

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
MINUTES

Attendees: Sarah, Sue, Anthea, Madelaine, Alison (no quorum)

Called to Order at 7:30

Agenda approved for the meeting

Minutes of previous meeting (with correction) approved for the meeting

Business

1. Treasurer's Report: Through Sarah, Angela reported an account balance of more than \$6,000
2. School site:
 - >Alison reported that instead of a formal letter, she opted for an informal request of SD79 via email (attached). As of meeting, still no response from Bob Harper. She has contacted John W. from the MofE. He indicates that our request has been batched for cabinet but still nothing, although he is aware of the crown land situation. Alison's concerns re short term are with respect to union issues.
 - >She also reported that our request for sharing charitable status with Cowichan Land Trust was rejected as there is not "close enough purpose" between us. Other possibilities might be Sunrise Waldorf, Transition Cowichan. Our application with Revenue Canada is still pending around Christmas, which, now, is not that far away.
 - >Research Grant – contact is away, but (**ACTION**) Alison indicated she will contact next week.
 - >Sarah indicated she is still working on construction costing and presented her "raise the roof" sign idea.
 - >Madelaine reported that she has inputted class lists 1942-1958 (from Archives) onto a USB stick. Very time consuming. No records prior to 1904 and sporadic to 1920 – missing records probably at BC Archives in Victoria. No records at Cowichan Archives past 1989 because they are now on computer at the Board office, and FOIP may not allow us access.
3. ENP Grant: Deferred to next meeting
4. Train station
 - >Sue sent an apology letter to Loren re the picnic table bound for the train station, with suggestions that it might still have a home in Cowichan Station.
 - >Station is one half painted (thanks to Patty and Angela).
5. Village Committee
 - >"Hub" piece of our village sign was removed and has gone in for repainting.

>Clean up day as proposed by Patty. Discussion determined that we will host a clean up on Oct 10 (following the 10-10-10 tree planting) 1-3. Meet at the church. Hot cider and treats to follow. **ACTIONS**: Sue will contact St. Andrew's to book the hall and apply for Regional approval for free tipping (need to provide license plate numbers for vehicles going). **ACTION**: Madelaine will publicize in papers. **ACTION**: Alison will send an email to our mailing list.

>Discussion continued re fruit/nut tree planting for Transition Cowichan's 10-10-10. Sarah indicated she will attend Parks and Rec meeting Thursday to determine more suitable location for trees as school site, train station, Bright Angel Park, Fairbridge train head are all not suitable.

6. Area D doing a community mapping workshop – decision not necessary for us to attend
7. Area B APP process – still waiting for Ken Cossey for meeting to set our boundary. Madelaine drew attention to a couple of Shawnigan APP applications (ie Historical Society) which indicates director already has plans for new/extra taxing so probably doesn't want to add ours to them. **ACTION** Madelaine will contact Ken Cossey to set up meeting ASAP. **ACTION**: Madelaine and Sarah will work on door to door campaign for opting out of Area B residents
8. St. Andrew's Church
Sue received response from Diocese dated Sept 14 (attached). Seen as a crack into the space. Will continue to have dialogue to utilize space for community
9. CSAA director communication
Deferred to next meeting

Next meetings: October 19, November 16, December 14

Adjourned at 8:45 pm