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Your President's Report

Time marches on. Our AGM took place in the Arts Centre at which time the seven nominated board candidates were confirmed by acclamation. A few days later the new board met and with a bit of arm twisting here and there the slate of officers and directors was agreed to.

I believe we did the necessary to let everyone know about the AGM so I couldn't help being a little disappointed at the turn-out. Thirty eight (?) out of about 120 members doesn't strike me as a very enthusiastic response. Oh well. Without an ISSUE, what should I expect?

For those who did attend, we appreciated your support. The presentation

by Dave Crosbie of SCRCD was thought-provoking regarding water usage and the possible threat of forest fires. One member also voiced concern about the open fire pits and low-hanging branches in the new campground on the four-lane stretch between here and the village. If it's any consolation the Fire Chief says that camp fires are Fire Department responsibility. They will be banned outright when weather conditions dictate. Keep your fingers crossed.

Please be advised that your new board has opted to go without a picnic again this year. Instead it is our intention to organize some sort of social event in the fall. Our meet-and-greet in December was considered a success by those who attended. Perhaps something along similar lines in September will get people out.

If long-range forecasts turn out to be right we can expect a drier than average summer. That being the case it's up to all of us to be vigilant and to take action whenever we are witness to illegal or irresponsible burning. First try the friendly neighbour approach and if that doesn't work contact the Bylaw Officer or even the Fire Dept. if that's what it takes.

I'm looking forward to working with this latest in a long string of SHCA Boards. We have two new member which is great. Things are happening in Sandy Hook. We are known to the Mayor and Councillors and we have good relations with key Staff members. You want to join us? We welcome your ideas and/or your participation. Cheers! - *Gray Waddell*

Annual General Meeting Report—A full set of unofficial minutes are now posted on the web site—the real ones cannot be done until approved at the next AGM.

Some highlights for now:

- ▣ Dave Crosbie of the Sunshine Coast Regional District made an interesting and enlightening presentation regarding the water situation (see more on this later)
- ▣ Power Outages – an update on the position of BC Hydro and the supply. **IMPORTANT:** Call 1-800-769-3755 / 1-800-POWERON when your power goes out as there is no remote way for BC Hydro to know of an outage. Don't rely on your neighbour calling.
- ▣ CB emergency system in place in lower Sandy Hook
- ▣ Discussion on interface fire hazards in Sandy Hook.
- ▣ Call for volunteers for: Board, picnic, newsletter delivery, trail building and maintenance
- ▣ Sandy Hook Park – new sign on boat launch ramp, new donated commemorative tree
- ▣ Board members elected by acclamation

Thanks to all who showed up and we hope you enjoyed the refreshments so nicely arranged by Joyce FitzPatrick and her volunteers.



Take a look at what you might do to protect your home from "Interface Forest Fires" by going to our web site and clicking on the Fire Link for a PDF booklet you can view online.

Membership Stuff—Pres. Gray reported at the AGM Sandy Hook has the largest community association membership and highest percentage representation in the District.

Have you joined—you can do so online at www.sechelt.net or mail us. Just \$10.

Is Your Membership Up to Date?

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