



Draft MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, Mar. 2, 2017

In Attendance: Scott Karpes, Chris Kask, Irena Jazwinski, Gabe Epstein, Katherine Brandt, Vera Wynn-Williams, Pam Loadman and Marcus Fedoruk

Regrets: Rob Wickson, Chris Bullock, Christine Fedoruk, Trevor Hancock and Ray Farmer

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved GE/Seconded PL – Approved

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of a Canada Day report.

3. Board Resignation

It was reported that Bill Williamson had resigned from the board thereby leaving the position of Interim Membership Secretary vacant.

Irena agreed to take on the position of Membership Secretary.

4. AGM/Volunteer Recognition

Vera reported that the AGM was booked for Monday, April 3 at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. Vera would meet with Rob to prepare the Annual Report and discuss who would run the elections at the board meeting.

It was also noted that board members agreeing to serve on the board would have to do so in writing as per the new Provincial Societies Act which came into effect November, 2016. Vera would prepare a form and distribute to all returning board members.

Chris Kask, Pam Loadman, Irena Jazwinski, Scott Karpes, Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Marcus Fedoruk and Vera Wynn-Williams confirmed that they were staying with the board.

Marcus reported that Christine Fedoruk would need to step away from the board because of family obligations.

Vera reported that she would speak to Rob and remaining directors to confirm whether they were staying on the board.

Board members agreed to approach community members to see if they were interested in serving on the board.

Vera noted that the recognition of volunteers at the AGM was proceeding as planned.

5. Reports

a. Finance - Chris K.

No report

d. McKenzie/Hwy 1 Intersection Task Group – Pam

Pam reported that there had been a meeting and that Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) was proposing to build a berm along the highway with all the soil it needs to remove from the McKenzie intersection when it digs down. She noted that the berm would be similar to the large soil hill at the Tillicum off ramp. MOTI is proposing that the berm be planted with trees and that it become part of the urban forest.

Pam noted that in discussions the following issues had been raised:

- Potentially contaminated soil from the intersection
- Introduction and spread of invasive species
- Care and maintenance of the newly planted trees as this land would still belong to MOTI and does not belong to Saanich

Pam noted that this was still just a proposal and if MOTI decided to proceed, there would be a public consultation.

6. Parks

a. Cuthbert Holmes Park

No report.

b. Gorge Park Community Garden – Gabe

- All 49 plots are allocated and 59 people are on the waiting list
- Membership fees have been collected
- Memberships for those without plots are down
- They are recruiting for members (without plots) and donors
- Committees are working on fundraising
- Plant sale is on May 7th

Chris asked about the 'community gathering place' events. Gabe reported that they may do more park benches and pergolas in gathering places. They are also planning to do a 'festival' in the fall.

7. Communications

a. Newsletter – Vera

The newsletter was finished and would be ready for distribution next week.

b. Website/Social Media – Marcus

- The current contract will be up in April, the new website on the SquareSpace portal will be month to month starting in April
- There are 970 followers on Facebook

8. Gorge Park Clean-up

- The clean-up is confirmed for April 22nd
- Scott would get the membership materials from Ray
- Sept. clean-up will be on National Shoreline Clean-up Day

9. More Garbage Cans on the Gorge

- Garbage has become an issue near the midden at Tillicum
- Irena agreed to email Saanich about getting an additional garbage can at this location
- Gabe noted that the garbage can may need to be accessible by the garbage truck

10. Canada Day Report

- Chris noted that Richard's team had been logistics so he is trying to find a company to do this work. The requirement is basically for day labourers but must come with a competent manager
- Bill's position was to deal with the not-for-profit vendors so this position needs to be filled
- Tracey Menzies will do the market vendors
- After many, many years Steve and Anne will no longer be taking care of the coffee booth. This booth requires two volunteers as one person needs to make numerous trips to Starbucks.
- Vendors call has been done and they can sign up and pay using Event Brite
- Sponsorship letters will be going out this month
- Saanich has received Canada 150 funds and will use it to beef up their presence in Zone 3 (kids area and Gorge on Art)

Next Meeting Board Meeting
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Date: Thursday, April 6 , 2017
Place: Pearkes