

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting

Dinter House, Shawnigan School

June 16th, 2015

Minutes

- 7:00pm **Call meeting to order** - Grant
- 7:01pm **Board members and Guest Present** –
Al, Grant, Lois, Calvin, Dewar, and Netta . Garry and Megan absent. Guest : Barane.
- 7:05pm **Approval of Previous Board Minutes** – May’s minutes approved with amendments.
- 8:00pm **Review outstanding actions** :
- Al: checked with Victoria to see what action had been taken towards advertising in the Focus for a Volunteer Coordinator (to match needed activities with the dozens of individuals who have expressed a willingness to help); a support position for Marketing; and potentially administrative support for a variety of tasks. – Al did speak with Victoria, and no action had been taken. Al did write an article in the Focus for June thanking residents for their support.
 - Netta to work with Victoria and Anne Marie to complete a SRA brochure. – deferred to July. The purpose of the brochure was confirmed as a “take away” tool to promote awareness of SRA (and it’s website with goals, objectives and activities), plus as a tool to increase membership.
 - Garry still to clarify his new portfolio. – deferred to July
- 8:15pm **Committee reports** -
- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
 - Judicial review process underway. Should hopefully occur by the fall, and last between 7-10 days.
 - The CVRD is still pursuing a Supreme Court ruling on their position that SIA is in violation of their zoning bylaws, and that the Provincial doesn’t have the authority to ignore the bylaw in favour of it’s own interests.
 - SIA has a new operating company for the gravel pit called South Island Resource Management...another holding company...
 - SRA Governance Committee – Lois
 - The board supports having “the office” open once a week for 2 hours (e.g. Saturday noon – 2:00pm), with the intent that contributions can be collected; T-shirts can be sold, along with other campaign advertising. Plus the public/residents can come in and ask questions. Action: Lois will check with the coffee shop to see when they are at the busiest, plus ensure that the Saturday time is available and OK with the Basin Society.

- The board supported the microsite concept and content, and the idea of migrating all material we have on the regular website, plus all future material (SRA's or others supporting our position) relating to our dispute with SIA and the Ministry of Environment. **Action: Netta to pursue with Chris.**
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - Another \$25,000 will be sent to the lawyer towards what we owe them.
 - SRA received \$10,000 in discretionary grants-in-ad from Area Director (Sonia)
 - **The board approved another \$1400 towards the purchase of more T-shirts, to be sold at “the office”, and potentially other venues in the Village**
- Membership Committee –
 - Dewar's daughter Katie reviewed and consolidated membership data bases, including Excel spreadsheets and Constant Contact data, into a single data base on Microsoft Access format. Exact duplicates were eliminated. She will begin to establish an active/accurate data base of members that we can work towards establishing automatic renewals and/or membership payments...in time for next year's January renewal date.
 - a. Dewar and Katie gave a detailed update. Good progress to date on all fronts. **The board approved Katie to continue working on this project up to \$200/ months (i.e. up to 10 hours at \$20/hr.), from June until March 2016.** At that time the list of who is a member should be clear and up-to-date, along with membership renewals (promoting automatic payment withdrawals) well underway. This will tell us if the process is working, and whether we have enough revenue from membership dues to continue, or modify the procedure (including Katie's involvement). To date the board is very happy with the work done to date by Katie and Dewar, and acknowledges and appreciates their efforts,
 - b. **Action Katie will discuss / work with Anne Marie on the “constant contact” list to ensure both are work from the same, and up-to-date, information.**
- Water Committee – Grant
 - Grant mentioned he is working with a student (Jenny) hired by the Basin Society to do an inventory of foreshore vegetation around the lake. Once inventoried, it will be accessed for logical next steps, e.g. target specific properties; promote certain indigenous vegetation; deal with harmful invasive vegetation
 - Grant mentioned that Herb Hammond's mapping of the watershed should be finished some time in July, and would be available for analyses.
 - BC Lake Stewardship Society will be promoting the cross provincial secchi disk measurements during July. Grant will participate.
 - Grant also mentioned the Basin Society is seeking SRA's (and others) support in obtaining a grant for up to \$100,000 from the Community Gaming Grant. **Action: Grant to prepare letter of support.**
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- Municipal Status Committee – Al.

- Al said the Sierra Acton's focus at this time is gathering information, and is working with Brent Beach in this regard.
- Government Liaison Committee – Barane
 - The CVRD is still pushing the idea of South Cowichan areas acting as one to reduce CVRD workloads. But instead of promoting the idea, they are acting as if it's a "done deal".
 - Sunny Day camp is still in operation despite numerous complaints and bylaw infractions. The board discussed other examples of bylaws enforcement, or the lack thereof...and the policy that suggest the CVRD enforcement area won't take any action unless the complaint is driven by a nearby resident, suggesting bylaws aren't important, or enforceable, unless a neighbour doesn't like it...pitting neighbour against neighbour.
 - Everyone was encouraged to come out and attend the rally on the highway near Mill Bay June 28th 1-4:00pm. She also offered bright yellow T-shirts (...\$10 voluntary donation gratefully received).
- Student Committee – no report in Megan's absent.

9:00pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 21st, 2015