

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
HELD MAY 31, 2011 (at Rick's)

MINUTES

Attendees: Sarah, Jill, Lorraine, Zane, Madelaine, Guy, Rick, Cheri

Call to order at 7:15

Approval of agenda: Guy. CARRIED

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Guy. CARRIED

BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer's Report: \$14, 860.
> Rick advised that we also received a the \$800 grant from Heritage Canada for a July 1 celebration.
2. July celebrations
>Madelaine reported on overall plan ideas. Other details resolved: July 1 (time 10-2) to be community work day, followed by soccer/baseball game and BBQ; July 2 (time 11-3, followed by SALT) to be "Summer Celebration"; **ACTION ITEMS**: Zane will advertise in Valley Voice publication, Alison to check with SD79 re mowing field; Madelaine will follow up with Harry Felsing regarding tents previously used by St. Andrew's; Madelaine will send out sign up sheet for directors to take on certain parts of the parties. Any further details can be ironed out at next meeting.
3. Hub Update
>The revised draft lease should be in Alison's hands soon. Would like to have the condition of the building documented as an appendix for the lease (for our protection). **ACTION ITEM**: Sarah will contact Munroe to do a walk about and document re above. Sarah indicated all reports of the site are available to us.
>Annex needs an anchor tenant. While a daycare/educational site is a great fit, not yet found. Alison suggests we consider a short term lease option for someone else and she requests that everyone get the word out that the space is available. Madelaine indicated that some years back she spoke to a group that centralized info about daycares in S. Vancouver Island and will try to get contact info.
>Lease requires us to carry \$5M liability. **MOTION**: Once lease is signed, Alison will obtain \$5M liability insurance as per lease requirements; secondly, that we secure liability insurance for CSAA directors; and that up to \$3500 be spent to acquire above insurance. Guy. CARRIED.
4. Train Station
>Clean up of site , seeding, slab setting, signs, bench all waiting for better weather. Also, appears that someone hijacked the rocks set aside from the front of the station. Reminder we were all going to bring something for the geocache box (to replace the

stolen items). ACTION: Cheri to contact Don MacGregor (SVI) to see about status of train. Discussion that the work that we did last year has regrown, and to take on more "mileage" seems fruitless. Suggest a letter supporting investment in the "steamer" they used to use.

5. Other items

>Neighbourhood House. Successful lunch hosted by Rick (attended by Alison, Sarah, Rick and two from NH). It was determined that The Hub does not fit their mandate because we changed our constitution in order to deal with the facility. Option would be to encourage a Neighbourhouse to use our facility. Their focus seems to be more on social services/issues, which are not so much part of our rural environment. Decision to not pursue partnership, but establish a link/affiliation to Cowichan Neighbourhood House (in Chemainus). They are sponsoring us so we can use their charitable status for the ENP Grant. ACTION: Rick to set up delegation status for the CSAA to meet with CNH.

>Inspiration/Reflection opportunities

Cheri introduced idea of attending a dinner at ECO village for inspiration of unique ideas. Following discussion, decision to postpone until after summer. Alison again requested that this group meet to set priorities for upcoming term, beyond The Hub. Wants to keep ideas such as Eco Village, Neighborhood House and Fernwood community group in mind too.

Next meeting June 21 at 7:00 pm....Sarah's studio unless otherwise changed.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.