

SPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

Present: Barbara Lowden, Gerald Clerx, Sarah Recksiedler, Teresa Fankhauser, Betty Price, Peter Staton

With regrets: Jeet Mann

ITEM #1 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chequing account	\$ 3897.21
Savings account	\$ 1208.33
Total	\$ 4005.54

ITEM #2 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

There is approximately \$9,000.00 in grants available through the RDN for Safety Preparedness in Communities. Peter has sent out emails to Erica for guidance and advice to what the community may qualify for.

Glen Jamieson, our Community Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is looking for new and additional volunteers to get the Community Emergency Preparedness Group up and running again.

We will be posting on Facebook and sending a mass email out to search for additional volunteers.

ITEM #3 MAPLE LANE COMMUNITY PARK BUDGET:

Sarah presented a financial report on where money was spent in the budget last year. We discussed how to direct this year's budget, where we could find more cost-effective ways to run the website/email.

Peter will look into how many hits the SPORA website is getting.

ITEM #4 SPORA Membership:

Ideas were presented on how to increase SPORA Membership. We talked about how to get more community members involved.

Ideas mentioned were going door to door, looking at the yearly dues system, possibly making it donation based instead of a fee. Ask residents what they want from the SPORA Board.

ITEM #5 CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF 5G IN SAN PAREIL:

Update on the post placed on the San Pareil Facebook page. The post showed that most residents who responded were for the 5G network and therefore we consider the matter closed.

ITEM #6 SPEED WATCH:

Barbara has completed the RCMP Police Record Search as of January 6th. Once the Police Record Search has been returned to the Speed Watch Department, they will get in touch to set up training on the equipment for a speed monitoring system.

San Pareil residents will be encouraged to reach out if they would like to be involved in participating in the Community Speed Watch program. We will also be doing a Facebook post and an email out to ask for volunteers.

ITEM #7 NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS:

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

Some of the names suggested were “Grandpa’s Beach” “Sunrise Beach” “Sunset Beach” “Blackberry Beach” “Eagle Beach”

We will post on Facebook to gather opinions and more name suggestions.

ITEM #8 CAMPER PARKED OFF PLUMMER ROAD NEAR THE ORANGE BRIDGE

Huge cement pylons have been installed at the beginning of Plummer Road by the Orange Bridge; some residents have complained on the look of the large cement barricades. The camper was moved in late December.

Barb has located the owner of the property and will be contacting them to inquire if the cement blocks will be permanently placed and if there will be any plan to beautify them.

Determine if MOTI can erect a sign stating No Overnight Parking, as per similar signs along Plummer Road and beach accesses?

ITEM #9 MEETING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHAIRS:

Barbara has invited Wayne Stark to our February 6th meeting.

Wayne Stark from the Nanoose Bay Residents Association has done an extensive review of tax increases in the Nanoose Bay area. He has started an RDN Alliance between all the Resident’s Associations within the RDN. Wayne will be advising us about the Alliance and asking if we agree to join.

Barbara will ask other Resident’s Associations if the joining of the RDN Alliance will meet their Constitution. We will also be requesting a spread sheet breakdown of taxes from our area to get a better understanding.

ITEM #10 REGISTERED LETTER:

A registered letter dated September 30th, 2024 was received by Barbara Lowden, addressed to the SPORA Board. A Revised Constitution was discussed and when approved by the Board to be voted on at the next AGM.

ITEM #11 TREES FALLING ACROSS PLUMMER ROAD:

It has been noted that with the last few storms we have had quite a few trees fall across Plummer Road, limiting resident’s access in and out of San Pareil and cutting power to the area. It has been noted that it looks like an arborist has gone in to inspect the trees and some have been marked with a blue dot.

Teresa will be calling MOTI to find out who is responsible for managing the trees along Plummer Road

Teresa will also contact BC Hydro to inquire if they have any intention of maintaining the trees as they are the ones that attend the site when the trees fall across the road.

Barbara has sent an e mail to Don Brittain, MOTI in early December asking to meet concerning trees and will be following up with Don.

Meeting concluded at 8:40pm

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 pm in the Conservatory.

