

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING

Minutes
JUNE 8, 2009

ATTENDEES: Kevin (Chair), Anthea, Gwen, Sarah, Madelaine, Guy, Alison, Sue (with apologies for late arrival) (Regrets: Patty, Angela, Jeannie)

Called to Order at 7:15 pm

Approval of Agenda: change approval of minutes of Feb 23 meeting to MARCH 23 meeting.
Addition to New Business: Website. CARRIED.

Approval of minutes of Directors' meetings of March 23, May 3, May 6. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School Site: (Alison)

Alison provided updates to recent meetings she attended with respect to the school site.
>Met with Bob Harper of SD 79 – he indicated highly unlikely that the site will be reused as a public school. Still no response to the letter directed to the Board (SD 79) and Madelaine will wait until Friday to follow up with him so we have a response for the AGM. Informally, Rodger spoke to him again and was advised that SD 79 would be extending invites to Evergreen Independent school and CSAA to make presentations about use of the site.

>Rodger has spoken to Ron Austen (Manager of CVRD Parks, Rec and Culture Commission) As SD 79 would only get 25% of any revenue from school site sale (Per School Act), believes it makes more sense for long term use of site. Indicated very interested in working with us – this is new territory for them, so need to be professional and proactive. There is no P & R Commission funding for building, however, commission now includes Culture, so options?

>Also spoke to someone from the Queen Charlotte school where that school (with 40 kids) is used in conjunction with the community centre.

>Another idea from Metchosin school where the board sublets ½ to an Art School on a year to year term.

>Sarah looked into Glenora Hall set up. Run by Glenora Hall Association who receive \$7500 per year CVRD grant. Also Cobble Hill Agriculture Society (hall contact there) receives \$10k per year from the Area as well as other societies. Money is available from a variety of sources. Also was told that the CVRD would run any programs (similar to those run out of Quamichan, etc schools)

Village Centre

Sarah and Alison reported on behalf of the committee.

>Railway meeting felt really good, even though newspaper article appears different. BC Rail indicated that they need to spray once per year to maintain weeds from eating the ties. They mow before and avoid any locations where there is a drain or connection to water way. They use Glyphosate (sp?) which is the “best of the worst” – has a short ½ life. Willing to work with us to come up with alternatives for vegetation management.

>Indicated a strong interest in developing trails/pathways along tracks.

“>Suggest new sign needs balance. Sarah indicated there are funds available to do so and would like to approach sign makers to make one. Anthea made motion to add a second matching sign (for lower area) “Hub of the Universe” CARRIED

Parks

>Sue attended StreamKeepers course on the weekend. Sarah would like to see one run on the Koksilah at her place or on Kelvin Creek. Anthea mentioned she has done some as well, so we have people capable of leading measurement/recording sessions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ICF correspondence: Sue reported that she received correspondence back that there is no money for any work (ie grants) but will support the Association in anyway.
2. Madelaine reminded that she needs to provide Guy with contact info regarding the water tank at Cowichan Station school. Guy still looking into fuel situation. Co-Op card lock is moving to north end. Madelaine suggested possibly Save-On Gas.
3. Signage for the church still a work in progress, but progressing.
4. Sarah plans on bringing trail maps to all meetings for further notations from community.
5. Sarah will check on status of Transit. Even though appears to be a dead issue, directors were reminded that the Association was told that funding was being spent starting in October whether or not the community wanted bussing. Is this still so?
6. Sue will follow up re letter to CVRD regarding land use of historic lots. As the OCP is being rewritten, this is something that could be included. Sarah will follow up with Mike Tippett re the OCP>
7. Madelaine sent letter to Minister Krueger re Area B/E situation but due to provincial election, unsure who new minister might be. Some discussion about whether this is an Association mandate or responsibility. Decided that the CSAA would support any initiative to that end, but no further Association involvement.

NEW BUSINESS

AGM:

>Proposed “Headline act” unavailable due to previous commitment. Suggest we run a “community jam” instead (pot luck desserts and music). Looking for alternative host musicians.

>Nominations: Rodger will handle. Madelaine to email previous list. Phone # on flyer. Alison indicated she will call Kim to see if he is still wanting to be a director.

>agenda will include community reports; summary to be emailed to Madelaine by June 16 and she will arrange to copy onto back of agenda.

>Madelaine again volunteered to put flyers up on the weekend for the AGM.

>Agenda will include “treasurer’s report”. Motion to pay \$50.00 hall rental fee. CARRIED.
Alison will be on hand to renew and collect membership fees.

2. BC Rail spray (see above)

3. Suggestion that Patty announce at the AGM a plan for family community event (mid week evening) to be held at Bright Angel park.

4. Directive that Angela investigate the CSAA providing tax receipts for donations.

5. Pocket Market begins Wed. June 17 (3-6). Directors unaware of this so Madelaine will email the notice she got to everyone.

6. Website: Kwan is ready to put the design together. MOTION: Alison, Sarah and Gwen will help develop content to be approved by Directors. Carried.

Next meeting: TBA but in September

Adjourned at 9:30