

Event: Sandy Hook Community Association Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Date: Monday 4th April 2016 – 7:00pm
Location: 5938 Sandy Hook Road

In Attendance: Susan Soux, Neil Edmunds, Valerie Nash,
Kara McDougall, Sean Morton (guest – Share-There.com),
Flavio Ishii (guest – Sandy Hook resident)

Regrets: Melanie Vallieres, Jennifer Garden, Laurel Ennis

Minutes of Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair, Susan Soux, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

2. Guest presentation by Share-There.com

Sean Morton from www.share-there.com attended the meeting to present this new free ride sharing and event promotion service on the Sunshine Coast. The website launched in January 2016 and uses software that connects people for ride sharing to events and locations on the coast. Members can even post or request rides into Vancouver. Share There members must be 18+ to use the ride sharing service – the age minimum is due to liability issues.

Features of the service include:

- Google map and calendar of rides offered/requested
- Event promotion
- Ability to form a private, closed group – rides are seen only by members of the group (eg. 'Dakota Ridge Rides' is currently a closed group)
- Ability to accept or decline a ride or passenger
- Option to post one-time rides or regular rides

The SHCA discussed the benefits of a Sandy Hook closed group. Flavio will create a closed group and invite others in the Sandy Hook community. The SHCA will promote the service to members via the newsletter and could promote to all residents via posters on the bulletin boards.

3. Review and approval of February 22nd 2016 Minutes and April 4th 2016 Agenda

MOVED by Valerie Nash and SECONDED by Susan Soux.

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4. Regular Business

4.1 President's Report

Susan attended the most recent SCAF meeting and reported on the following:

Davis Bay:

- Decline of business on the waterfront is a concern
- Re-routing of the Chapman Creek Trail.
- The association is lobbying the government for a pedestrian controlled crosswalk in the area.

East Porpoise Bay

- Absent

Tuwanek:

- Currently revising the SSC proposal.
- Held a unanimous vote to close down some street lights.
- The association mentioned that the new BC Societies Act goes into effect November 18 2016. Susan advised that the SHCA needs to look at the new BC Societies Act and may need to respond to any changes. Valerie and Neil asked if SCAF could highlight key changes to the Act and notify SCAF members.

4.2 Vice President's Report

Valerie had nothing to report.

4.3 Secretary's Report

Kara had nothing to report.

4.4 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 District and Council Meetings

Neil attended the District meetings on March 2nd and March 16th 2016. Of note were the following items:

- SCRD delegation regarding the SCRD Budget. The delegation including several senior staff and Board members and covered issues such as the increase in water and garbage taxes, hiring of a water consultant to explore water meters and licenses etc...

- One Straw Society led a delegation to present on the Ocean Vegetables Community Garden on Ocean Avenue.
- SSC inclusion in the urban containment boundary. Neil noted that this is a sensitive issue for Council to consider as promises have been made to extend sewage services to Selma Park, Davis Bay and West Sechelt for years.
- Library relocation or add-on.
- Greenlight for SPANI at Brockwood.
- Airport lease is up for renewal.
- Public consultation for sewage expansion in Selma Park and Davis Bay.

5.2 Water Conservation

The SHCA is taking the lead on organizing a water conservation meeting for SCAF members and the public. The purpose of the event is to generate practical ideas and strategies that individuals can do to conserve water. The event will not discuss water infrastructure topics.

Davis Bay has offered the hall for a Saturday in May. The date is to be confirmed. Susan is coordinating guest speakers including Swinze Chauhan from the SCRDC as well as asking a representative from Rain Farmers, a company in Gibsons that sells rainwater storage systems.

Susan asked for ideas for other guest speakers or event activities. Valerie suggested that youth from various community associations could present their water conservation tips graphically and attendees could vote for their favourite ideas. Prizes (\$5 café card) could be given to the youth who receive the highest votes. Valerie will organize this initiative. Kara suggested a landscaping consultant or gardener who could discuss xeriscaping or suggest drought-tolerant and native plant ideas.

5.3 Newsletter

- Neil offered to do an article on the District's latest council meeting updates.
- Susan offered to write an article on the water conservation meeting.
- Flavio will do a short write up about the Share There ride share service.

6. New Business

6.1 Board Openings – Secretary Position

Jennifer Evans is no longer secretary as she and her family have moved back to the UK/Europe. Kara McDougall has offered to fill the secretary role temporarily until formal vote is held at the 2016 SHCA AGM. Susan, Neil and Valerie gave Kara an overview of the SHCA history and the general duties carried out by the Secretary.

Kara will investigate how to access the SHCA email account and who receives the emails.

6.2 AGM Date and Agenda

The SHCA discussed possible dates for the AGM and tentatively decided on Saturday June 4th as a date. Members discussed whether it would be best to host the AGM on a weekday night or on a Saturday. Members decided to test out a weekend date this year to see if more members and residents are able to attend.

Susan will call the Arts Centre regarding venue availability for June 4th.

Susan asked for guest speaker topic and presenter ideas. Valerie suggested Ageing in Place as a topic and Neil and Valerie suggested contacting Sue Jackel (former Sandy Hook resident and seniors advocate) or Isobel Mackenzie (BC's Office of the Seniors Advocate) to see if either could suggest a speaker for this topic. Susan will contact Isobel Mackenzie for speaker suggestions.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 SHCA summer event dates

Board members selected these dates for the following annual events:

Yard Sale: Saturday, June 25th, 2016

Sandy Hook Days: Sunday, July 17th, 2016

7.2 Director Position

Neil and his wife will be officially retiring and expect to be away for many months of the year starting winter 2016. Neil would like to stand for re-election but wanted to alert board members of his expected absence and inquired if this would be an issue. Board members did not see a problem and thought his position could be temporarily filled while Neil is away.

8. Adjournment

MOVED by Susan Soux and SECONDED by Valerie Nash.

“That the April 4th 2016 Board Meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Date for the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd, 2016. Location TBD.