

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House
October 18th, 2016
Minutes

7:10pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:01pm Board members and Guests Present –

Board Present : Calvin, Al, Grant, Jerrod, Rod. G., Dewar, and Garry

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

Guests Present: Netta, Barane and Alex Acton

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

7:06pm Review outstanding actions :

- Calvin advised the Lake Watch committee was looking for SRA support in obtaining funding to install a number of “no wake” buoys around the lake. The Board was more supportive of educating lake users on the impact caused by large waves, and general courtesy’s needed by a multi-diverse community of users who frequent and enjoy our recreational lake. While the SRA doesn’t rule out other options, at present we support:
 - Foreshore restoration to help mitigate the impact of waves as well as reducing excess nutrients entering the lake from e.g. “run-off” and septic systems.
 - Educating lake users around the impact of waves, and areas of greatest impacts...with possible signage at boat launches.
- Shawnigan School is once again allowing us to hold our AGM in their facilities on Thursday Nov 24th.
 - **Action: Garry** will contact board members to determine if they wish to stay on the board for another year; if they have any recommendations on who else could serve on the board; suggestions on guest speaks or panel discussions
 - **Action: Board** members to provide Garry suggestions, and be prepared to report out, at the AGM, on the activities they participated in over the last year, on behalf of the SRA
 - **Action: Calvin** will talk to our lawyers to see if they would be available to speak at the AGM
- 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.
- Private and public property is often used by some inconsiderate people who 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)
- **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.
- **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.
- 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.
- **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.

8:30pm **Committee reports** -

- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
 - The fundraising efforts by DFH Real Estate was acknowledged, although no funds have been received to date. Hopefully it will generate similar offers by other companies.
- SRA Governance Committee – vacant
 - No Updates
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - Julia is on holidays until Oct 23rd .She will provide an update on her return.
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - Our lawyers have been paid further funds, now totally \$500,000...which represent two thirds of what they are currently owned
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
 - The movement of Coho up the Shawnigan Creek is well underway. **Action: Jerrod** will arrange for a tour of interested board members
- Water Committee – Grant
 - No Updates
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - No Updates

- Communications Committee – Al
 - **Action: Al** will draft a letter of thanks to Bellwyck Packaging Solutions for their help with the pumper stickers
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry
 - 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.
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
 - No Updates

9:05pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Nov.15th, 2016