

Camp Koolaree 2012 Report from the Chair of the Board

Presented to Kootenay Presbytery on April 13, 2013

2012 was another successful year of ministry for Camp Koolaree. We served a diverse group of campers and two user groups. At least 50 volunteers of varying ages helped out in all areas of camp life. Our staff consisted of one full-time groundskeeper, one part-time groundskeeper, two cooks, and a lifeguard. All worked out reasonably well. The food was good, on budget and on time. The camp and boats were maintained with some progress made in the repair of equipment, especially the refrigerators, and progress also made on the cleaning and organizing of the brick shed. Many hazard trees were also dealt with this season. The campers were kept safe, happy and healthy by all.

Our financial situation, however, did not look as good as we have hoped. In spite of a small tuition increase and funding from user groups, congregations, the UCW, private donors, and the United Way, we did not bring in enough income this year to cover costs and pay down our existing debt. As discussed at last year's AGM, a bookkeeper was hired to change our system over from cash to accrual method. Our new bookkeeper, however, was unable to keep up with her workload and quit before the fiscal year closed. Our Board Treasurer was unable to connect with the bookkeeper, and our financial records were retained by our Secretary, who volunteered/insisted on holding them until personally transferring them to the bookkeeper. This led to much confusion on the Board and concern from Presbytery. At least one more bookkeeper was engaged, but the needed transfer of records was never completed.

In January of 2013, our Secretary, (who kept our books and functioned as our bookkeeper/Treasurer) informed us that Revenue Canada had frozen our bank account due to non-payment of part of our 2011 Employee Source Deductions. This was followed by her resignation in February. At the beginning of March, she turned over some of our financial records and informed us that she had destroyed the rest. After a struggle to change the signing authority at the credit union we were able to examine our bank records, discovering that the financial statements submitted to Presbytery at the Fall 2012 meeting did not accurately reflect the camp's debts. We owed a great deal of

money (see the financial statements of the Society) which we had been told we had paid. On top of that Canada Revenue was paid only a fraction of the Source Deductions owed for 2012.

The Board held several emergency meetings and financial work parties. The executive leadership of Kootenay Presbytery also met and passed a resolution recommending that the Society not run camps this season. They directed the Society to try to deal with its debt and to come back for help if it was needed. Conversations with BC Conference were about the same.

Our executive decided to try to raise funds to pay down the debt. We have a legal and moral obligation to do so, and we felt that the public would respond to our plight if there was a chance to pay off the debt and run camps this year. We adopted a debt repayment plan and a plan to raise about 25% of the money needed to run the camp as a start-up fund. We have been working steadily ever since to raise the funds and to straighten out our financial records so as to provide a financial plan so that future camps would keep the society debt-free. The Board passed a resolution that the appropriate funds to meet Presbytery's requirement would have to be raised or pledged by April 15, 2013 in order for us to have the planning time needed to run camps this summer.

As of the April 6 AGM, roughly half of that has been raised. We believe the debt will be fully paid down by the end of the month, and that the rest of the funds needed can be in place (as per our fundraising plan) before camping begins this year.

In addition the board has taken several steps to ensure the situation is not repeated. We have increased tuition fees to bring us up to those charged by other church camps in Interior BC. We will also be amending of our bylaws to begin term limits for Board members and the establishment of an official in-town office for Camp Koolaree during the off-season where records would be kept. Additionally, we will begin using a new, streamlined committee structure to spread the workload out and encourage initiative among all volunteers.

I am always astounded by the love and spirit of volunteerism that surrounds Camp Koolaree. At a time when children are increasing

suffering from "nature deficit" and other camps are moving towards a resort-style way of camping, I am honoured to be a part of Camp where so many people work together to provide an experience of God and community in such a beautiful a wilderness setting where people can and do take time to be still and know God.

Sincerely,
Robin Murray

Registrar's Report 2012

Campers

We were glad to host 129 campers this year at Koolaree. Our intergenerational camp hosted 9 campers with 4 being female, and 5 being male. Teen camp had 23 campers with 13 being female and 10 being male. Sr. Girls camp was cancelled with only 2 campers registered. Jr. Girl's camp hosted 51 campers with 50 being female and one, 2 year old male. Jr. Boy's camp had 22 male campers. And Novice camp hosted 18 campers with 5 females and 13 males.

Religion

48 of our campers came to camp with some religious affiliation. 11 campers were Catholic, none were Lutheran, 21 were from various United Churches, 16 came from assorted religions and 87 had no previous religious affiliation.

Camper Hometowns

The campers this year were from all over British Columbia. We had 27 campers from Trail, 5 from Castlegar, 58 from Nelson, 8 from Salmo, 1 from Courtney, 2 from Slocan Park, 16 from Fruitvale, 3 from Montrose, 1 from South Slocan, 1 from Kaslo, 1 from Kelowna, 1 from White Rock, and 1 from Rossland. We also had 2 campers from Calgary, Alberta.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Herd, Camp Koolaree Registrar

CAMP KOOLAREE
Balance Sheet

	April 9, 2013		October 31, 2012	
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash in Bank (Overdraft)		\$ 1,930.54		\$ (4,895.45)
		<u>1,930.54</u>		<u>(4,895.45)</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 1,930.5</u>		<u>\$ (4,895.45)</u>
 Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Wages – 2012	\$ 3,870.00		\$ 6,870.24	
Payroll Taxes – 2012	347.65		347.65	
Payroll Taxes – 2012	–		892.71	
Receiver General	1,778.91		6,000.00	
WorkSafe BC	323.92		323.92	
Van Hellemom Sports	3,193.01		3193.01	
Telus	145.81		145.81	
R Lundquist	2,272.53		3,272.53	
T Huitema	1,792.20		2,792.20	
N Whitehead	–		800.00	
K Schroader	–		1,701.25	
BC Conference – Insurance	1,139.68		–	
BC Camping Association	225.00	\$ 15,088.95	225.00	\$ 26,564.32
			<u>225.00</u>	
 Operating Fund Balances				
Opening Balance	\$ (31,459.77)		\$ –	
Current Year – Surplus (Deficit)	18,301.36	(13,158.41)	(31,459.77)	(31,459.77)
			<u>(31,459.77)</u>	<u>(31,459.77)</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>\$ 1,930.54</u>		<u>\$ (4,895.45)</u>

Camp Koolaree
Income and Expense Statement
For the period November 1, 2012 to April 9, 2013

Income

Beaver Valley United Church	\$ 11,518.00	
Castlegar United Church	1,083.04	
Castlegar United Way	2,000.00	
Rossland UCW	2,000.00	
Nelson- Individual	50.00	
Unknown - Dec 21	2,900.00	
Unknown - Dec 28	660.00	
Unknown - Jan 11	<u>1,310.00</u>	\$ 21,521.04

Expense

Insurance	\$ 2,849.20	
Telus	250.00	
KSCU – Fees	24.00	
KSCU – Interest	<u>96.48</u>	\$ 3,219.68

TYD Surplus (Deficit)

\$ 18,301.36