

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2008

Chair: Rodger Hunter

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm

Proposed agenda: Membership and finance report, call for nominations of directors and officers, elections, general business, Cowichan Station Conversation (places we value...tonight - historical and cultural)

Membership and Finance Report:

Treasurer reports that to date we have 46 members, therefore \$460.00 in bank.
See Below for Committee reports

Call for nominations:

The following names have been put forward for Association positions:

President (2 year term)	Sue Wells
Vice-President (2 year term)	Kevin Logan
Secretary (1 year term)	Madelaine MacLeod
Treasurer (1 year term)	Angela Davies
Directors-at-large (1 year term)	Gwen Siciliano Patty John Jeannie McIntosh Anthea Archer
Directors-at-large (2 year term)	Sarah Davies-Long Alison Nicholson Kim Tournier Guy LaFlam

Call for any further nominations from the floor

Second call for any further nominations from the floor

Third call for any further nominations from the floor

Motion to accept the nominations. Seconded by Carol Cooper. Approved.

Nominees elected by acclimation.

General Business

Newly elected Directors will set next meeting to discuss ideas arising from Cowichan Station Conversation (to follow)

Discussion of information and historical stories provided and set out around room.

Reminder of upcoming Father's Day train visit on June 15, as well as other community events as organized through St. Andrew's (ie Summer Celebration); as well, coffee house closed through summer (reopening in September)

Cowichan Station Conversation

Flip chart paper placed around room with headings of various historical/cultural points of interest. Attendees worked in groups of 6 to come up with what we value, what we want to protect, restore, enhance; what do we want to do...notes onto stickies and then placed on appropriate flip charts. Each person then given 6 "happy face" stickers to indicate their choices of importance (can use 1 per item, or all 6 for a favorite). Results will be tallied and sent to membership. Newly elected directors to discuss results at upcoming meeting (to be set).

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS SUMMARY

Village Centre Committee - Signage

- Terry Burnett from Burnett signs met with the committee to review wood sign options. A basic raised lettering with red background "train look" sign was agreed upon for the Village of Cowichan Station. Proposed that three signs will be located as you enter the village area:
 - On Koksilah by the bright Angel park sign
 - On bench just below the mailboxes
 - On Koksilah between Fox Run and the school.
- **Action: The committee will go ahead and get estimates for the work and pursue approval from highways to erect the signs.**
- In addition to the \$1500 we have in grants for signs, the Community Tourism program will grant us \$1500 for heritage signage to honour St Andrews church. These funds must be spent before the 2009 tourism season.
- **Action: The committee will approach the church to work collaboratively on this signage.**

Environment and Parks Committee

This year's projects have centered around the StreamKeepers course and the upcoming general meeting on the environment. As we were unable to meet and fill seats in a timely manner for the October 4th StreamKeepers Course, Sue contacted the Land Trust Society

and requested a course in the spring of 2009 that would target the Koksilah River and its watersheds. The organization is looking into that. The issue of funding for individuals is still under investigation. As the course is already partially funded by the CVRD, it is felt that a contribution by the participants is appropriate. That price is about \$60. There is a cost for the text/reference book as well.

This November the General Meeting of the CSAA is focused on the environment. Guest speakers from the Environment Commission are expected, with the 12 Big Steps discussed in relation to the CSAA and the vision that the community has for the area.

School Site Committee

During the BC Union of Municipalities meeting in October, Loren Duncan discussed the community's desire to retain Cowichan Station School as a community centre. Mr. Duncan advised that the local school board as well as Shirley Bond appeared very supportive of that idea and of CVRD leasing the site from SD 79 for such opportunities. Model would be similar to Elsie Mills. We have looked at, as well as been approached by a couple of organizations who would be interested in utilizing available spaces. CVRD has done an external site visit, and plan to view the inside of the buildings in the near future. Realistically, nothing will be done until January due to the new school board and the holidays. Continued vigilance on the community's part to protect the site from vandalism is imperative by calling any concerns to the Board office.