

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2010

In attendance: Anthea, Angela, Guy, Madelaine, Sue, Rick, Alison, Sarah

Called to order at 7:19 pm

Agenda: Approved with the addition of the following: Under committee reports, add Finance. Under New Business: Transition Town (Courtney) and Haiti Fundraiser. Moved by Guy

Minutes: Approved as provided. Moved by Guy

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Village Committee Updates

The village committee has met 3 times. Angela presented the committee's thoughts for the train station upgrades. Consideration included

- dog poop bags (to be by CVRD or sign asking owners);
- garbage cans (who would empty?)
- picnic table needs restoration or to be replaced. Suggestion to contact Dallas Vaux as he builds them
- replace rail ties across small ravine by station
- station needs a spruce up (ie trim bushes, paint, landscape, foundation upgrade)
- ACTION:** Contact Richard Cooper to follow up on his offer to help; costing to follow but estimate - signage – simpler but along line of the village sign
- historical info sign
- perhaps a bench dedicated to Mary Haywood
- replace gravel at mailboxes
- train bridge needs to be painted – **ACTION:** *Village Committee* to follow up with BC Rail re paint supply
- **ACTION:** graffiti on fence needs to be removed ASAP
- additional metal village signs for Koksilah and Bench estimate @\$84each from Leon
- preliminary estimates submitted (attached) and total \$2,237.

ACTION: Motion by Angela: That Sue to ask Loren for access to funds or grants to complete the work as presented. CARRIED.

ACTION: Motion by Angela: That the village committee provide drawings and budget estimates for Sue to take to the Island Corridor Foundation and request permission to proceed with work on the train station. CARRIED.

Parks Committee report: nothing to report at this time

Finance /Treasurer

Angela reports that there is approximate \$3000 in the account; also that the insurance for the church has been renewed.

OLD BUSINESS

School Site

Alison shared the business plans she is drafting for reviewed. Still need to sort out partnership issues. Would like to asap set up a meeting with Ron Austin and Lori Iannardo (Director of Cow. Bay). Would like to see an open house end of February.

ACTION Madelaine will provide information on to Alison from the meeting at Parkside.

ACTION Patty to provide information on Shawnigan.

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Timeline proposed:	Jan 22	draft emailed to directors
	January 26	director's to respond
	Earliest date	Present to Ron at earliest date
		Rick, Sue, Madelaine, Alison indicated interest tin attending.
	Feb 26	Community Open House

Grants

Unable to consider which ones until business plan in place.

Website

Patty is "playing" around and creating a website for CSAA. Grant still has the cowichanstation.org name. Wondered if Kwan has done anything. Sarah will connect the three .

ACTION: Motion by Sue that the website be up and running for a presentation to the board by Feb 16. and will extend this invitation. CARRIED

Jackie Barker Contact List

As Kevin was not at the meeting, this item has been deferred to the next meeting

Village Sign

"Hub" part of the sign now up.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue followed up on her email regarding a series of 3 workshops called "Get on the Train", with the one with the most bearing on Cowichan Station being held Thursday January 21. Cost \$75. Motion by Alison that the CSAA pay for Sue to attend. CARRIED

Sue also talked about Transition Town Workshop January 30-31 – a movement started in England that links climate change and oil.

Madelaine mentioned for those interested that the Mill Bay historical church was having an open house on January 23, thought it relevant because involved partnering with CVRD.

Rick brought up the Affinity "What If" Foundation – a group raising funds for Haiti relief. Discussion around other fund raising groups, including Oxfam and Canadian Foundation for Children of Haiti. It was agreed that we would send blanket emails to the group on other organizations we might be aware of that are supporting the Haiti relief fund.

PLEASE NOTE GUY'S NEW EMAIL: hael@islandnet.com

Next director's meeting: February 16, 2010.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm,