Sproat Lake Community Association Directors Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

Chair: Tamara Thorpe

Call to Order: 7:01

Attending: Tamara Thorpe, Tara Oscarson, Nancy Harvey, Rene Lacoursiere, Catherine Mackay, Mike Gerigk, John Thorpe, Pat O'Connell, Sheri Gerigk

Regrets: David Brooks, Barbara Smith

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to adopt agenda with addition of Road Report: Mike, 2nd Nancy – carried

Adoption of Previous minutes:

Minutes from June 3rd meeting distributed via email.

Motion to adopt minutes: Catherine, 2nd Mike – carried

OFFICER UPDATES:

President's Report: Tamara Thorpe

- On June 12, Brendan Anderson, Senior Fisheries Biologist for Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship gave a presentation at the Hall regarding invasive Koi in the lake; 50 people attended; well received
- Farewell party for the Martin Mars Water Bomber was on July 27th and was a huge success. We had approximately 81 volunteers and many sponsors. The event couldn't have happened without them.
- The Be a Bomber VIP raffle and the post-event merchandise sales were also big hits. Huge thank you to Coulson Aviation for donating the raffle prize and to the volunteers who helped out with the merchandise.
- Total funds raised over the summer was approximately \$30,000
- The board acknowledged and thanked Tamara for her amazing leadership and vision in planning this hugely successful event and associated fundraising.
- Thank you to the newly formed Pickleball Committee who held 2 PB community meetings, one focus group meeting, and several committee meetings over the summer.
- Tamara was invited to attend a meeting with Daniel Sailland, the CAO at the ACRD to discuss our current and other funding opportunities; I will report back to the board after that meeting.
- Tamara is unable to chair the next two board meetings due to travel; Nancy can chair the November meeting; Tamara will reach out to other board members regarding chairing the October meeting.

Treasurer Report: Rene Lacoursiere

- Financial report February 23, 2024 to August 31, 2024 distributed
- Much better financial position following the Bomber event/merchandise fundraising
- Rental revenue up year over year
- A request went to the ACRD to increase annual tax proceeds grant to \$16,000; Rene has followed up with phone call

Motion to move \$50,000 of cash to GIC Nancy, 2nd Tara - Carried Motion to accept financial report as distributed, Mike, 2nd John – carried

OTHER REPORTS:

Court Work and Projects Update: John Thorpe

- Front main floor building envelope repair nearing completion
 - It has been identified that a section of the wall is not straight; this requires some additional work to straighten so siding can be properly affixed; additional \$500 cost estimated

Motion to approve an additional \$500.00 straighten wall: Rene; 2nd Mike – carried

- Estimate received to repair front lower level building envelop \$4320
- Estimate to repair concrete footing under stage is maximum \$3200 + gst
 - The footing was identified as a priority spend on the gaming licence application

Motion to repair the footing using gaming licence revenue, Mike; 2nd John – carried

- Estimate received to create a bathroom and meeting room downstairs; bathroom would have direct access from both inside and outdoors.
 - With hall rentals increasing, this would provide a bathroom with direct outside access for court players.
 - This is a big project, requires plumbing, electrical, add concrete slab, framing; estimate \$35,000
 - There is remaining community works funding (approx. \$7500) still unspent that needs to be spent by December or it is lost
 - There is benefit to completing other concrete requirements at the same time the footing is poured
 - Handicap ramp/sidewalk to court level \$2205 estimate

Motion for Rene to talk to ACRD to use the remaining community works funds up to \$7500 to pour concrete slab, plumbing rough in for future, install secure outside door, concrete door slab, handicap ramp and walkway; plus a maximum additional SLCA funding of up to \$2000 Sheri; 2nd Nancy – carried

• Jamie Stevenson's has donated substantial welding and metal work for the SLCA for recent projects

Motion to approve \$150.00 to buy a banner to thank Jamie Stevenson for his contribution, to be hung for 1 year John, 2^{nd} Sheri -5 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstained - motion passed

- A group is interested in playing ping pong in the hall twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings; group will purchase two ping pong tables
 - Would pay the same fees as pickleball \$3.00 for members; \$5.00 for visitors
 - A user group agreement will be established
 - Penny Cote may have some funds to support the purchase of a table (s)

Roads Report: Mike Gerigk

- Road tour done with MOT
- Upcoming work includes plans to reduce speed limit on one road, minor repairs, line painting and cutting roadside bushes cut debris to be picked up

Hall Business Update: Nancy Harvey

- Hall rented for wedding and 60th birthday over the summer
- Band is renting on Wednesdays
- Event this Saturday Pickleball party rented hall and court
- Wedding rental for next year
- Need a rental damage deposit John and Nancy will work on this
- Post event merchandise sales very popular, with demand continuing. Nancy may take over for a prescribed period of time

Community Engagement Update: Tamara Thorpe

- Farewell party for the Martin Mars Water Bombers was a huge success!
 - o There was an estimated 1200 people in attendance
 - With the bomber base open, this number was very manageable
 - The event netted approximately \$9024.44 comprised of food, merchandise and 50/50 sales
 - The "Be a Bomber VIP" raffle netted approximately \$15, 378.82.
 - This gaming money must be spent within 12 months and must be spent in accordance with the license application as follows: repair to the footing under the stage, a new AED machine, and the rest to operating.
 - Post event merchandise sales were also a big hit. This netted approximately \$6054.52; Tamara continues to work on delivery of the merchandise.

