

BOARD MEETING Minutes 2010  
Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Jude Da Silva's

**Board Present:** Melanie Vallieres (President), Peter Harvey (Secretary), Harold Fletcher (Treasurer), Ivana Cappelletto, Rupert Clark, Paul Manson and Jude DaSilva.

**Guests:** None.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Adoption of agenda. Already approved in online voting.
3. Adoption of minutes of meeting dated 2010-01-13. Already approved in online voting.
4. Introduction of guests: None were able to attend, although interest in attending was expressed by Kathy Turner and Lynn Forrest..
5. Officers' Reports
  - 5.1 President's report (Melanie Vallieres).
    - 5.1.1 G8 Meeting next Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Peter and Melanie to attend.
    - 5.1.2 Letter of thanks to newsletter delivery persons. Letters signed by Melanie were sent out on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5.2 Secretary's report (Peter Harvey).
    - 5.2.1 Website update policy. Board members voted unanimously to allow Peter to make changes and additions to the website, which will remain unless any board member raises an objection. Anyone else can apply for posting privileges at Peter's discretion.
    - 5.2.2 Mailing list. Peter informed us that the mailing list is currently in a format that he finds difficult to work with. Consequently he will update the mailing list in a new format.
    - 5.2.3 Correspondence. Since the last meeting, Peter has written and sent letters on the following matters:
      - 5.2.3.1 B.C. Registrar of Societies – updating on Melanie's role as President of SHCA. No mention made of Jude's imminent departure, so she remains as a board member.
      - 5.2.3.2 Newsletter delivery persons (15 in total) each received a letter of thanks for loyal service to the community, noting that in future newsletters will be distributed by e-mail (for those who have internet), newsletter boxes (located at bulletin boards), and via the website [www.sandyhookcommunityassociation.ca](http://www.sandyhookcommunityassociation.ca)
      - 5.2.3.3 Dog bylaw. Letter sent to the mayor and council of the DoS expressing SHCA opposition to the recently proposed dog bylaw. The bylaw did not pass fourth reading.
      - 5.2.3.4 Ditch silting on Sandy Hook Road. Letter sent to the bylaw officer regarding the vacant property belonging to Mr. Williams.
      - 5.2.3.5 Illegal garbage dumping. Letter sent to the Provincial Ministry of Parks, regarding illegal dumping in Porpoise Bay Provincial Park on the east side of Sechelt Inlet Road.

- 5.3 Treasurer's report. (Harold Fletcher) Approximately \$3900 in total assets. Harold again emphasized the need for a reminder to renew membership in the next newsletter.
6. Business arising from minutes or unfinished business.
  - 6.1 Deerhorn/ Sandy Hook trail status update. Peter said that he spoke to Ed Baxter, resident of Seaview Road (owner of the property on Deerhorn bordering the north side of the easement), and received warm encouragement on the proposal. Resolved to explore the route with Rupert and report findings for the next meeting.
  - 6.2 Newsletter. (Ivana Cappelletto) Ivana produced a draft version of the newsletter with full colour masthead photo of the inlet, and one page of text in 9 point type. The newsletter can be printed on both sides and either in colour or black and white. We omitted to discuss recompense for the cost of printing.
  - 6.3 Newsletter boxes. Rupert reported that 7 boxes, made with materials and help from Peter, were now installed on all the bulletin boards in Sandy Hook. We omitted to discuss recompense for the cost of plexiglass and hinges supplied by Peter.
  - 6.4 Rideshare/CoastRide. Peter discussed liabilities with Bob D'Arcy and both agreed that there appears to be no special liability to the SHCA.
  - 6.5 OCP status update. The final meeting of the committee, with SHCA represented by Gray Waddell and Rupert, was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The main disappointment of the meeting was despite the best efforts of Susan Stratis (OCP Chairperson) to persuade DoS council, the proposed 2 year expiry of zoning changes on undeveloped properties, was rejected by council in a vote of 5 to 2. The reason given for the vote was the desire of council to not appear unfriendly toward developers. Rupert stated his intention to write to council urging them to reconsider some form of time constraint to discourage speculative flipping of properties where no "improvements" have been made. It was resolved that the board will consider in an online vote whether or not to adopt the letter as representing the SHCA official position. This letter will follow soon
  - 6.6 Hidden Grove update. Rupert reported that a contractor with excavator (working for SCPI) has begun work on the parking lot and is expected to be finished by the end of February. The northern trail loop is nearly finished, and access to the "Twister" will commence soon.
  - 6.7 Street address visibility. It was decided that the newsletter should include suggestions of ways to improve visibility of street addresses.
  - 6.8 Meet and Greet. Moved by Paul and carried unanimously to schedule the M&G for March 20<sup>th</sup> at Jude's house.
7. New Business
  - 7.1 Community engagement, ideas for improvement. This item skipped for lack of time.
  - 7.2 Board members. How to recruit more. Peter mentioned briefly that he would visit some houses in Sandy Hook in order to make the Association better known, and to hopefully get new members.
  - 7.3 Burning bylaw (to allow for short open periods of open burning). All agreed that a burning period should be allowed in late fall.
  - 7.4 Package treatment plants. No position taken on this issue.
  - 7.5 School closure. No position taken on this issue.
  - 7.6 Sechelt Elementary School closure. No discussion due to lack of time.

7.7 Boat launch. Paul suggested we build racks for Sandy Hook Beach and also for Secret Beach but no decision was made. Peter suggested updating the sign at the boat launch and Rupert offered help if needed.

8. **Adjournment:** Moved and Carried at 8:53pm. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, March TBA<sup>th</sup>. at 7:00pm at Melanie's (the other white house), 5922 Sandy Hook Road.