on the lake. The second proposal for \$5000.00 is to hire a biologist to assist us in making strategic decisions regarding testing, education and communication. We have had communication from the TNRD regarding acquiring permission from landowners to install signs. We are in the process of acquiring this permission.

**3.e Sagebrush:** -Dawne. Dawne is to meet with the managing partners of Sagebrush to enquire about their environmental plan.

**3.f Documents for Approval:-** Dawne/John. Dawne had circulated documents for approval – minutes, updates to the website, progress report, email to members, letter to the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (MWLRS). All documents were approved. The email to members is discussed further below.

**4.a Membership Discussion:** -Dawne. Dawne has drafted an email to members encouraging members to recruit friends and family to become members too. This email includes a list of all members (names and community they live in only), in order that members can see who are, and are not, members. This will be the final push for membership this year. Brent was uncomfortable with sending this personal information in an email. After discussion a vote was taken on the following motion. **Motion: include a list of members' names and their community in an email to members. John, Lisa, Dawne- in favour. Brent - not in favour.**

#### **4.b Inventory of Lots - All**

Nicola Lakeshore Estates 187 lots, 100 residences built.

**5. Nutrient Plans for Farmers and Ranchers:** -Dawne. All farms and ranches over 5000 acres are required to have a nutrient plan. The purpose of the plan is to limit the use of fertilizers and nutrient runoff. There is an audit process and spot checks. Further discussion tabled due to time constraint.

**6. Template for Letters to Decision Makers:-** John. John has drafted a letter to the MWLRS regarding making contact with the dam regulator. **Motion: To send the letter John has drafted to the MWLRS (see documents for approval above).** Dawne, Brent, AIF This letter will be used as a template for further correspondence.

**7. Next Meeting:** Dawne to send out poll for date.

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:** Brent, Dawne, AIF 8.20 pm