

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS' MEETING
OF MARCH 16, 2010

In attendance: Guy, Sue, Patty, Madelaine, , Angela, Alison, Jeannie

Called to order at 7:15 pm

Approval of agenda by Guy. CARRIED

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting with following correction: Village committee action item. Sue to write cover letter to CVRD requesting *grant in aid* for improvements as laid out. Approved by Patty. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's

Bank balance from last month less \$100.00 for Patty to take the BC Centre for Social Enterprise workshop March 18.

Village Committee

Nothing to update. Waiting for Ministry of Transportation's approval of signs and their placement; Patty and Jeannie have rocks etc. to spruce up village sign. Looking for left over cement to make the slab for the train station. Would like to have the graffiti on the fence painted, in fact whole fence repaired as is becoming an eyesore.

Parks Committee

Suggestion that the committee name be changed to "Environment" to broaden scope of committee. Need people to come on stream and participate; would like someone with connection to Bright Angel.

School Site: moved to end of meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Parkside Academy **ACTION:** Madelaine to follow up with them regarding their application for funds, etc.

Website - Patty started (Looks great!) and will finish. **ACTIONS:** Madelaine offered to help write the intro; Alison to help focus the links and contents.

Jackie Barker web connection: **ACTION:** Madelaine to continue to follow up with her
St. Andrew's Church: Disestablishment was confirmed last weekend. Congregation appears to have opportunity to lease the space from Diocese. Further details will be distributed as they become available.

BC Centre for Social Enterprise: Patty and Angela will attend Thursday's workshop

Freight Concerns: Discussed how best to handle concerns about freight and other rail transportation issues. Discussion led to the fact that we (CSAA) have the opportunity to be

proactive on community planning and growth strategies (ie minimum lot sizes, water concerns, septic concerns). These are issues that should be included in the OCP.

Action: Alison will contact Mike Tippet about the possibility of a workshop on community planning and report back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Food Charter: Jeannie reported that the Cowichan Green Community is creating a charter that is intended to support local farms sustainability. She asked that the CSAA support their initiative and sign onto it.

ACTION: Jeannie to email it to the directors for their review.

MOTION (Angela): That the CSAA support this and sign the initiative . CARRIED.

School Site

Angela updated directors on presentation to Electoral Area Service Committee (positive).

Next steps:

1. In order to avoid any confusion about information about the plan now circulating in the public domain, it was decided that future copies of the business plan will be printed on pages with "draft" embedded on them.
2. Alison will continue to firm up document
3. Community Special General Meeting required for approval to proceed. To be held April 16 at St. Andrew's Church at 7:00 pm. Madelain will check availability .
4. Advertising to be done 2 weeks prior per constitution.
5. Madelaine will prepare media release packages to be sent to: Pictorial, Citizen, Lake Cow. Gazette, Chemainus Chronicle, Shaw, Sun FM, Times Colonist, The Valley Voice by Tuesday.
6. Don Maroc should also be contacted.
7. Patty will check on price to have professional signs made for the roads (x5)
8. Patty to link to the package on the website.

Next meeting: April 6th at 7:00 pm at Sarah to focus solely on the Hub project.

Adjourned at 9:00 pm.