

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House, Shawnigan School
February 16, 2016
Minutes

7:02pm Call meeting to order - Grant

7:03pm Board members and Guest Present -

Board members present: Al, Grant, Rod M., Jerrod, and Garry. Absent: Calvin, Declan, Magen, Brandon, Rod G. and Earl. Guests: Gerhard Aichelberger

7:05pm Guest Speaker: Gerhard Aichelberger spoke to the board, proposing changes

to the existing organizational structure of the Save Shawnigan Water campaign. The board provided their feedback. Action: Gerhard was going to amend the proposed model, incorporating what he heard at the meeting.

7:45pm Approval of Previous Board Minutes - January minutes were approved.

7:46pm Review outstanding actions :

- Al said the brochure is ready. Al sent Rod M a “pdf” version of the brochure that he would arrange to be printed. Rod M will close the loop with Netta, who had some concerns and suggestions. - Netta advised “the Print and Public Communication team is developing and will have printed a brochure that will merge all the brochures that are circulating. It will not include the information found on the SRA brochure. The SRA brochure is not being touched”. Action: The board still sees the need for a SRA brochure so, Al and Dewar will continue to develop the SRA brochure, but not until they have seen and can take into consideration the brochure that Netta is referring to.

Netta 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.

- Netta will follow-up with Chris on the upgrades to the website, and report back. The board was reminded they authorized a payment here, and this issue should be monitored until the action is complete and monies paid. - Half of the authorized payment has already been made to Chris. Netta will work with Chris on clarifying other changes to the website before the remainder is paid. Chris can't address this right now due to other pressures, so Netta agreed to stay with this one until it is done. - Netta mentioned Sonia was further developing the website “saveshawniganwater.org”, and that

until that work is done, we shouldn't do any work on our website, so when we do changes they complement that website, rather than compete with it. The board supported this delay. Netta will keep us informed. - Dewar advised that Chris Clay (our webmaster) has moved on to another career, but Chris had proposed another webmaster to help with our website. The webmaster he suggests is Jonathan Michaels of Geeks on the Beach jonathan@geeksonthebeach.ca. He also mentioned that Chris has repaid the development fees he was paid, given he wasn't able to get to the work. **Action: Netta** will review Jonathan suitability as our new webmaster, and advise the board. **Action: Grant** will continue to copy the new webmaster on agendas and minutes... similar to what he did with Chris.

- Netta will speak 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. - Netta 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. **Action: Netta** will advise on any response.
- It was also noted that members are pointing out they have seen other dumping activities on private properties, and are unaware of any CVRD regulations that they can identify to have the activity investigated...potentially the MoE could investigate. Garry will follow up with MoE to see what actions have been taken to date. - Garry said the CVRD is now involved and has placed a "stop work order" on a property owner. The owner is cooperating.
- Dewar mentioned a video on LNG he wanted to buy and review. If appropriate, he would suggest the SRA purchase it and make it available through the "office" for others to use. Dewar thought the video was about an hour long and cost approximately \$30. - This is a low priority and Dewar will get to it when he finds time. Garry mentioned the issue may be moot as the Malahat band no longer supports an LNG terminal on their waterfront property.
- Some suggested there were some technical challenges with the on-line membership registration. Dewar would follow up with Chris / Julia. - Dewar said the problem has been fixed, and people can now register and pay on line.
- Despite the new boom in place it appears large debris is going over, or around the boom and logging downstream between the bridge and weir. Grant will pursue with the CVRD and report back to the board. - Grant reported that Brian Dennison will review the boom in terms of it properly covering the mouth of the creek, plus being in a formation that does collect debris, but deflects it on to the adjacent beaches. - Grant said the CVRD acknowledges the boom is not doing what was intended, and they will look at increasing it's size to better cover the mouth of the bridge in high water, and the angle of the boom relative to the normal direction of high winds in the winter months. **Action: Grant** will keep the board informed.
- Rod M. mentioned he had a suggestion for an advertiser on the website (another realtor), which he would pass to Netta. - Rod's suggestion didn't pan out

- Rod M. mentioned canvassing homes was approx. 50% done and would continue for at least another 3-4 months. He also mention they would set up tables at Country Grocers and Thrifties. - Rod advised “the table schedule at Country Grocer and Thrifties is underway and proceeding.”

8:40pm

Committee reports -

- Legal Action Committee - Calvin was absent so updates came from what the board members in attendance, were aware of:
 - court proceedings - no update
 - Lot 21 - given this property is (at least for now) in provincial hands, board members hoped that “deeper” cord drilling would occur...likely promoted by MLA Andrew Weaver
 - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (Ken Armour) - no update
 - Malahat First Nation asked for Stay- no update
 - Save on Septic - **Action: Garry** will pursue
 - Chemainus Residents Association - **Action: Al** will pursue
 - Erb property (gravel pit?) - no update.
- 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? -no update
 - Lois is prepared to continue to do the *gmail*. Netta will take this on while Lois is away for three months traveling.
 - Anne Marie is prepared to continue with *Social Media* support
 - Netta is prepared to continue with *marketing support*
 - Moon Water Lodge (Brandon)- no update
 - Kristine Paton’s pictures - revenue coming in. Will likely be all sold soon.
 - Black Swan “Burger and Beer” - sold out quickly, with many disappointed they couldn’t get tickets
- Membership Committee -Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - Julia provided an update, which was forwarded to the board under a separate email.
- Finance Committee - Dewar
 - Dewar mentioned payment to lawyers is now up to \$340,000
 - Money from Sierra’s GoFundMe campaign is now coming in
 - Shelagh’s GoFundMe campaign was mentioned but Dewar hasn’t seen any monies. Some concern expressed over people who may use SRA’s name to attract donations, but monies not intended to go to, or through, the SRA
- Fish and Habitat Committee - Jerrod
 - Jerrod mentioned all the silt that has come down the south Shawnigan creek has likely killed all the Coho salmon eggs... which were destined (once fries) to go to Goldstream.
- Water Committee - Grant
 - See attachment

- SBS asked the board to consider paying for a portion of the Watershed office, and use it as our meeting place. While the board was sympathetic to the SBS' request, and saw some advantages, in conclusion they preferred to stay where they were, and continuing to enjoy our relationship with, and generosity of, Shawnigan School. **Action: Grant** to advise Kelly Musselwhite, Exec Dir SBS, who forwarded the request.
- The SBS also invited the SRA board to a joint meeting to go over Herb Hammond watershed report. Grant suggested doing this on March 15th...the date of our next board meeting. The idea being we would hold the joint meeting over supper, then continue on with the regular SRA brd meeting at 7:00pm. Presumably this would occur at the Watershed office, given all of Herb's charts are there. **Action: Grant** will discuss with Bruce and/or Kelly and get back to the board.
- The SBS also suggested a joint committee to oversee the implementation of Herb Hammond report, and work towards a Shawnigan Basin "Authority", similar to the model used by the Okanagan Basin Authority. The board was supportive, but felt our watershed, primarily made up of privately owned property, would be more of a challenge than Okanagan's watershed which includes a lot of crown land (parks). That said, Jerrod and Grant were prepared to participate. **Action: Grant** to advise Kelly.
- Municipal Status Committee - Al
 - Al mention Sierra Acton would no longer take on the lead for the committee. Al will assume in the interim. -still looking for a replacement
- Communications Committee - Al
 - No Updates
- Government Liaison Committee -Garry
 - No Updates
- Student Committee -Megan and Declan absent
 - No Updates

9:02pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 15th, 2016