

Saturna Recreation Centre Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date Held: 5 December 2009

Location: Saturna Recreation Centre, Lounge

Directors Present: Grant Dickey (GD)
Melanie Gaines (MG), President
John Money (JM), Vice President
Ian Smyth (IS)
Bernie Ziegler (BZ), Treasurer
Michael Vautour (MV), Marketing
Ingrid Gaines (IG), Minute Taker

Director/s Absent: Al Stonehouse

Also present were numerous members of the Recreation Centre Society.

1. Call to Order: 11:05 AM

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Lorna Archer-Quinn moved approval of the Agenda as circulated. Approved.

3. Minutes of November 14th, 2008 AGM

MG read aloud the minutes of 2008 AGM as prepared by Amy Ewart.

Geothermal Field - JM stated that they had discussed the need for the geothermal expert to evaluate & give a written report re: the field's ability to service the new firehall building.

Community Club Status: Dawn Wood noted that even though the Community Club is not a charitable organization it is a registered society.

IG will make these changes to the minutes & attach a copy.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Propane - JM noted that when he was checking the propane level in the tank that there was a strong smell of propane. He suggests that a letter be written to Superior Propane asking them to send someone to check the tank. JM also noted that there has been a reduction in propane costs over the last year.

4.2 Geothermal/SIFPS - Wayne Quinn, SIFPS project manager, stated that it was in an informal conversation, with Lynn Mueller, before an actual review of the field was undertaken that Lynn stated that the field could service both buildings. Unfortunately, the subsequent review disproved this idea. Lynn has provided a letter (MG was asked to read and is attached). This letter has been sent to the SIFPS. The MOU with SIFPS will now have to be modified to reflect the fact that they will have to find another heat source.

4.3 Accounting – The accountant's bill was approximately half of last year's due to the fact that they did not have to spend time on a GST rebate in 2009.

5. Treasurer's Report:

5.1 BZ gave the same report to the AGM that he gave to the October 24th General Meeting. His report & the audited financial statements can be found attached to those minutes.

BZ noted that the SRCS finances are in a sound state as attested to be the audit.

Motion: BZ moved, Wayne Quinn seconded approval of the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

5.2 Geothermal Repairs – the SIFPS paid for the initial repair to the field, but the SRCS has paid for subsequent work/repairs.

5.3 Gaming – BZ noted that it is crucial that the SRCS work on spending the Gaming funds it received. Sue Syverson asked what our Gaming category is. We fall under the Cultural & Recreation category.

6. Appointment of Auditor's:

Motion: GD moved, Brent Sohler seconded that Cowland, Paterson & Co be appointed as the SRCS auditors for the next fiscal year. Carried.

7. President's Report:

Attached is the report read by MG.

Dawn Wood, on behalf of the SCC & HC thanked MG for the way she has worked with them this last year.

7. Setting of the Activity Fee for 2010:

MG stated that it was the recommendation of the Executive that the activity fees/s be left at the same rate for 2010 as they have been for 2009.

Motion: John Jeffries moved, Cameron McCabe seconded, that the activity fee/s for 2010 be increased by 10%.

Discussion followed. It was generally felt that even though most everyone present was in agreement that the fees are very reasonable it is the mandate of the SRCS to be affordable & accessible for the whole community.

MG called the motion. 2 were in favour. Motion failed.

Motion: JM moved, Keith Howard seconded, that the activity fee/s for 2010 be left at the current rate. Carried.

8. Fire Hall Status:

JM reported that unfortunately the SIFPS had been unsuccessful in obtaining an infrastructure grant to build a new firehall. However, they do have several financial institutions willing to loan the necessary monies & will soon be asking the taxpayers of Saturna for permission to borrow the funds needed to build the new firehall.

The SIFPS now has their own webpage.

9: Notice of Motion Re: Number of Directors:

At the October 24th General Meeting the Executive agreed to give notice of their desire to have the number of directors on the board be increased from 7 to 9.

Motion: MG moved, Susie Washington Smyth seconded, that the number of directors on the SRCS board be increased from 7 to 9.

Discussion followed. MG called the motion. 6 opposed. Keith & Theresa Howard, John & Carol Money, Sue Syverson & 1 anonymous.

Motion carried.

10: Election of Directors:

10 persons indicated their willingness to stand for election to the SRCS Executive Board.

MG called 3 times for nominations from the floor. Sue Syverson nominated John McMillan. John McMillan indicated that he was unwilling to stand. There were no further nominations from the floor. The slate was as follows.

Linda Cunningham

Brian Haley

Melanie Gaines

John Money

Ian Smyth

Brent Sohler

Ted Syverson

Michael Vautour

Kate Vigneault

Bernie Ziegler

JM requested that the nominees be allowed to address the meeting. Those present did.

A closed ballot was held. Susie Washington Smyth, Cassie Hull & Grant Dickey tallied the votes. MG announced the result that those persons listed above, with the exception of John Money, had been elected to the SRCS board.

11. Adjournment: Keith Howard moved adjournment at 12:50 pm.