

SSPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9TH 2023

In attendance: Barbara Lowden, Jo Dunn, Cindy Shelest, Iain Donaldson,
Peter Staton

With regrets: Betty Price

Item # 1: February minutes were adopted as written.

Item # 2 **Treasurers Report**

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Saving account: 721.31

Jo and Cindy are working on transferring the treasurer's duties to Cindy.

Item # 3: Maple Lane Park and Grants update.

The following is a list of events planned or being considered for this year.

- 1) The annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday April 9th. This event will also include other activities for the children and two wood building projects for the older children.
- 2) Another date to put on your calendar is Canada Day July 1st. We are planning a pot luck and games day in the Park after the parade.
- 3) An arts and crafts day, Indigenous Day, a community garage sale day, A science fair day, petting zoo and picnic in the park days are also being discussed.

The RDN's \$2500.00 grant is presently being spent on items that will support and enhance activities held in Maple Lane Park. The following is a list of the intended purchases:

Bocce ball, bean bag toss, skipping ropes, soccer ball and net, horseshoe pitch set, lumber for project kits, Easter egg candy, plastic storage bins, large cloth parachute, liability insurance, badminton set, 4 folding tables, 3pop-up tents. A full accounting of what was purchased will be provided to the board within the coming months. For now these will be stored in Peter's shop until a gazebo and storage area is built in Maple Lane Park.

An application has been submitted to the Parksville Qualicum Foundation for a \$500.00 grant to cover the cost of a PA system to be used during events in Maple Lane Park.

Item # 4:

The proposed Greig Rd development:

Parksville council has yet to set a meeting date for 3rd reading regarding the proposed Greig rd development. The San Pareil face book page will update the community with any relevant information.

Item # 5:

Wilson Nature Trust:

This afternoon Iain took a series of pictures as he walked the shoreline of the Wilson Nature Trust Lands. The Board members viewed the pictures and were favorably impressed with the work that has been done to date.

The rip-rap and cement sidewalk have been removed from the south east corner of the property to the point where the Englishman River enters the ocean. This section has also been sloped back into the property and back filled with gravel similar to the existing beach gravel. The shoreline has also been protected with the placing of many large logs. All of the rip-rap on the estuary side of the property is still in place and will be dealt with at a later date.

Iain will keep us informed as changes are made.

Item # 6

SSPORA name change discussion:

The Board Members are in agreement that a change of name for our community society is overdue. The following will take place in an effort to achieve this goal:

- 1) Bring the suggestion to the June 15th 2023 AGM.
- 2) Research the costs related to the name change, for example, the Societies Act, the website, the constitution and bylaws. Jo and Peter will provide these costs for the April board meeting.

Barbara suggested using a contest format within the community to come up with a new name. This idea was well received by all.

Item # 7

Resident Survey:

This item will be reviewed during the April Meeting for more clarification.

Item # 8:

Barbara will source availability of a site and rental cost for the June 15th AGM

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next meeting April 6th at 7:00 pm