Pickleball Committee Report: John Thorpe, Catherine Mackay

- Board Pickleball committee established
 - 2 PB community meetings, 1 subgroup meeting and several PB committee meetings held over the summer
 - fee schedule developed starting Spring 2025 that will cover Pickleball operating costs and provide a sustainable program into the future
- Proposed 2025 Fee Schedule (Effective March 2025)
 - Outdoor Seasonal Play (April 1 to September 30):

Resident \$40/season
Non-Resident \$45/season

Outdoor Drop In:

Resident or Non-Resident Not Paying a Seasonal Rate \$3.00/play

Indoor Play: always subject to drop-in fee (no proposed change from current)
 Resident Drop-In
 \$3.00

Non-Resident Drop-In (includes house guests + non-resident family)

- Fees for Minor Children:
 - Children 15 years of age and younger play free must be accompanied by a registered player

\$5.00

- Hardship Waiver Fee
 - SLCA Members who are experiencing financial circumstances that limit their ability to pay for themselves or for their child (age16-18) residing full time with them, can contact the Pickleball Committee confidentially for consideration of a fee reduction or waiver.
- Proposed Open Play Schedule Effective April 1, 2025

Women Monday, Friday
Men Tuesday, Thursday
Mixed (all levels) Wednesday, Sunday

No Open Play Scheduled Saturday

Motion that the SLCA Board approve the 2025 fee schedule proposed by the Pickleball Committee, to be effective March 1, 2025: Catherine; 2nd Mike – carried

Motion that the SLCA Board approve the Pickleball Committee to explore paying for a Pickleball software system that encompasses annual registration, waivers, seasonal package selection, and booking; and will have on line payment option for seasonal packages and dropin: Catherine; Mike 2nd – carried

Motion that the SLCA Board approve of the Pickleball Players undertaking their own dedicated fundraising (e.g Pickleball tournaments, advertising, etc0 that can be used to reduce fees or to fully fund capital improvements. Fundraising activities would require proposals submitted to the Pickleball Committee and approved by the SLCA Board: Catherine; 2^{nd} Sheri – carried

ACRD Update: Penny Cote

- Road tour with Mike Gerigk and MOT to identify pot holes, disintegrating, line painting
- Beach clean up usually organized by Fish and Duck in the fall; will try to find out date
- Water testing done for residents and Highway 4 site, individual results sent directly to residents; Highway 4 site was clear, however this is untreated raw water and just a moment in time; previous tests have shown contaminants at different times of the year
- UBCM next week
- Official Community Plan process is starting this fall for Sproat Lake then zoning bylaws review
- Weir plates: Somass Fish flow meeting tomorrow, water management is highest priority

 Josie Osbourne, MLA would be interested in coming to the Stewardship committee, board, or broader community

OLD BUSINESS:

New Society: Tamara Thorpe

- Recent negative comments on Facebook by one of the organizers about the SLCA and Board
- Disappointing as the person making the comments has Tamara's contact information and could have reached out directly if she had questions or concerns

Stewardship Terms of Reference: Catherine Mackay, John Thorpe

• Draft Terms of Reference distributed for board review/approval

Motion to endorse the Stewardship Committee Terms of Reference: John, 2nd Sheri - carried with 1 abstaining

<u>Pickleball Committee Terms of Reference: Catherine Mackay, John Thorpe</u>

• Draft Terms of Reference distributed for board review/approval

Motion to endorse the Pickleball Committee Terms of Reference: Sheri, 2^{nd} Rene – carried with 1 abstaining

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Survey Results: Tamara Thorpe

- Survey results and comments distributed with board package
- Discussion re: next steps and potential for a town hall meeting on matters of interest that were highlighted in the survey
- Tamara has other commitments and in order to complete planning for a town hall before Christmas, planning would need to be started before her absence in October.
- Board members are welcome to join Tamara in planning
- Tamara is not willing to moderate a town hall (so she is better able to participate); other board members, if willing, could moderate, otherwise she is asking for approval to provide a honorarium of \$200 for a moderator.
- The lateness of the hour prevented full discussion on this topic. To be carried forward.

Meeting adjourned: 21:42

Next Meeting: October 7, 2024