



Draft MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018

In Attendance: Rob, Vera, Gabe, Pam, Russ, Ray, Chris B., Chris K. & Ed

Regrets: Marcus, Irena, Katherine, Trevor & Scott

Guests: Philip Lancaster & Julian Anderson

1. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 2017

Moved GE/ Seconded VW – Approved with previous amendments

No minutes were taken at the abbreviated Dec. board meeting and Christmas Party.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of AGM planning.

3. Reports

a. Finance – Chris K.

Chris presented the year-end financial statements.

He noted that on the revenue side:

- Municipal grant revenue was down to less grants for GPCG
- Federal grant was up because the GTCA received a 150 Canada Day Grant
- There was a drop in membership revenue
- There was almost \$3300+ increase in vendor fees from the picnic as a result of strong vendor sales and additional revenue from the school house market
- GTCA no longer qualifies for the GST rebate

On the expenses side:

- Materials & supplies were down because of new suppliers
- Talent costs were higher because of more entertainment programming

Net income for the year was \$9,182.79.

Chris noted that this brought the member's equity to \$51,441.92, including \$5000 of appropriated surplus for an art fund.

It was moved VW/second GE – That the financial statements be approved by the board and be presented to the members at the AGM. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Membership – Irena

Irena was not present at the meeting but Chris reported that based on the finances the GTCA had 140 individual members (down from 160 in 2016) and only one business member.

The board deferred a larger discussion about membership to the February meeting.

c. SCAN/Council – Rob

Council:

- i. Governance Review Report was presented. Paul Thorkleson memo noted that Saanich could and should do something. Jim Anderson's speech demanded action. Colin Plant requested that ideas be changed to actions. Mayor Atwell noted that Saanich needed to do better. Rob noted that the report was online for board members to read.

SCAN

- i. Saanich presented their facilities review assessment. Rob has a copy of the brochure which prioritizes the buildings most in need of work. Including the police station, a firehall, the public works offices and the rec centres. Included in the list is revamping one of the rinks at Pearkes.
- ii. Ian Sutherland of the Downtown Residents Assoc. explained Victoria's new process for developments which would be facilitated by Community Associations.

d. Land Use/Developments

- **Qu'Appelle** – Rob is working to set up a meeting with Chuck Bell regarding this project.
- **Nigel Valley Projects** – Rob has the plans if any board member wants to see them. Rob noted that residents are already concerned about the impact on parking.

e. Transportation

- **Gorge Road Speeds** – The area between Harriet and Tillicum continues to be of great concern to residents. Rob noted that he had received no response to his letter from December. The board was keen to ramp up action on this issue. The GCTA would like to see 2 lanes, bike lanes and a centre turn lane. The board agreed to invite Harley **????**, from Saanich Engineering to the next meeting.

4. Parks

a. Cuthbert Holmes

There continue to be campers in the park despite the construction and horrendous weather. Councilors were taken on several walkthroughs of the park so that they could see what was happening.

c. Gorge Park Community Gardens – Gabe

- 8 new people were taking plots and that the waitlist for a plot sat at about 50 people
- Brenda and Kay were leaving the board, while Gabe and Lorrie were staying
- Several workshops have been set up. One on soil and one on pruning
- CPCG AGM was to be held at the end of January or early February

5. Communications

a. Newsletter – Vera

- Vera noted that the deadline for newsletter content was Jan. 30th
- Vera reported that Pearkes had not renewed the advertising on the back cover and it was an opportunity to do something more interesting. After some discussion, it was decided that a photography contest would be a nice addition to the newsletter.

b. Websites/Social Media

- Chris K. reported that he had renewed the hosting for the current website for an additional year

6. Julian Anderson

- **Drone Footage** - Julian reported that may be an opportunity to have a drone operator take footage of the state of Cuthbert Holmes Park. The board was interested in obtaining footage of the damage but also some promotional footage that could be used for educational purposes. The board may be asked to financially contribute to this project but no formal request was made at the meeting.
- **MOTI Comprehensive Mitigation Plan for the Park** – This plan is to be released soon. Dave Polster was to review the plan
- **MOTI Admits to Breach at the Cloverleaf** – MOTI admitted to the breach last May but have yet to do anything. Rob and Julian would draft a letter to MOTI regarding the breach.

7. Gorge Waterway Initiative (GWI) Representation

The GWI is a group comprised of government, community groups and environmental groups with the goal of enhancing and protecting the Gorge. Craig Elder had attended the meetings and reported back to the board but is now stepping aside. Ed Pullman agreed to attend the meetings on behalf of the GTCA,

8. AGM

It was decided that the best week for the AGM would on the week of March 12-15. Vera was to look into availability of the Lam Room at Pearkes.

Next Meeting Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Date: Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018

Place: Pearkes