

# Saturna Recreation Centre Society

## Executive Meeting Minutes

**Date Held:** 23 September 2009

**Location:** Saturna Recreation Centre, Lounge

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**Present:** Grant Dickey (GD)  
Melanie Gaines (MG), President  
Al Stonehouse (AS)  
Ian Smyth (IS)  
Michael Vautour (MV), Marketing  
Bernie Zeigler (BZ), Treasurer  
Ingrid Gaines (IG), Recording Secretary

**Absent:** John Money, Vice President

**1. Call to Order:** 7:00 PM

### **2. AGM:**

One more general meeting needs to be held before the AGM.

Date of General Meeting – Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Date of AGM – Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at 11:00 AM

Executive Meeting – To follow AGM.

### **3. Nominating Committee:**

GD & AS announced their intention to step down from the SRCS executive. MG expressed her thanks for their service & stated that their contributions to the board will be missed.

MG asked if any member/s of the board wished to form a nominating committee. As no one stepped forward to take on the task MG asked all those present to suggest members of the community that they thought might potentially be willing to serve.

The names put forth were: Kate Vigneault

Brent Sohler

Brian Haley

Pauline Brandes

Linda Cunningham

**Action:** MG will approach them to see if they are willing to stand for election to the executive.

IS suggested that it might be time to increase the number of executive board members. Currently, the board is made of seven members, however this number can be increased by special resolution at the AGM. It was decided that if more than two new people expressed interest in joining the board then the number of board members might be increased at the AGM.

The fact that a community member present at the 2008 AGM suggested Michel Bourassa as a potential board member was mentioned. Michel did not attend that meeting and has not personally expressed his interest in sitting on the board.

#### **4. Geothermal Field/SIFPS:**

MG meet with Lin Mueller (geothermal system consultant), when he was on island checking on another geothermal field, to discuss some of the possible concerns with the field since the break in the line and subsequent repair last year. There was air in the lines, which was bled; hopefully this will alleviate the problems.

MG informed the board that Lin Mueller feels that the number of geothermal lines and the water in them is only sufficient for the Rec. Centre's use. The field is not large enough for the new fire hall to tie in to, as was hoped.

**Action:** MG is to write a letter to the SIFPS board informing them of this, as this is a specific issue in the lease agreement with them.

BZ reported that as a part of the lease agreement the SIFPS has already paid \$5000 to the SRCS, with a further \$5000 pending.

#### **5. Hydro/Propane:**

There was discussion surrounding the high hydro/propane costs last winter. There is concern that SRCS members using the showers as their main shower is partly responsible for these high costs. As it was never intended that the showers be used as a primary shower for members, the potential of recouping some of these expenses was discussed.

The white building is a large hydro drain. The fact that the ambulance is the main draw on the white buildings hydro was discussed, as well as the possibility of billing the Health Committee/Community Club was discussed.

**Action:** BZ will put together some numbers on hydro and propane costs for the next meeting.

#### **6. Financial Report:**

BZ reported that the financial statements are with the accountants and will be tabled at the general meeting.

BZ did report that the \$80,000 being held by the SRCS for a new ambulance building has been transferred to the SIFPS. The accountants are treating the transfer as an expense. Also, BZ mentioned that no Gaming monies were received in 2008. Thus the 2008 expenses look much higher than normal, but are not as bad as they appear.

**Action:** BZ will bring a profit and loss statement to the next meeting.

#### **7. Lions Club/Sound System:**

The Lions Club has requested permission to store a filing cabinet in their designated area upstairs. Permission will be granted, with the proviso that they do some tidying and condensing of said area.

MG also mentioned that she is anticipating a request by the Lions to store a motorized scooter in the building.

Lion Tom Koochin has made a request that the Lions and SRCS start working together on a sound system for the building.

**Action:** AS will arrange a meeting between Robert Montgomery, Tom, MG & himself to discuss needs and costs.

MV expressed an interest in being included in the discussion as seeing the Gym area set up with sound system adequate for live music/dances is of concern to him. AS is in agreement and hopes this will be the eventual result of work on the sound system; however, the question of finances looms.

#### **8. Donation by Leslie Mayher:**

Leslie Mayher wishes to donate a Tom Duquette totem pole to the SRCS. She does not wish it to say it is in memory of Rick Mayher; however, she would like it to have a small plaque with his name on it. There was general agreement that the SRCS would like to have the totem pole. MV raised the issue of possible concerns with regard to it having a name on it.

**Action:** MG will get further information from Leslie regarding the plaque.

#### **9. Signage/Policy:**

MG circulated an email from Bill Schermbrucker (Community Club Chair), with regard to the Medical Clinic Sign. Further discussion of this subject was suspended pending the Community Club's December meeting when this issue is on their agenda.

MG informed the executive that she, with the aid of Susie Washington-Smyth has been going through 12 years of minutes to help work on setting SRCS policy and procedure. She hopes that the executive can use this work to help set policy/procedure, possibly before the AGM.

This work has highlighted the need for proper minute taking. BZ feels that a separate folder for policy and procedure would be invaluable.

**10. Activity Fees:**

Before the next general meeting & the AGM MG would like the board to consider whether or not it is time to raise the activity/membership fees. Discussion ensued around the question of what constitutes a 'family' and whether students and seniors should be one category.

**Action:** MG will send out the list of the current categories and fees so the board can consider this issue before the upcoming meetings.

**11. Community Club/MOU:**

MG reported that the CC has still not signed the MOU for the Medical Clinic.

**Action:** MG will contact Bill Schermbrucker and try and get the CC moving on this.

**12: Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.