

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING  
HELD JULY 19, 2011

Attendees: Sarah, Angela, Zane, Patty, Madelaine, Lorraine, Alison, Jill

Called to Order at 7:15 pm

Agenda: Approved with revisions: Discussion about setting term priorities at a separate planning meeting. Set for September 8 (Jill to arrange for facilitator). EcoVillage dinner conversation deferred until next meeting (when Cheri is present). Moved by Zane. CARRIED.

Minutes from previous meeting: Accepted. Moved by Lorraine. CARRIED.

Continuing Business:

1.Treasurer's Report: Summer Celebration balance sheet shows \$1,924.  
Bank Balance (including above) is \$16,976.31

2.School site update:

>Insurance: Alison has requested quotes from 3 insurance companies; only 1 response. Will continue to source.

>Site condition: (Inspected due to impending signing of lease) Sarah spoke to Coast Environment. There are 3 septic tanks and 3 separate fields. Coast will pump out and inspect for \$500. Discussion that due to future development of site, not too much septic will be produced to warrant this cash outlay at this time. Water is on – needs to be tested. Water tank is not leaking (as had been previously thought) – just condensation. Three oil tanks were removed and two new tanks put in. Soil tests to be done.

>Lease of annex: Sarah presented lease advertisement and asked for suggestions on "getting it out" Patty to put on Website; Madelaine will contact the newspapers; also suggestion to post on community bulletin boards.

>Sarah will talk to CVRD about what uses would be restricted under P1 zoning. Sarah is requesting 2 quotes for repair of gym roof and annex (which Brant indicated had a 2 year life).

3.Village update:

>Angela advised that we can have the marquee sign from the Church. Zane will co-ordinate its removal. Suggestion of possible location in the flowerbed....discussion about removal of fir trees along road.

>Train station interior painting will be finished in next couple of weeks. Still need to pick stones from site (proposed for September) in order to seed/sod.

4.Summer Celebration wrap-up

> Jill was excited about the community support. Offered following suggestions

a) photos from Canada Day need to get to Canadian Heritage (Rick) and onto our website (Patty)

b) suggest we produce a fund-raising handout/bookmark so people know different options to make donations and have contact info (Jill and Alison)

c) suggest we have bound copies of our proposal for The Hub to share with a wider audience (Jill and Alison)

d) suggestion that for any future event that consideration be made to feed the volunteers (to be dealt with at planning session)

e) Proposed continuing community connection through pick up sports games on Sundays. Decision to run next 2 Sundays from 11-12 and see response. Alison to email community membership. Jill will make up sandwich board/sign for "day of" event.

f) suggested "races on the rails" – idea to have the pump/push train carts and run timed races on the tracks. Could be done in conjunction with other communities. Jill will contact ICF to see about logistics.

g) Need to find out about CVRD Parks & Rec's exact plans for the playground and field maintenance as they have not had or requested any input from CSAA. Alison will contact them about the maintenance schedule.

h) need MUSIC next year. Propose a small stage on the field for hired and/or pick-up musicians

#### 5. Bright Angel Park

>Patty and Alison will walk the site, make a list of concerns, and write a letter to CVRD, requesting a meeting with Loren Duncan and Brian Farquard. Park is caught in political limbo with province expecting all Areas to make financial contribution, with no one ultimately looking after its deteriorating facilities (washroom, playground, etc.)

#### 6. PermaCulture

>Meeting August 2 at 11:30 at The Hub site. Sarah gave them the site plan that included perimeter trail, grey water garden and other ideas. Patty and Alison will attend – all and anyone else please join them.

Next directors meeting: September 20 at 7:00 (Sarah's studio unless otherwise advised)

NOTE: SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING SEPTEMBER 8 (time and date TBA)