

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Village Watershed Office
March 15th, 2016
Minutes

7:10pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:10pm Board members and Guest –

Present: Cavin, Al, Grant, and Garry.

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

Guests: Julia MacDougall and Bill Hook

7:11pm Approval of Previous Board Minutes – February minutes approved.

7:12pm **Guest Julia MacDougall**, who manages the Membership portfolio, presented her report, hi-lighting that SRA now has 938 voting members, representing considerably more residents when factoring in other household members. Annual memberships are based on the calendar year. **Action: Julia** will contact Jonathan (our new Webmaster to discuss how to streamline the 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.

Guest 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: Al** was to call a contact he has at the Land Remediation office, MoE to see if this information can be made available on a regular bases to the public.

7:46pm Review outstanding actions :

- 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. - Al advised they haven’t seen the brochure Netta was referring to, so haven’t pursued the SRA brochure yet. Rod M. expressed interest in helping to develop the SRA brochure. **Action: Al** will follow-up with Rod.

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.

- o 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. Netta reviewed Jonathan suitability as our new Webmaster, and advise the board. Grant will continue to copy the new Webmaster on agendas and minutes...similar to what he did with Chris.

- o Gerhard Aichelberger spoke to the board in February, proposing changes to the existing organizational structure of the Save Shawnigan Water campaign. The board provided their feedback. **Action: Gerhard is still working on an amended model, incorporating what he heard at the previous meeting.**
- o Netta 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. – 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. Netta advised that as a result some clean-up has occurred, but new dumping is happening. **Action: Netta will continue to pursue and advise.**
- o 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. - **Grant to advised Kelly Musselwhite, Exec Dir SBS.**
- o 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.– **This is why this board meeting was held at the Village Watershed Office this month. Five members of the SBS were in attendance, but unfortunately only three members of the SRA board showed up. While the current focus of the SRA is still on fighting the legal fight with the SIA, it was agreed that following this current push, some energy should focus on “rebranding” Shawnigan, and focusing on some of the positive work that is going on to create a happy, healthy, environmentally diverse and sustainable watershed...in part through the work done by Herb Hammond.**
- o 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. - **Done**

8:20pm

Committee reports -

- Legal Action Committee – some items were not addressed as Calvin had to leave early
 - Participation in “advisory committee” – **SRA and CVRD have declined**
 - Gaming Licence (liquor licence) for Culinary War event – outstanding
 - Johannes Bodendorfer offer to intern - outstanding
 - Malahat First Nation asked for Stay- update?

- 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 has taken 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)- update?
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - Julia presented update, noted above
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - No Update
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
 - No Update.
- Water Committee – Grant
 - No Updates.
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - No Update.
- Communications Committee – Al
 - Al will purchase a portable PA system, and would like to invoice the SRA. **Action: Al** will send out a note seeking Board support.
- 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.
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan absent
 - No Updates

8:40pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 19th, 2016