

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House
November 15th, 2016
Minutes

7:10pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:01pm Board members and Guests Present –

Board Present: Calvin, Al, Grant, Jerrod, Dewar and Garry

Board Absent: Rod. G., Rod. M., Declan, Magen, Brandon and Earl

Guests Present: Julia McDougall

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

7:06pm Review outstanding actions :

- o AGM will be held at Shawnigan School on Thursday Nov 24th, and include:
 - Al as Master of Ceremonies
 - Garry will conduct the formal process of electing the new board. The executive will be electing individually, and include:
 - Calvin as President and Secretary
 - Al as Vice President
 - Dewar as Treasurer
 - The remainder of the board will be presented as a single slate: including: Garry Horwood; Brandon Foreman; Rod MacIntosh; Jerrod Pinder; Alex Acton;
 - Additional nominees will be entertained from the audience (only paid up members in good standing). The maximum board size will be held to 11, to help ensure a regular quorum of 6 is always in attendance at monthly meetings.
 - After the election Al will ask if anyone is interested in assisting with certain administrative tasks, including taking meeting minutes and maintaining membership information.
 - Al will thank the various volunteers who have helped, in particular those that help grow the SRA membership. Dewar will prepare a paragraph that Al can use in this regard.
 - Biographies associated with the new board will be available at the AGM
 - A table will be set up to accept donations, and new SRA memberships
 - Another table (managed by Sally Davies) will have T-shirts, bumper stickers etc. available in exchange for donations to the legal fund
 - Al will arrange to invite representatives from local bands, and introduce them, if they accept
 - Dave Robertson, from Shawnigan School will be the quest speaker, although it is recognized that if we get a ruling from the

judge, our lawyer will also be invited to speak and answer questions

- Bill Hook expressed the need to know specifically 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 Calvin** will discuss with Sonia, to see if we can use political pressure (e.g. via Bill Routley) to have this information made available to the public. – Calvin is still pushing to make this information available.
- Private and public property is often used by some inconsiderate people to dump their garbage. Crime Stoppers is designed to elicit the public's help in solving or deterring crime. The board supports using Crime Stoppers to help address this issue. Al attended Crime Stoppers board meeting on Sept 29th.
 - **Action: Al** will deal the development of a signs promoting this initiative and run it by the Crime Stoppers board. Al will also explore educational information on the consequence of dumping and other more appropriate options (e.g. where to get rid of garbage and relative costs) – Al is working with a graphic artist at Shawnigan School to help develop the signage.
 - **Action: Calvin** will pursue funding options (e.g. TimberWest and other interested groups who current spend money on cleaning up such dumped garbage, to see if they would be interested in a proactive campaign to deter dumping, and/or catch the criminals. – Calvin advised that TimberWest; Island Timberland; CVRD and CRD are all interested in participating by providing funding
 - **Action: Jerrod** offered to work with Al to make the signs in metal
- Save on Septic –This issue relates to Save-on-Septic not being paid for work they did at Shawnigan Station. **Action: Garry** is continuing to pursue this issue. – Garry has discussed the issue with the CVRD (Brian Dennison), but to no resolve. Garry will draft a letter to the CVRD that Calvin will use to discuss the issue with Sonia.
- MoE's was focusing their water testing on a few surface areas around the SIA site. SBS suggested this was inadequate and agreed with the SRA board that testing should also include ground water and sediment testing. Jerrod attended a meeting with the MoE, SIA and consultants, to discuss the ongoing testing. Jerrod suggested the MoE was now supportive of some sediment testing, but didn't know any of the particulars.
 - **Action Jerrod:** will follow-up with the independent contractor that MoE hired (i.e. Associated Environmental Consultants Inc.) and provide the board more information. The board will then discuss what to do next, e.g. relative to groundwater testing, and ensure sediment testing occurs...i.e. not just surface water. – Jerrod has received the first report, which was conducted in the summer. Unfortunately ephemeral streams had stop running and other streams were at low flow levels...although the report did note that the water was "colder" suggesting (or confirming) that the source was from underground (ie. an aquifer). The results, while showing some variances, were inconclusive. The next test is scheduled for Jan.'17.

- **Action Calvin:** will pursue the idea of having a large gauge made up and displayed where the public can see it, i.e. somewhere in the Shawnigan Village. – still outstanding
- The movement of Coho up the Shawnigan Creek is well underway. **Action: Jerrod** will arrange for a tour of interested board members – Jerrod is still trying to arrange a tour, although the movement of fish is over. 3040 Coho were transported to spawning site along the creek, including Shawnigan lake and the south Shawnigan creek
- **Action Al:** will draft a letter of thanks to Bellwyck Packaging Solutions for their help with the pumper stickers – still outstanding
- **Action Garry** is still working with the Feds around existing signage on the lake....i.e. lake users lack of understanding on what they mean. So do we promote more self-explanatory signage, or improve user understanding of what the existing signs mean. – Garry has met with representatives from the Coast Guard to discuss signage and public education around them. He also noted that TimberWest would be looking to remove, or put signage around some dangerous “deadheads” in Shawnigan Lake.

8:30pm **Committee reports** -

- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
 - Calvin provided his update.
- SRA Governance Committee – vacant
 - Grant reminded the board the need to stay on top of certain administrative items than need attention on an annual bases, e.g. board insurance and filing of information required by the Societies Act.
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - Julia advised we now have 999 “paid up” members, although our data base includes 1946 names, many of whom are volunteers and family of “paid up” members.
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - Dewar advised another \$30,000 was paid to our lawyers
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
 - Jerrod continues to work with Environment Canada’s Fish Habitat staff to keep them informed about activities around the SIA site
- Water Committee – Grant
 - Grant advised that while he was resigning from the board (after 5 years) he would continue to work for the community and help out where he could, including with the SBS and performing seccki disk readings for the BC Lake Stewardship Society. This will also be my last meeting where I will set the agenda, chair the meeting, and prepare the minutes, which I have done every months since March 18th, 2014. (over 2.5 years).
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - Al advised that he would be handing over his files to Garry, who has volunteers to assume this portfolio.
- Communications Committee – Al
 - No updates
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry
 - No updates
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
 - No updates

8:45pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Dec. 20th, 2016