

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy – carried**

**Adoption of Previous minutes:**

Minutes from June 3rd meeting distributed via email.

**Motion to adopt minutes: Catherine, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara - Carried**

**Motion to accept financial report as distributed, Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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!
  - 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



- 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sheri - carried with 1 abstaining**

##### **Pickleball Committee Terms of Reference: Catherine Mackay, John Thorpe**

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**Motion to endorse the Pickleball Committee Terms of Reference: Sheri, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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