



Saturna Recreation & Cultural Society

104 Harris Rd.,
Saturna Island, British Columbia,
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Annual General Meeting

Saturna Recreation Centre Society

Location: Saturna Recreation Centre

December 6, 2015 Minutes APPROVED

Directors Present: Paul Brent, Eva Hage, Melanie Gaines, Ingrid Gaines, Peggy Warren, Larry Peck, Linda Cunningham, Bill Schermbrucker

Regrets: Pam Janszen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm. Quorum was confirmed. There were 4 community members present.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Request to move the President's report before Committee reports.
Approved by consensus.

3. Approval of the 2014 AGM minutes

Motion: by Melanie Gaines to approve the 2014 AGM minutes. **Carried**

4. Business arising from the minutes

None

5. President's Report

President Paul Brent presented his report (attached).

6. Committee Reports

a. Operations

Larry Peck noted that the key requirement is to find another person to help out in this area. Follow up from last year, the geothermal work has not been done as there was a logistical issue.

It does function but not to peak level. Suggestions were offered of possible person to contact for this work. Also the cover over the electrical controls to raise and lower the basketball hoop at front of the gym is yet to be applied. This will be done.

b. Entertainment & Marketing

Melanie Gaines presented the report for this committee (attached) with recognition of a successful year with support from the board as well as community volunteers.

c. Financial

Peggy Warren reviewed the July 2014 to July 2015 fiscal year financial statements. The financial review was prepared by accountants Cowland & Associates and will be posted on the Saturna Recreation Centre Society website. It was noted that this is not an audited statement. At this point the SRC Society is in a good financial position thanks to successful fundraisers as well as donations. Currently SRCS has MOUs with the Saturna Community Club for the Medical Clinic, with Parks Canada and the Saturna Island Fire Protection Society. As well there are leases with School District 64 for use of the gym and with the CRD for use of the mezzanine area.

Motion by Peggy Warren, to keep membership fees for 2016 as they were in this current year. **Carried**

Motion by Linda Cunningham, to continue using Cowland & Associates accountants. **Carried**

d. Communications

Eva Hage presented her report (attached).

7. Set 2016 Membership dues

This item was addressed as part of the financial report, item 6.d

8. Nominations and Elections of Directors for 2016

Motion: by Paul Brent, that all current Directors resign their current positions. **Carried**

9. Nominations arising from the floor

All members of the 2015 executive who were present agreed to stand for 2016. There were three calls for further nominations. None were forthcoming. It was therefore agreed by consensus that the previous Board will continue for 2016. The Saturna Recreation Centre Society Board shall be Paul Brent, Larry Peck, Melanie Gaines, Ingrid Gaines, Peggy Warren, Eva Hage, Bill Schermbrucker and Linda Cunningham. Paul offered to contact Pam

Janszen, who was not present, regarding her possible willingness to continue. Otherwise the board has the authority to appoint a ninth member.

10. New Business

Fire Alarm Monitoring: Peggy Warren described an email and telephone communication with an alarm monitoring company regarding billing of SRC alarm system monitoring which in fact has not been happening for an extended period. There was discussion of implications and possible alternatives. Tabled to the first board meeting, which will be January 18, 2016.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm

President's Report – December 6th, 2015 AGM

This last year the Rec Centre has focused on its core strengths, and it has proved to be a successful year on many levels.

The Rec Centre's primary core strength revolves around the hard-working, knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers that create and keep the energy around the events we host and the facility that hosts them. This includes the board, the entertainment committee and all the other people who created the successes we had in the past year.

Pickleball has continued to build on its first-year success and has a dedicated following, and we've introduced many more to the sport in this past year. Our fitness centre has expanded its equipment roster, adding an elliptical machine, pilates machine and another treadmill.

We are proud to continue our support of community organizations like the SEEC school, SIMRES, the Lions Club, the bridge group and many others. Our island is the envy of other island communities with having facilities like the Rec Centre and the Community Hall, allowing us to host so many different types of events, in uniquely tailored spaces.

Our hosting of tried-and-true events turned out to be a successful formula, with attendance up across the board. And our one special event – the Founders' and Friends' Celebration - was a smashing hit. Much of this was due yet again to the efforts of community members – decorating the Rec Centre ceiling with hundreds of feet of tulle fabric and twinkling lights. And of course the meal was exceptional, with Hubertus and a cast of hard-working helpers plating, bussing, washing (by hand!) for the sold-out event. This was a community fund-raising event and by every measure it was

a stunning achievement, reflecting the immense generosity of Saturna Islanders in support of their community amenities.

In other areas the Rec Centre continues as a member of the Gulf Islands Trails Society (GITS), whose objective is to pro-actively encourage trail development on private land and, particularly, to improve access to public trails. As well as providing signage and trail maintenance, GITS carries liability insurance for trails on private property. And the croquet club (who received a small financial contribution from the Rec Centre) continues to grow. The Rec Centre also provided a small contribution to the Cine-club, to assist their efforts at bringing fine cinema to our island.

So we are wrapping up a fine year with just a couple events yet to deliver - tree-lighting and the New Year's dinner and dance. The dinner, featuring cuisine by chef Hubertus has already sold out and the dance, with music by the well-known and highly acclaimed Lebeau-Peterson band will almost certainly rock the Rec Centre like never before.

I am honoured to work with the Rec Centre board and others in helping to make Saturna an active, healthy and fun place to live and visit.

Paul Brent

Committee Reports

Entertainment Committee Report

December 2014 - November 30, 2015

As you are aware, the SRCS Entertainment Committee is a small group of hard working individuals. Our thanks for your continued hard work and support goes out to Jo Anne Monk, Lin Sohier, Raeanne House, Michelle Davies, Al Stonehouse , as well as myself and Ingrid.

Our activities throughout the year began with the Christmas Open House and tree lighting ceremony. The Saturna Singers were a wonderful adjunct to the event.

The New Year's Dinner and Dance was reasonably well attended and the music was well received. Chef Shawn Fitzgerald prepared his wonderful prime rib dinner for us.

Other events in the spring included the annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance, the popular Cinco de Mayo event which became the Dos de Mayo event.

We did not have a Walkathon in June as our energies were directed toward preparations for the 10th Anniversary Founders and Friends Gala.

Labour Day weekend's Sock Hop was well attended. Thanks to Darryl Davies for preparing our burgers.

On September 26th we had a fantastic gala event to celebrate our tenth year of operation. Thanks to a great deal of dedicated work by the Board and the committee we had a fantastic and enjoyable event and it was profitable. The response was positive for donations and the Silent Auction was well received.

Special mention needs to be directed to specific individuals for their special efforts

- to Raeanne House for her vision which resulted in a fairytale like setting in the gym. Who knew it was a gym?
- To Brent Sohier for the hours he spent in the hoist to swag the tulle and hang the lights.
- To Hubertus Surm for the wonderful meal and to his able kitchen staff, specifically Lin and Brent Sohier, as well as Agi Lis . If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize.

Together with SIVFD we had the Halloween event, complete with brats and burgers , a bar and the best fire works ever.

Events for December include the annual open house , tree lighting and the New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Our chef for the event is Hubertus Surm and the music will be supplied by the Peterson LeBeau Band from Victoria.

NYE is sold out and there is a waiting list of those who hope to get a ticket.

A big thank you to this Board, I believe we are good caretakers and we remain more than solvent due to our efforts.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie & Ingrid Gaines

Communications Committee Report

This year's main task of the Communications Committee has been to advertise our events, which was done through the Scribbler, website, Facebook, road signs and notices at the usual public venues around the island. I want to thank all volunteers, on and off the Board, who helped out with advertising our events.