

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Approved May 9, 2011

Monday, April 4, 2011, at Melanie Vallieres' house, 7:00 PM

Chair: Kirk Exner Minutes: Gene Scanlan Guests: None

Board Members Present: Melanie Vallieres, Michael Hertz, Peter Harvey, Rupert Clark, Gene Scanlan, Kirk Exner, Ivana Cappelletto, Gray Waddell

Board Members Absent: Anne Hutchinson, Valerie Nash, Harold Fletcher

Called to Order: 7:07 PM

1. Agenda was adopted with addition of item 12: Letter to Perry Machado/District re: Park Road. Moved by Kirk, seconded by Melanie.
2. Adoption of: Minutes of March 7 regular meeting; moved by Kirk, seconded by Gene; Minutes of March 28 special meeting with changes to purpose of meeting, item a and item 7 to indicate March 31 meeting will be a public hearing (see final minutes as corrected and approved and attached surveys); moved by Rupert and seconded by Peter.
3. Officers' Reports
 - A. President's Report: 1. Kirk reported on the District-wide tree trimming to increase road space. The upcoming SHCA newsletter will explain this and ask people to approach Board members re: any issues they are having with this and possible concerns with the appearance of the trees after trimming. Rupert reported that he did not see any attempt at clean up of the debris. Kirk reported there was no response from Perry Machado about this. 2. Kirk also reported that the Sechelt Groves Society has now been formed by Bob Darcy and others and that the SHCA has a loose relationship with the Society. Rupert and Gray will serve on the Society Board as SHCA representatives. Gray said that SHCA, not the Society, should decide who will serve. Kirk indicated that the Society bylaws indicate this decision should be made "...in consultation with..." SHCA. 3. Kirk also reported he had met with Bob Darcy re: this issue and funding of the Society. The Board discussed providing the Society with start-up funding versus making an ongoing commitment, including the options of providing two years of funding with an option for the Society to come back to SHCA, providing three years, and other options. It was moved by Kirk that a single appropriation of \$750 be made as a 2- year gift to the Sechelt Groves Society. Gene suggested that SHCA receive a written request for the gift from the Society. Kirk

pointed out that SHCA members may also join the Society. Peter second the motion, and it was approved.

B. Vice-President's Report: Gray reported he, Rupert, and Michael as well as other Sandy Hook residents attended and spoke at the Target Marine Hearing on March 31. There was a large audience and Gray, Michael, and Bula Hess presented before leaving about 9:00 PM; the meeting continued until about 11:00 PM. Of the 26 speakers before 9:00 PM, Gray reported that 9 were against the proposed change and at least 8 were in favour of the change, including current and former Target employees. Several businesses and the Chamber of Commerce spoke in favour of the change, with some presenting detailed information. Mike reported that Target was against trucking the fish elsewhere for processing, which Gray pointed out would be done while the fish are alive.

Gray also attended 2 Committee of the Whole meetings, one Planning Committee meeting and one Council meeting. Gray is also looking at April 15 or 16 for Inlet Road Sandy Hook clean-up crews; the clean-up will take about two hours. Three vehicles are needed. Volunteers were Gray and Heather, Peter, and Rupert.

C. Secretary's Report: Gene asked that all documents and reports be submitted to him prior to meetings. New members forms and payments should be sent to Harold first, than the forms given to Gene.

D. Treasurer's Report. Harold was not present so there was no report.

4. Community Interest Survey: Melanie reported the survey will be posted on the SHCA web site and results are due by April 7
5. Board roles and responsibilities: Gene gave a brief talk on what he sees as the roles and responsibilities of Board members, including attendance at Board meetings, respect for other members, carrying out tasks, and supporting Board decisions, once made.
6. Purposes of SHCA: Kirk led a discussion of the purposes of the Association. Issues and topics discussed include our mandates as defined in the by-laws, does the Board speak on behalf of members, the SHCA name implying that we represent the interests of the community and will meet these, and the relation of taxes paid by residents of Sandy Hook and our roles in the larger community. As a result of this discussion, Gray proposed a review of SHCA's by-laws; Peter, Gray, Mike, and Gene volunteered to do this soon so any changes could be considered at the AGM.
7. Procedures of SHCA: Kirk led a discussion of procedures of SHCA and the need to facilitate communication. The defined Fast Response Protocol should be used but only under the administration of the President. Ivana indicated that there will be few emergencies that will require the Protocol and that she personally does not want to be

involved in political controversies. In her view, SHCA was spending too much time in the wrong places. Mike said there were two basic issues: using the procedure when there is a real need, and the political role of the SHCA. Kirk said that we can manage those concerns and should stay focused as a group. Peter suggested that Kirk vet issues and decide what to do with them (such as making the community aware of them versus consideration by the Board). He also said there are time considerations for all of us and we should keep promoting the good parts of what we do. Gray said that some of the elected Councilors of Sechelt feel that community associations do not represent residents and are not elected as they would prefer. We are looked down upon by about 70% of the Council. Kirk said it basically comes down to the membership base, and we should focus on what we are doing and make positive changes in the community.

8. Newsletter: Mike reported he had drafted the Spring newsletter and submitted it to Kirk. He needs a calendar of events, such as the AGM, picnic, etc. It should be ready in about 2 weeks. Ivana has the template for the newsletter.
9. Boat launch: Peter reported he had talked to the District about a clean up and purge and will announce this to the community along with a date for registering boats and for removal of abandoned boats. Notices will also be posted on the bulletin boards and there will be further discussion of this topic by the Board in late Spring.
10. Sailboat race: Peter reported that this will be held in late summer under the Gibson's Yacht Club for insurance purposes. Gene raised the issue that associations such as ours may be exempt from liability actions (such as this or food poisoning at a community picnic), but this should be checked. Kirk moved to support the race, Rupert seconded it, and it was approved.
11. Park Road: Rupert reported that the principal opponent to fixing Park Road is selling his home. The District needs to be reminded of its commitment to fixing the road.
12. Other items: Ivana pointed out that abandoned boats in the Inlet are leaking oil. Kirk indicated that the Fisheries Ministry is aware of this problem. Peter said that several officials have been contacted but the response is slow. Rupert suggested a letter go from SHCA to the District re: Park Road and Kirk said that he will check on the original letter plus where the SHCA letter should be sent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Next meeting: Monday, May 9 at Kirk Exner's house 6157 Coracle Drive, 7:00 PM