

Sandy Hook Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Approved October 12, 2011

Monday, September 12th at 7 PM at Gray Waddell's Home, 6912 Mt. Richardson Road

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

Board Members Absent: Harold Fletcher, Valerie Nash, Rupert Clark

Chair: Kirk Exner Minutes: Gene Scanlan Guests: None

1. Call to Order: 7:12 PM
2. Agenda was approved with the addition of Target Marine as item #11: moved by Gray, seconded by Gene.
3. The minutes of the June 18th AGM and the June 27th Board meeting were adopted: moved by Kirk, seconded by Melanie.

4. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report (Kirk): 1. Sandy Hook Day was well-received and set the stage for next year, when the program and activities can be more hands-on. Pat was pleased with the combined Pig Roast – Sandy Hook Day and it was good to re-connect with Lower Sandy Hook. Many people provided food and the only negative was the heavy rainstorm later in the afternoon. Thanks are due to Rupert for providing the musicians and to DJ Yum-Yum for spinning the hits. Kirk was able to work out an arrangement whereby the District gave SHCA a blanket waiver for the use of the Park instead of requiring a permit. There was a brief discussion by Board members over the issue of possible law suits aimed at SHCA; further information related to this issue may be available in the Societies Act. 2. Kirk led a discussion of Board vacancies and a possible new member. It was agreed that Kirk would ask him to submit a bio and he would be invited to the October Board meeting. It was agreed that someone could also be added to the Board for events planning. 3. The area around the beach is being improved by the Parks Department; we next need to focus on the gazebo project so the appropriation can be used. 4. Kirk urged the Board to think about a new President for next year; the SHCA has taken a lot of his time. We have accomplished a lot but need to determine our focus, decide when we should speak for the community, and what we should do.

B. Vice-President's Report (Gray): 1. Gray reported that there were no Council,

COW, or Planning Committee meetings over the summer. 2. At the September 1 Council meeting the upcoming elections were discussed. Fred Taylor said he will won't run again; efforts are being made to convince him to run. Ann Kershaw also will not be running again. 3. Gray also reported that Mayor Inkster had thanked Gray for serving on the Planning Committee; Gray received a copy of the final OCP, which was conveyed to the Board Secretary and is available for residents. 4. The SCR D asked for comments on the We Envision Plan by September 15; there is an online survey for people's personal interests. The Plan is online but the Board agreed the timeline was too tight for a Board response.

C. Secretary's Report (Gene): 1. Membership is at 70 with 3 new members.

D. Treasurer's Report: 1. As Harold was not able to be present, the financial report had been sent to Board members prior to the meeting. Expenses for Sandy Hook Day were not included in the report.

5. Emergency preparedness program and next steps (Kirk): 1. Marcia Mason on Lower Sandy Hook has volunteered to coordinate that area's preparedness planning. 2. Melanie volunteered to coordinate preparedness for her area; Kirk will coordinate with her. 3. There was discussion of the need to have one person on each level coordinate preparedness planning, so others will need to be recruited.

6. Boat launch (Peter): 1. Peter reported that there is starting to be movement, with both the Parks and Public Works Departments involved. Work is scheduled for the week of September 26, with the Parks Department trimming foliage and the Public Works Department seeing what can be done to keep growth down. They may put in a culvert or a French drain and will clean the ditch on the other side; trees have already been trimmed. 2. Parks has OK'd combining 2 boat spaces with limitations, and will supply materials for 1 – 2 boat racks just off the beach – this will happen later. 3. Parks will pull the posts, so volunteers will be needed to replace these. Chains will be left to lock up boats. 4. There is conflicting information from Parks and Public Works about what can be done with boats left on the beach.

7. Bylaws progress report and next steps (Mike): 1. Previous to the meeting, Mike had emailed Board members a copy of the current SHCA Bylaws as well as suggested changes and updating of the Bylaws. He said that the materials covered both technical and substantive changes, and believes that the Bylaws should allow SHCA to keep flexible. 2. Deciding on changes could be done at next year's AGM or at our Meet and Greet – in part, the timing will depend on the nature of the changes. 3. Discussion by the Board included the following points:

- We should first define what we want to accomplish rather than the details. The main issue is when to force a vote based on the number of Board members.
- The larger question is what is the mandate of SHCA. Some things are legislated/approved by the Province and there are some limitations in the Society Act.
- The current SHCA mandate is broad.

- Complaints often come from non-members of SHCA. Do we represent just members or are we representative of the community we live in?
- Should we take sides on bigger issues? Where do we draw the bounds?
- Some people will be alienated if we take positions.
- Possibly 10% of what we do is being an advocate for the community.
- Some people don't want to be part of SHCA because of its past history.
- It may not be our role to be watchdogs.
- We need to build trust and faith in the SHCA by focusing on our own backyard and getting services and support from the District.
- We can represent our personal interests elsewhere, but the Board should support issues it decides on rather than Board members undercutting Board decisions by criticizing them to others.
- Part of our role should be keeping our eye on what is happening in Sechelt and voicing our opinions on issues affecting other communities.

The group working on the Bylaws will meet to discuss these and other issues and will report back to the Board.

8. Dock issue and SHCA (Rupert): Deferred

9. Fundraising (Valerie and Gene): Deferred

10. Early morning float plane noise complaints (Kirk): 1. Kirk reported that the District will not take a stand on this issue. It is uncertain if there are statutes to cover early morning flight noise and flight paths of planes. 2. Board members were asked to check with neighbors to see if they are bothered by aircraft noise and, based on this information, a letter will be drafted to the appropriate agency.

11. Target Marine (Gray): 1. There was a brief discussion of the continuing Target Marine issue; the Secretary read the relevant part of the March 28, 2011 SHCA Board minutes indicating our response to this issue. 2. Gray said we should answer the request for support by re-stating the Board's previous position.

12. Other business: 1. Gray reported that the G-8 meeting will be held September 20 but he will not be able to attend; Kirk will go in his place. 2. Mike reported that the next newsletter will be finished by the end of October. There was no decision about whether or not to include the float plane issue. 3. Gene urged Board members to bring emailed meeting materials to the meetings. 4. Kirk said all Board members are valuable; the community is active and involved, especially as compared to other community associations, some of which are having trouble and organizational problems. We are doing really well.

13. The next meeting will be held at Melanie Vallieres' home, 5922 Sandy Hook Road.

14. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.