

Sproat Lake Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026 - 7:00 pm
Sproat Lake Community Hall

Chair: David Brooks

Call to Order: 19:01

In Attendance: David Brooks, Rene Lacoursiere, Catherine Mackay, John Thorpe, Tamara Thorpe, Aaron Terepocki, Ian St. Martin, Tara Oscarson, Terri Weiler, Sarah Shoemaker

Regrets: Mike Gerigk, Barbara Smith

Territorial Acknowledgement: David Brooks

Consent Agenda:

- Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as distributed: Rene; Second John; Carried

- Approval of Minutes - meeting of December 1, 2025

Motion to adopt minutes as circulated: Catherine, Second Aaron; Carried

Executive Report: David

- Exploring a number of options related to our funding shortfall; including charitable status and planned discussions regarding our return of tax contributions for the hall and why our funding is capped in spite of new property development
- Have had a conversation with Coulson's. They are relocating to the Airport. Will talk to Mosaic regarding their plans for the property; biggest risk is water supply as it comes via the Coulson's property and requires electricity to be maintained
- Letter sent requesting \$1200.00 in grant money that was still remaining and available to the SLCA

Treasurer Report: Rene

- Financial report to period ending December 31, 2025 distributed and reviewed by Rene
- Pickleball revenue up over last year due to addition of outdoor seasonal fees

Motion to accept Financial Report as distributed: Ian; Second Tamara; 9 in favor; 1 opposed; Carried

Guest Presentations:

- Charlie Burrell, Sproat Lake Woodlands Society, will attend the March meeting
- Penny Cote will be invited to an upcoming meeting to provide an ACRD update

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: Aaron

- planning still underway for proposed 2026 events
- Support expressed for community members, such as Robyn, to be members of the social committee
- David would like to see us expand our activities to include more Sproat Lake residents of different ages, and different interests
- Tamara will circulate a message to the community to see who might be interested in attending the next meeting of the Social Committee
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9th, 7:00pm at the hall

2026 Annual General Meeting: David

- Scheduled for March 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Pickleball Committee: Ian, John, Catherine

- David will step away from this committee now that he's in the President role; Aaron agreed to join
- Discussed regarding a Pickleball Committee proposal for a trial period whereby a limited number of Registered Non-SLCA members who reside in Port Alberni be granted hall access and reservation privileges for the remainder of the indoor winter program.
 - Participants would sign a hall access agreement
 - Document distributed including proposed hall access agreement

Motion that the board approve the Pickleball Committee to move forward with a trial of a hall access agreement for up to 6 non-SLCA members who reside in Port Alberni : Ian; Second Terri; Carried

Roads Committee: Tara

- Tara provided an overview of current issues identified by community members.

Hall Report: John

- Installation of Aluminum Chair dividers complete
- Pickleball revenue for December \$888.29
- All hall batteries will be changed tomorrow, eg smoke detectors, motion detectors, door detectors etc; Plan is to do this every January
- With the hall being designated an Emergency support site within the ACRD Emergency Management plan:
 - a generator should be considered to ensure essential power during an outage. John is exploring options and come back with a recommendation

- Emergency supplies are required – John is getting information and a quote for a designated storage room to store supplies; will approach ACRD for funding
- Communication is a top priority; at present the hall has no Wi-Fi and cell reception has limitations; The ACRD has \$1200.00 in grant funding available for the SLCA; David has requested funding to establish Wi-Fi at the site.
- With Mosaic decommissioning road on the other side of the lake – no alternate route

Motion to install and operate Wi-Fi at the hall for a 2-3 year term: John; Second Catherine; Carried

Hall Rentals – John on Behalf of Nancy

- nothing at the moment to report

Website: Tamara

- Annual maintenance will be done end of this month;
- opportunity for a renewed campaign for hall rentals;
- annual update to PicklePlanner will be completed prior to outdoor season

Review of Committees and Roles: David

- Community Engagement:
 - should include social committee and newsletter
- Stewardship should be a stand alone committee
 - Catherine will reach out to Penny about the water testing
- Other committees to consider with new incoming board
 - Fundraising Committee for grants and events
 - Emergency Preparedness Committee

Meeting Adjourned: 21:00