

Sproat Lake Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Location: Sproat Lake Community Hall

Chair: President David Brooks

Call to order: 19:00

In Attendance: Mike Gerigk, Rene Lacoursiere, Tamara Thorpe, John Thorpe, Sarah Shoemaker, Nancy Harvey, Barbara Smith

Regrets: Ian St. Martin

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order.
- Territorial acknowledgement delivered.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Agenda reviewed.
- **Motion:** To adopt the agenda - Barbara
- **Result:** Carried - Nancy

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes from March 9, 2026 reviewed.
- No changes noted.
- **Motion:** To approve previous minutes - Rene
- **Result:** Carried - Tamara

4. Executive Report: David

- Meeting held with Mosaic regarding:
 - Proposed well site and water intake improvements.
- Well funding approved (~\$20,000 via ACRD).
- FIFA mini-pitch opportunity discussed (pending Mosaic approval). Nancy to inquire
- Generator funding application submitted (pending).
- No major issues raised.

5. Committees

Committee Restructuring

- Need to reassign committee members post-AGM.

Pickleball Committee

- John and Ian continuing involvement.

Social Committee

- Potential chair: Robin (to be confirmed). Ian (to be confirmed)
- Upcoming events:
 - **Garage Sale:** June 13 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM) \$25/table for use inside.
 - **Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser:** Early May (roof fundraising)
- Interest in hosting:
 - Dances, live music, comedy events.

Stewardship Committee

- Members:
 - Barbara, Catherine, Joe (confirmed interest)
- Focus:
 - Water quality, lake health, environmental concerns.

6. New Business

6.1 Revenue & Membership Strategy

- Discussion on increasing revenue:
 - Introduce/expand membership model (~\$10/year).
 - Possible member benefits:
 - Hall rental discounts
 - Pickleball discounts
 - Event incentives
- Consider **hall rental fee increases** (non-members vs members).
- Explore:
 - Website sign-up system
 - Community outreach (mailbox flyers, events)
- Long-term goal:
 - **Bylaw amendment** to standardize community contributions.

6.2 Community Engagement

- Need to improve awareness:
 - Many residents are unaware of hall/services.
- Ideas:
 - Flyers in community mailboxes
 - Open houses/events
 - Family-focused activities

6.3 Collaboration with Other Areas

- Proposal to meet with:
 - Cherry Creek
 - Beaver Creek
- Purpose:
 - Align rental rates
 - Explore shared service areas

6.4 Association Naming

- Discussion about including “Area D” in name.
- Consensus:
 - Keep “Sproat Lake” in name.
 - No immediate changes.

7. Financial Report

- Period: March 1–31, 2026

Income Highlights

- Hall rentals: \$875
- Pickleball:
 - Indoor: ~\$1,897
 - Outdoor: ~\$2,700
- Total revenue is strong.

Expenses

- Maintenance: ~\$350
- Insurance: ~\$7,300 (reduced from prior quote)
- Utilities, bank fees, minor expenses

Financial Position

- Cash: ~\$17,000
- GICs: ~\$58,000

Decisions

- Plan to invest ~\$30,000 in 1-year term for better interest.
- Maintain liquidity for upcoming well project.
- **Motion:** Accept financial report: Tamara
- **Result:** Carried: Mike

8. Committee Reports

Pickleball

- Strong revenue stream (~\$1,000/month indoor average).
- Outdoor memberships growing (~50+ members).

Hall Manager Report

- Equipment storage installed to reduce hall access issues.
- Upcoming:
 - Building exterior painting (volunteer-based)
 - Roof replacement (late spring/early summer)

9. Stewardship Report

Water Quality Initiatives

- Training underway for water testing (with Penny).
- Testing scheduled: **May 11**.
- Exploring expanded lake monitoring (beyond baseline testing).

Healthy Lake Seminar (Proposed)

- Community event to include:
 - Public input on lake health
 - Data presentations (ACRD, Fisheries, etc.)
 - OCP (Official Community Plan) discussion
- Timeline: ~6 weeks (tentative)

Environmental Concerns

- Issues raised:
 - Shoreline development impacts
 - Invasive species (e.g., Japanese knotweed)
 - Logging impacts on waterways
- Potential collaboration with Woodland Committee.

10. Upcoming Bookings & Events

- April 7: ACRD
- May 4: Community engagement event
- May 9: Birthday party
- May (late): Baby shower

11. Other Business

- Need for improved marketing and visibility.
- Suggestion to create posters/social media promotion for events.
- Emphasis on maintaining positive messaging about the lake while addressing concerns.

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 20:23

Next Meeting: May 4, 2026 7pm