Sproat Lake Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2026
Location: SLCA 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, Ian St. Martin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda reviewed.

- **Motion:** To adopt the agenda - John
- **Result:** Carried - Mike

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Minutes from April 2, 2026 reviewed.
- No changes noted.
- **Motion:** To approve previous minutes - Nancy
- **Result:** Carried - John

Reports

4. Executive Report: David

Water Well & Mosaic

- A meeting was held with representatives regarding the proposed well project near the hall property.
- Mosaic is supportive of the project moving forward.
- Mosaic requested:
    - Their name will be included on the water license.
    - Access to any surplus water in the future if needed.
- It was clarified that only excess water would be shared.
- Mosaic will draft proposed amendments to the agreement for review.

Septic Field & Infrastructure

- Discussion took place regarding maintaining or potentially modifying the existing septic field system.
- Additional review and discussions will continue.

FIFA/Community Field Opportunity

- Discussion regarding potential FIFA/community recreation field opportunities.
- Concerns were raised regarding:
    - Eligibility for grants.
    - Permanent infrastructure requirements.
    - Potential involvement of First Nations partnerships.
- No application process has yet been identified.

Emergency Preparedness & Septic System

- Concern was raised that during a power outage the hall may have water access via generator but no functioning septic system.
- An engineer advised that additional in-ground holding tanks tied into the existing septic field may be possible.
- Initial engineering review and locating of field drawings may cost between $200–$500.

Motion: Barbara
To approve spending up to $500 to begin assessment and investigation into the septic field and tank feasibility.

- **Result:** Carried - John
- **Carried unanimously.**

Well Project Update

- Drilling will begin by drilling the well first.
- Final pump and installation costs cannot be determined until depth and water pressure are known.
- Grant funding of up to $20,000 has already been secured toward the project.
- Concerns were noted that no guarantees exist regarding hitting adequate water.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Financial Summary

- Pickleball revenue:
    - Indoor: approximately $1,900
    - Outdoor: approximately $3,900
- Hydro bill for two months: $538
- Hall cleaning expenses for two months: $420

- Roof replacement expense: $12,182 (completed within quoted budget)

Banking

- Current bank balance: approximately $5,400
- GIC holdings: approximately $58,000
- Plan to move $30,000 into a one-year term investment.

Motion: Nancy
To accept the Treasurer's Report.

- **Result:** Carried - John
  Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

6. Pickleball Committee: John

Tournament Success

- The recent pickleball tournament was reported as highly successful.
- Total funds raised: approximately $2,660.
- Several prize winners donated all or part of their winnings back to the hall.
- Interest was expressed in hosting future tournaments, potentially twice annually.

Safety Incident

- A participant sustained a minor head injury after striking a wooden support beam behind the practice wall.
- Medical professionals onsite assisted immediately.
- Temporary safety tape has been added.
- A plan was discussed to install netting to prevent balls from going behind the wall.

Pickleball Operations

- Ongoing challenges continue regarding unregistered users accessing the courts.
- Discussion occurred regarding:
    - Insurance implications.
    - Potential formation of a separate pickleball club.
    - Enforcement of registration rules.
- Consensus was to continue under the current structure for now.

Community Meeting

- A town hall meeting with pickleball users will be scheduled after June to gather feedback and discuss solutions.

7. Hall Report: John

Roof Project

- Roof replacement has been completed successfully.
- Bathroom ventilation issues were identified and corrected during roofing work.
- New rooftop vent boxes were installed.

Lease Agreements

- Lease agreements with the school group are scheduled for signing.
- A meeting with the paddling club is scheduled to discuss future collaboration opportunities.

Community Support

Discussion occurred regarding providing support to local groups:

- Woodland Society use of the downstairs meeting room.
- Free table space at community events for:
    - Woodland Society
    - School group
    - Paddling club

Motion:Nancy
To allow the Woodland Society use of the downstairs room free of charge once per month.

- **Result:** Carried - Mike
  Carried unanimously.

8. Stewardship Committee: Barbara

Water Testing

- Community water testing is scheduled for May 11.
- Water sample bottles are available at 3 locations
- Results will help guide future workshops and educational initiatives.
- Barbara to send Tamara information for website

Foreshore & Environmental Concerns

Discussion focused on:

- Lack of foreshore bylaws and enforcement.
- Concerns regarding shoreline development practices.
- Use of artificial turf and potential environmental impacts.

- Fertilizer and “weed and feed” are used near the lake.
- Invasive species concerns.
- Need for stronger bylaw enforcement and additional bylaw officers.

A recommendation was made to prepare written concerns for discussions with ACRD representatives.

New Business

9. Swap Meet & Advertising Budget: Tamara

Swap Meet Promotion

- Advertising for the upcoming garage sale/swap meet has begun via:
    - Facebook
    - Email list
    - Website

Advertising Budget

Request made for paid advertising support on Facebook.

Motion: David
To approve up to $100 for advertising the garage sale/swap meet.

- **Result:** Carried - Mike
  Carried unanimously.

Event Ideas

Discussion included:

- Concession sales
- 50/50 draws
- Raffles
- Future hall parties and community events
- Potential DJ/music options instead of live bands due to high costs. Mike to come to the next meeting with more information. Ian to provide MIke with the DJ from the Cherry Creek event

10. Hall Equipment Discussion

Discussion took place regarding purchasing a hall-owned barbecue for events and rentals.

No motion was made at this time.

11. Hall Rental: Pickleball Courts & Rental Rates: Nancy

Discussion occurred regarding:

- Rental pricing for pickleball courts alongside hall rentals.
- Suggested rates:
    - $125 for two-hour rentals
    - $250 for full-day or tournament-style rentals
- Need for court inspections before and after rentals.
- Nancy to provide Tamara updated rental forms to include court rentals and downstairs meeting room use for the website.

12. Future Pickleball Recognition

Discussion included:

- Creating a tournament trophy/plaque display.
- Designing an annual tournament banner.
- Preserving hall and community history through displays and memorabilia.

Quotes and pricing will be gathered for future consideration.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17 PM.

Next Meeting: June 1, 2026