

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House
May 17th, 2016
Minutes

7:00pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:01pm Board members and Guest –

Board Present: Cavin, Al, Grant, Garry, Rod M., and Declan,

Board Absent: Magen, Jerrod, Rod G., Dewar, Brandon and Earl

Guests: Barane, Julia

7:05pm Approval of Previous Board Minutes – April minutes were approved
approved.

7:46pm Review outstanding actions :

- The board reviewed a draft SRA brochure. **Action: Grant and Rod M** agree to provide feedback. **Action Calvin** was to make any changes and arrange for printing. Based on price *Calvin* would arrange for 500 – 1000 brochures be produced. The intent is the brochure would be annually reviewed and updated. After the meeting, *Calvin* advised 200 copies were in fact produced as an initial run, and are now available at the coffee shop, and Dewar’s accounting office. – Done, although **Jerrod** would like to introduce some changes to the next edition to reflect more of an emphasis on fish and their habitat.

Calvin also referred to some proposed funding coming to the SRA from the Area Director...to help pay for administrative costs like printing costs, etc.. Dewar confirmed no monies have been received to date. **Action: Calvin** to confirm the status of these monies - **outstanding**

- o *Calvin* spoke with Sonia about the properties along south entrance, past the industrial park, which seem to be getting worse in appearance. The question being what is the CVRD able or willing to do, and how can she, or we, help. – *Calvin* sent an email to Ross Blackwell GM Planning and Development, CVRD (in charge of by-law enforcement) sending pictures and asking the status of these properties. *Calvin* advised that as a result the metal bin in gone, but pallets are still there and living accommodation seem to be set up. **Action: Calvin** will continue to pursue and advise. **Some work has been done.**
- o *Calvin* presented the need for a calendar of event on our website, and the need to upgrade the architecture, or “platform” on which our website is built. The current application is no longer supported. The board approved up to \$2000 to be spent on both. **Action Calvin** will work with Jonathan to effect the change and

report back to the board on the status and timelines. }

outstanding

- o **Action: Julia** contacted Jonathan (our new Webmaster to discuss how to streamline the membership forms between the SRA website and PayPal, to reduce the confusion either with data input on the client side, and batch emailing once forms have been sent to our Gmail account. Still waiting for a convenient date to get together. Julia advised we currently have 959 paid up voting members. The board also discussed the need to keep PayPal data (associated with new or renewing members) strictly confidential and limited to Julia (our membership administrator) and Dewar (our Financial Director and Certified Accountant). Emails and some other *summarized* data may be available to board members and their committees with the prior knowledge and approval of the board. AI is our Privacy Officer.
- o Bill Hook spoke to the need to know specifically on what contaminants are in the soil being dumped in our watershed in order that residents with nearby wells can test for the appropriate substances. **Action: AI** is still trying to contact the Land Remediation office, MoE to see if this information can be made available on a regular bases to the public. – AI will renew his efforts to get this data and/or make it available to Bill in his interests, and other affected residents.
- o The liquor licence for the Culinary War event on May 28th is still outstanding. **Action Rod M** agreed to help Calvin pursue this. Note tickets for this event are available at the Coffee Shop. - Done, and event is sold out
- o **Action AI** was going to follow up with Chamainus Residents Association and Salt Spring Island to pursue areas of common interest with SRA. – deferred for now.
- o **Action AI** will arrange for Megan to get 10 bracelets for an event at Shawnigan School she is involved in - done
- o **Action Jerrod** agreed to be the board link relative to some stream monitoring the Provincial will be conducting. **Action Calvin** to pass on the Jerrod relevant information. - done

8:10pm **Committee reports** -

- Legal Action Committee – some items were not addressed as Calvin had to leave early
 - Calvin updated the board on the status of legal actions
 - Calvin also brought up his efforts to promote a “stop illegal dumping campaign” using “Crime Stoppers”. Private and public property is often used by some to dump their garbage. This campaign is designed to elicit the public’s help through crime stoppers. The board supported this initiative, in part to demonstrate our interested in more than just the fight against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed. **Action Calvin** will keep us informed, and advise how the SRA can help.
- SRA Governance Committee – vacant

- Who will take on meeting our obligation under the *Societies Act* , and updates to *board insurance*, i.e. some of what Lois did? - Still outstanding.
 - Lois is prepared to continue to do the *gmail*.
 - Anne Marie is prepared to continue with *Social Media* support
 - Calvin is prepared to continue with *marketing support*
 - Proposed By-Law changes were discussed with our lawyer and it was suggested to defer, as the wording needs more work before introducing at our next AGM.
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - Update provided above.
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - No Update
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod advised by email:
 - There are salmon fry and smolts in south Shawnigan creek right now. It was a nice surprise to see them still in upper section. Shawnigan school with help of DFO as well as MBES in putting test trap down to record numbers... which has already started. Some heavy silting exists on upper section of creek as it crosses West Shawnigan road. This still is an issue.
 - We continue to promote awareness of the threat caused by pollution entering daily from lot21. Runoff is very high with metal contaminates. It will likely impact the coho population and wildlife along upper Shawnigan creek in long term.
- Water Committee – Grant
 - Grant brought up the issue of a new rock wall on the waterside of 2410 Barton Place. The SBS logged a formal complaint to the CVRD. A By-Law officer and MoE rep attended the property. Still waiting on what happens next. There are other properties in the area that have similar walls.
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - No Update....not viewed as a priority at this time
- Communications Committee – Al
 - No Update
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry
 - Save on Septic – **Action: Garry** is continuing to pursue. The issue relates to Save-on-Septic not being paid for work they did at Shawnigan Station, under the direction of the CVRD, but to be paid by SIA. - ongoing
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
 - Declan advised they are continuing to work with students on awareness, and are planning a dance to raise funds.

8:40pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday June 21st , 2016