

Saturna Recreation & Cultural Society
General Meeting
5 April 2009

1. Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Present: Grant Dickey (GD); Melanie Gaines (MG), President; John Money (JM), Vice Pres.; Ian Smyth (IS); Michael Vautour (MV); Bernie Ziegler (BZ), Treasurer.

Absent: Al Stonehouse.

Guest(s): Ingrid Gaines

Additions to Agenda:

- 9. Maintenance
- 10. Parks Canada
- 11. Casino Funding
- 12. Secretary

2. Approval of Agenda:

MG moved approval of agenda with the above noted additions. Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Attached are a Profit & Loss Statement (July 2008-March 2009), and a Balance Sheet (period ended 31 March 2009), as circulated by BZ.

Highlights of the P&L Statement include a total income of \$67,008.52 and expenses of \$40,881.11. This means that there was a Net Ordinary Income of \$26,127.41.

Currently there is an Operating Income of \$89,744.82. \$80,223.57 of which is designated for the Ambulance Fund.

The New Years Dinner & Dance netted \$5128.77

BZ moved acceptance of his report. Carried.

4. Marketing Report:

MV reported that the Marketing Committee continued to meet regularly & currently had two primary focuses. The first focus is the recruitment of new members to work throughout the year helping with the organization & delivery of events. The second focus is to identify and seek the aid of certain community members who might be able to help with ideas and implementation of a major fundraiser, such as a car raffle.

MV also reported that the committee is working on plans for the annual August Long Weekend bash. Plans this year are to move away from the 'Birthday' idea and to, possibly, have a weekend long music festival.

5. Report on Electrical & Propane Costs:

The last Hydro bill was approximately \$2000. This is up over 100% from the bill previous to that. John Mackastocker has promised to check the metres and make sure that they are working properly.

Propane costs have also gone up by about 30%. This is due in part to the rising cost of propane (JM will get some exact numbers re: propane costs); however there is also concern that the geothermal field may not be working properly. Propane is the back up to the geothermal. Lin Mueller checked the field after a line was dug up during the Fire Hall site preparation. It is felt that the SRCS directors need to have an understanding of how the geothermal system works.

6. Parking Lot Paving:

JM contacted the company that has the contract to do the paving this June; unfortunately there are problems with the Ministry of Highways allowing material other than theirs on the barges. JM will look the parking lot over with them when they are next here and get a price.

7. SRCS & SCC MOU re: Medical Clinic:

MG has not heard back from Jacques (Campbell, SCC Pres.), with regard to signing the MOU. The SCC has not indicated that they have any problems with the MOU. It is felt that they are probably waiting to install their next executive before proceeding.

8. SRCS Report re: Ambulance Facility:

Jacques has written a joint letter from the SCC & SRCS with regard to the recent problems that have arisen with the \$80,000 (approx.), donated to SRCS for a new ambulance building. The SRCS feels that this letter captures the essence and spirit of cooperation of the joint meeting with the SCC. Both the SCC and SRCS need to approve of this letter before it is released to the general public.

Penny Ledoux (CRA) was sent this letter and was pleased with it.

9. Maintenance:

MG reported that the eaves troughs need cleaning. Wayne Dodd usually takes care of this; however, the associated costs are in addition to his regular wages. The board indicated that Wayne should proceed with the cleaning.

MG reiterated that Wayne has 6 hours a week to do general cleaning, which includes cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash and cleaning floors (not Gym everytime). Which is why user groups are expected to do their own cleaning.

The dishwasher is still having problems with leaking. Harvey Janszen is looking in to the matter.

The Lions have enclosed the area under the mezzanine stairs for joint alcohol storage. MG would like to purchase some shelves or carts to go in this area for storage.

JM moved, MV seconded that up to \$150.00 be spent shelves/carts for this area. Carried.

BZ reported that he received a bill for \$150 from the CRD regarding licensing the kitchen as a food prep area. BZ was advised to go ahead and pay the bill.

10. Parks Canada:

A request from Parks Canada has been received asking for permission to put bars on a window in their building to make a secure storage area. They also requested permission to mount a locked cabinet on the wall in this barred room. MG gave the go ahead for this.

BZ will phone the insurance company to see if this affects our insurance. If there is an increase in the premium Parks will have to pick up the cost.

11. Casino Funding:

GD is to get working on how to spend the funds in the Gaming Account.

12. Recording Secretary:

MG reported that the SRCS lost its recording secretary when Amy Ewart moved off Island suddenly (before completing the minutes of the last meeting). Ingrid Gaines agreed to take the minutes of the current meeting and is willing to take on this responsibility in the future.

JM moved, IS seconded that Ingrid be hired as the new recording secretary of the SRCS. Carried

Adjournment: IS moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:15 PM.