

SPORA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 3, 2025

In attendance: Barbara Lowden, Betty Price, Gerald Clerx, Teresa Fankhauser, Jeet Mann

Guest: Janet Webb

With regrets: Peter Staton

ITEM #1

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeet

Chequing account \$ 3869.48

Savings account \$1208.52

Total \$ 5078.00

ITEM #2

SPORA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

SPORA Membership Fee structure will be \$10.00 per year, or \$25.00 for three years (per household).

17 new members/households signed up at the recent Tax Information Presentation.

No one signed up to be considered as a SPORA Board Member.

A campaign looking for new Board members will be undertaken.

ITEM #3

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS UPDATE

A copy of the revised SPORA Constitution and Bylaws have been sent out to Board members. Once approved by the Board the Constitution and Bylaws will be voted on at the next AGM. Betty and Barbara reviewing the revised Bylaws.

To be discussed further at the May 1st meeting

To be voted on at the AGM

ITEM #4

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date for the next AGM will be Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Shelly Road Center to be scouted and if not satisfactory will confirm the Jensen Center for the AGM.

Rental agreements to be finalized.

Discussion topics for AGM were suggested:

-Moti representative: discuss possibility of reducing speed limit to 40 kph, pot holes, Phase Two of the Plummer Road 19A Intersection Project which is to resume in September. Review rules of the road especially yield sign on 19A at Plummer Road.

-Fire Smart Program, Teresa to ask Dave (a neighborhood fire safety professional) to see if he would be able to do a presentation.

-Helping out our Senior Residents

ITEM #5

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Four volunteers signed up at the recent Tax Information Presentation. Glenn Jamieson has received a list of the new volunteers.

Discussion was held on how to connect seniors when weather events or emergencies affect the area.

ITEM #6 SPEED WATCH

Barbara and another volunteer have now completed their training with Speed Watch. It is anticipated that they will perform a Speed Watch event in the neighbourhood at least once every six weeks. Two Speed Watch events have taken place. The highest speed observed leaving San Pareil was 62 kph, the highest speed observed entering San Pareil was 59 kph. It was suggested to move to several other locations within San Pareil where higher speeds have been observed. Next anticipated Speed Watch event will be near the end of May. During the Speed Watch events in the neighbourhood, records are kept of the numbers of vehicles that pass by and the number of cars going over the 50 kph speed limit.

Barbara would like to conduct a survey in the neighbourhood, perhaps in early 2026 and determine if residents are interested in asking MOTI to have the speed limit in San Pareil reduced to 40 kph, from 50 kph. A Facebook post will be prepared advising the Speed Watch data that was collected and will be presented to the neighborhood. A Facebook poll will be conducted online to see if the neighborhood is supportive of asking MOTI if the speed limit can be reduced to 40 kph.

Discuss further at the AGM.

ITEM #7 ASKING IF THE SPEED LIMIT ON 19A CAN BE REDUCED PRIOR TO PLUMMER ROAD

Barbara has received the statistics following a Speed Watch event that was performed in January, 2025 along 19A prior to Plummer Road.

Barbara will prepare a letter to MOTI advising of the amount of excessive speed that was recorded and again ask for the speed limit sign to be installed prior to Greig Road, when driving towards Parksville.

ITEM #8 NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Eight Public Beach Access points have been located in San Pareil. See last page of the agenda for all the Beach Access name suggestions.

A Facebook post was made asking the neighborhood what they think and it was determined by the Board that more clarification was needed in the next posting. This was intended to be a neighborhood initiative, not an RDN initiative.

Discuss further at the AGM.

ITEM #9 TREES FALLING ACROSS PLUMMER ROAD:

It was noted that a tree trimming company was falling dead alders along Plummer Road in early March, 2025.

ITEM #10 ROADS IN SAN PAREIL

Teresa and Barbara will review the roads in San Pareil this spring and report to Mainland Contracting if any potholes need to be filled.

Teresa and Barbara will review the beach accesses and mail box areas to request again where more gravel is needed.

ITEM #11 BEAUTIFICATION OF THE ENTRANCE TO SAN PAREIL

Residents are asking if a beautification project could be considered for the entrance into San Pareil at Highway 19A. Consider a committee to be struck and ask that all supplies and time to be donated by residents.

The Board has decided not to follow up with this suggestion at the present time.

ITEM #12**EASTER EGG HUNT**

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be the 51st Annual San Pareil Easter Egg Hunt. The first Easter Egg Hunt was hosted in 1974. The Maple Lane Community Park Committee is organizing the event.

It is suggested we start advertising how many years we have been successfully holding this community event.

ITEM #13**ALTERNATE CHAIR FOR MAY 1st MEETING**

Barbara will be absent on May 1st and an alternate chair will need to be decided.

Teresa will step in for Barbara for the May 1st meeting.

ITEM #14**CAN SPORA DO MORE FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS**

Discuss starting a seniors coffee time. Determine if it possible to organize a sign-up for travel to appointments.

Discuss further at the AGM.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, May 1st, location to be confirmed.

NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Eight Public Beach Access points have been located in San Pareil.

Positive response:

What about inviting members of Snaw-naw-as and Qualicum FN for their ideas?

Suggestions:

G01- Rico's Lane Beach

- Secret Beach

- End of the Road Beach

- Forest Beach

- Driftwood Beach

- Walking Trail Beach

- Park Beach

- Tree Root Beach

- Wood Fort Beach

- Blind Corner Beach

- Sunrise Beach

- Eagle's Nest

- Parkside or Sunrise Beach;

(this beach access has never been accessible in the 50 years I have been familiar with San Pareil so I don't know if it is worth naming)

G02- Raft Beach

- First Beach

- Shorewood Beach

- 3 Sandbar Beach

- Triple Sandbar Beach

- Sandbar Beach

- Sandpath Beach

- San Pareil Beach

- Low Tide Beach

- Westhaver Beach

- Stepdown Beach

- Grandpa's Beach

- David's Beach (after David Spearing)

- D&D Beach (after David and Dianne)

- SDS Beach (after Simon-David-Saul)

- Dianne's Beach (she's been there over 50 years so far!)

- Spearing Beach

(the last 5 names I would have to check with my Mom to see if she was OK with them but I think there are better beach names further up the list)

G03- Red Chair Beach

home to the gulls and the crows

Middle Beach;

Eagle Beach

G04- Gunnar's Beach

Third Beach

Memorial Beach

G05- Blackberry Beach

Blackberry Alley Beach

4th Beach

Pebble Beach Access

seen Sandpipers in the area between

G06- Estuary Beach

The Point Beach

Sunset Beach

Numerous negative responses have been received from the San Pareil Facebook post.

What beaches?

Or no names and keep the traffic and attention down in our hood

No names I'd vote for. Just keep it private neighbourhood access it doesn't need to be named.

My vote is that if they get names, they get garbage cans so that if people increase in numbers, they don't just leave their trash

The one by the estuary should be called "Pot Hole beach access" or "kill your car tires beach access"

Fill pot holes before spending money on un needed signs...

Why would we name the beach accesses? And why does the RDN see this as an "opportunity" for us to do?

What am I missing?

Do they really need names. they are access points to one beach, in a quiet neighborhood!