#### SSPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

# OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Lowden, Betty Price, Sarah Recksiedier, Peter Staton,

Claire Roy (Website subcommittee member)

**REGRETS:** Teresa Fankhauser, Jeet Mann, Gerald Clerx.

ITEM # 1: TREASURERS REPORT: Sarah

Chequing account \$3507.82 Savings account \$1206.83 Total \$4714.65

ITEM #2: COMMUNITY PARK REPORT, Betty.

The RDN's community survey which will prioritize the community's vision for Maple Lane Park is expected soon.

Jordan Vander Klok the RDN's Parks Planner has accepted the plans for and given the go ahead to construct a notice board at the entrance to Maple Lane Park. The next step is to solicit material donations. We are projecting a completion date near the end of March 2024.

Sara made a short presentation outlining what the community of Bowen Island did to incorporate emergency planning literature on their community notice board. The information was well received by all the SSPORA board members present and steps will be taken to try and duplicate the information on our board.

<u>ITEM # 3:</u> <u>WEBSITE UPDATE</u>: Peter

Barbara made the following motion:

The subcommittee struck during the Sept 7th board meeting will research a new website that will also provide us with email, storage and an e-transfer component. The subcommittee will report back to the Board during the Oct 5th meeting for direction.

Peter seconded the motion:

Motion Carried.

The Subcommittee will make their presentation tonight

Website subcommittee report:

The website was initially built by Geeks on the Beach free of charge during the early months of 2021 and was in use later in 2021. We would like to thank the staff of Geeks on the Beach for the outstanding work they did for our community. We also thank David Kerk (a former SSPORA Board Member) who was instrumental in the process of bringing the Website to fruition. Without his dedication and hours of work it is unlikely we would have this amazing website today.

Regrettably the cost to operate and maintain the website continues to rise and is now ½ our yearly income, assuming our membership remains in the 60 member range.

The website committee proposes:

- 1 Experienced members of the website committee will oversee the operation of the existing website.
- 2 Discontinue the maintenance package with Geeks on the Beach. We will maintain our own website.
- 3 Discontinue the ZoHo mail package. In its place a Gmail account will be setup for messaging and e-transfers.
- 4 In the future if a change of name for SSPORA comes about, the appropriate website changes can be made at that time.
- 5 The use of e-transfer for membership fees will continue but the use of credit card payment will be discontinued.

Peter made the following motion:

We accept the above report and set in motion the recommendations made by the website subcommittee.

Betty seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

## <u>ITEM # 4:</u> <u>PLUMMER ROAD AND 19A INTERSECTION</u>: Jeet, Betty

Betty contacted Lehann Wallace regarding the lack of progress at the Plummer Road and 19A intersection.

A letter writing campaign or a petition from community members to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is an option that could speed the process. All Board members in attendance were in agreement. Betty will follow up with Lehann for guidance as we move forward.

Jeet reported that B.C. Hydro will not permit the installation of a mirror on any of their hydro poles. Therefore Jeet will look into another solution for mounting a mirror at the blind corner on Plummer Road.

#### ITEM # 5: BLOCK WATCH: Jeet.

Jeet reported he was not successful reaching a Block Watch representative. It was hoped to gain information in an effort to reduce the speed limit on San Pareil streets. Betty will follow up on this issue.

#### <u>ITEM # 6:</u> <u>INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:</u> Teresa

Teresa reported she has posted fire safe information on the community Face book page. Teresa also informed us she has a contact with Fire Smart experience who lives in the community and is willing to answer questions regarding fire smart.

### ITEM # 7: SSPORA NAME CHANGE: Barbara, Betty

The BC Societies charge \$100 to change the name of a Not for Profit Society. Barbara and Betty will continue to explore the change of name options.

Barbara will look into the feasibility of naming each of the beach accesses in San Pareil and posting on the community face book page.

#### ITEM # 8: OTHER TOPICS:

Sarah suggested the sale of sweat shirts and or t shirts with a San Pareil logo as a fund raiser. This idea was well received by all in attendance. Sarah will follow up with more information.

Sarah will communicate with Coastal Community Credit Union and initiate the ability to e-transfer monies for expenses incurred by SSPORA. An email chain will also be included to ensure all cosigners are in the loop regarding any e-transfers.

MEETING ADJORNED AT: 8:40 pm

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2023**