

SSPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2024,

In attendance: Betty Price, Barbara Lowden, Teresa Fankhauser,
Sarah Recksiedler, Gerald Clerx, Peter Staton.

With Regrets: Amarjit Mann.

ITEM # 1: **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Chequing Account	\$2927.12
Saving Account	<u>\$1207.43</u>
Total	\$4134.55

ITEM # 2: **CLEAN UP ALONG PLUMMER ROAD:**

James Craig, a community member, has been picking up garbage along Plummer Road for a number of years. He would like to know if it is possible to put up some signage to stop the littering.

After discussion it was decided to approach the Nature Trust to get their input regarding signage as the garbage dumping is predominantly on their land. The garbage issue will be brought up at the AGM to see if there are other community members that would consider helping James with the clean up.

ITEM # 3: **THE UPCOMING AGM:**

The 2024 SSPORA AGM will be held at the Jensen Centre located at 132 Jensen Ave. E in Parksville on Tuesday April 30th in the Seaside Auditorium between 7:00 and 9:00 pm.

The AGM will be advertised via the website, the community face book page, a mass emailing, and posters at each of the community mailboxes.

Board members will be on hand at 6:30 to put up chairs, tables and the sound system.

A table will be setup at the entrance to collect a \$20.00 membership fee (per household).

Sarah will cut a cheque to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island for the rental of the hall.

Peter will purchase liability insurance for the AGM

To carry on with the meeting a quorum of 20 members is required.

Barbara will make the opening remarks and welcome everyone to the AGM.

Teresa will acknowledge the First Nation's people.

Gerald will introduce Lehann Wallace.

Area G RDN Director Lehann Wallace has accepted an invitation to the AGM and will give a Community and Maple Lane Park up date.

Tom Reid, the West Coast Conservation Land Manager for the Nature Trust of British Columbia was asked to attend the AGM to relay information regarding the Wilson Property at the north end of Mariner Rd. He has another commitment on that date but did provide a written statement outlining the projects progress.

Michael Pearson, Director South Island Corridors/District Manager Transportation has been asked to attend the AGM to update the residents on progress in regards to the highway 19A/Plummer Rd. intersection upgrade. As of this date we have not received a reply. Lehann Wallace will speak to the topic if Mr. Pearson is unable to attend the meeting.

The RCMP will be invited to speak on items related to community safety.

The SSPORA business portion of the meeting will take place starting at 8:00 pm. And will include the following:

Approval of the agenda

Approval of the Minutes – 2023, AGM

Treasurer's Report

Election of Board Members

A vote will be taken regarding a name change for SSPORA

Questions from the Floor.

ITEM # 4:

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

It was brought to the Boards attention that erosion could be a problem between the Englishman River and Plummer Rd.

Benchmark measurements were taken in three locations and will be retaken every 6 months or after a major flood to determine if bank erosion is an issue.

Lehann Wallace forwarded information from The Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. which supports grants for Community based initiatives that create and shape meaningful outdoor recreational and nature based experiences. Peter will look into the possibility of our community taking advantage of this grant program.

It has come to the Boards attention that all public accesses in our community have a designated name. We will look into the possibility of creating signage for each access.

Gerald brought up the topic of Forest Fire Preparedness and its importance in a community like ours. More information will follow in the months to come.

Gerald thought the Website could be used to publish information packets written by community residents on subjects relative to San Pareil. The Emergency Preparedness information currently published on the Website is a good example of the type of information that would be appropriate. Forest Fire preparedness on our individual properties is another example of a topic that would be well received by the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting May 9th 2024