

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
INFORMAL DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Minutes
August 20, 2009

Attendees: Patty, Sue, Alison, Madelaine, Guy at the Cowichan Station. It was decided that this would be an informal meeting, with no agenda, and no business transpiring, instead discussions on various topics.

Alison indicated that Sarah will be working with Kwan to develop our website. (Madelaine volunteered to help as well). Bullet to include: info of the CSAA, contact info, news and views (blogging?), upcoming events. Guy suggested it also include a hit count to record its readership.

Alison opened up the concern about ways to draw members to our organization as number are way down. Discussed the success of the train wave and played with ideas about regular/annual events. This is a key item to be on next director's agenda. Sue mentioned that there have been past attempts at similar community organizations (1980's?). Also, there was discussion that some community members are concerned about the ability of the CSAA to accomplish some of the "grander" tasks. Thoughts that perhaps many are taking a "wait and see" approach on the CSAA to actually survive and what work they will accomplish.

Alison indicated concern about lack of discipline in contact of and with board members. Would like to see meeting dates/times/locations set, not waiting to see who's available and when. Discussion followed that the current lack of meeting attendance and committee work will improve with summer coming to a close. Suggestion followed that firm meeting dates need to be re-established. Sue proposed that forthwith, director's meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7:30 pm – location TBA pending discussion with St. Andrew's and Sarah. She will send out a formal notice.

Alison clarified that she took the initiative to contact the School Board about accessing the sight for a formal inspection following the Board's suggestion about the CSAA's acquisition of the site for community purposes. The belief being that if the site is not conducive to the opportunity, that we should reconsider it. The community gave the CSAA the approval to proceed. SD's Director of Facilities (Monroe Grobbs) has been contacted and Sarah and David (Long) will do a site inspect with him, as well as review of any engineering reports already completed on the buildings. As the Board is required to develop a site disposition policy (by the Ministry of Education) by November, we need to move quickly on this.

A community member happened by and indicated concern that she had not received any emails from the CSAA for several months. We ensured her that we were still intact and that the email list was being reinvigorated.

Meeting wrapped up at 8:15.