

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF DIRECTORS
Held June 21, 2011

Attendees: Zane, Alison, Cheri, Sue, Patty, Madelaine, Lorraine, Angela, Jill, Rick

Approval of Agenda: Approved by Angela with following additions: Bright Angel Park, Fernwood meeting. CARRIED

Approval of Minutes: Zane. CARRIED

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's Report \$14, 976.55 plus \$800 grant from Canadian Heritage
\$1,210.53 remains from original grants

2. School Site

>Zane reported that he met with a new Community Co-ordinator at Rona and they are on board as a significant contributor. They are willing to provide contractor's pricing on products, volunteer labour, and use of their parking lot for fund raisers (ie hot dog sales)

ACTION: Zane to email details to Rick for him to forward to Canadian Heritage.

>Alison reported that the lease is currently being reviewed by Jill's dad. As well, she is shopping for insurance in Victoria as was unhappy with knowledge level of local companies. The report on the condition of the school should be completed next week. The roof on the annex will need to be replaced in 2 years; ongoing issues from the burst pipes last winter; and the stilted building portion should come down sooner vs. later.

>Jill has had contact with Mulberry Lane music school and suggested we consider a native plant nursery

>Madelaine has asked Jeremy, who runs motorcycle clinics in the parking lot at the school, to send a letter indicating interest in use of the site

3. Village Committee

Angela reported that the train site still needs more fill, rocks picked, and final painting inside – all to wait until weather cooperates. Decision to not fertilize until Sept. Station signs are ready to be installed.

4. Summer Celebration events

July 1 - Jill offered following priorities: Safety for cyclists (talked to John Buda), Fun for teens (clean playground and basketball court), pretty for community (clean up)...Cheri will take care of cake and pizza for 25 people; Sue has arranged for tents from Clarence Ross; Lorraine and Sue will look at the school field to determine how much dirt is need in the field to fill dips at backstop in preparation for Seeds & Salt. Patty to donate felt to

cover as needed. Rick offered to talk to EcoVillage re composting toilets vs. Madelaine's rental of portopotty.

July 2 – Alison offered haybales for seating; Madelaine indicated should be enough tents for shelter (rain or shine) Patty will have Ben inquire about purchasing one from Tools & Tarps; Angela reported that Joanne Circle will help her with the plant sale; Madelaine reported that she contacted vendors at closing Cobble Hill market and has heard from 3 of them plus 2 others. Seeds & Salt will arrive at 2:30 to warm up and set up....Cheri will organize food, etc., Sarah will host kids games, and bring sign, Zane will coordinate books, everything else will fall into place as it needs to.....

5. Other Business:

- Madelaine suggests that CSAA write a letter in support of the Island E&N Railway – as the train is not running, the spray campaign is on hold, so no need to follow up to have them not spray
- Need to write letter to CVRD regarding deterioration of Bright Angel Park and request it receive some attention
- Angela would like a thank you to Brian Ellison for his work in cutting the field; Madelaine suggested that as her media releases and letters to editor publicly thanking many supporters, perhaps we should take out an ad
- Need a motion for a budget for advertising

Next meeting: July 19, 2011 (Tuesday) at 7:00-7:15 start