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FRESH NEWS

With a record turnout at the last Sandy Hook Community Association AGM and the appointment of a board consisting of 12 members (the maximum number) it is a privilege to serve as your President this year. Our membership now totals over 100 part-time and full-time residents of Sandy Hook.

It is our intention to represent the community without bias and to respect the opinions and requests of each community member, as required, without judgement. Thus, the mandate of the SHCA's board for this year is being constructed based on the feedback we receive from the entire community.

Our mandate, as always, is connected to this year's budget. The funds that will be applied to this year's activities are those received from membership fees resulting in just over \$1,000 for 2010. The majority of our annual budget has already been ear-marked for the AGM, Summer Picnic, various Committee & Administrative Expenses, and the annual Meet and Greet.

The board elected to continue support for both the Coast Ride program and Hidden Grove. SHCA funds are being allocated to Hidden Grove as the Committee continues to expand and improve the Hidden Grove trail system. It is important to note, the hard work dedicated to Hidden Grove is on a volunteer basis and we would like to acknowledge and thank the contributions that Bob D'Arcy, Rupert Clark, Michael Davidson, Ray Fitch, Marilyn Jares, Mike Lane, Gertrude Pacific, Mike Suttcliffe, Gray Waddell, and other volunteers have made and continue to make.

This year we elected to form an informal "Events Team" lead by Melanie Vallieres and Valerie Nash. This year the Events Team will focus on adding entertainment to the Summer Picnic and the annual Meet and Greet. The Summer Picnic will feature Chantel Upshaw, a singer/songwriter from Vancouver, performing live with pianist Andrew Rasmussen in Lower Sandy Hook on Saturday, August 21st.

We also elected to form an informal "Parks Team" lead by Kirk Exner. The Parks Team will be interfacing with our community and the District of Sechelt with the objective of improving the safety and quality of our parks and recreational areas. If you would like to join either team please contact one of our board members - volunteers are absolutely welcomed so feel free to lend a hand.

This year we will be adding fundraising activities in connection with our events. For example, Chantel Upshaw will be performing for free to support our initiatives so we encourage our community and friends to make a modest donation so that we are able to hire entertainment for next year. The SHCA would like to thank Chantel and Andrew for their generous support.

The energy and passion within our community is a testament to how much we all enjoy living in Sandy Hook.

If you have any concerns; or, ideas how we might be able to make Sandy Hook an even better place to live and visit please contact one of our board members.

Thanks, Kirk Exner – President

2010 SHCA BOARD MEMBERS

Ivana Cappelletto, Rupert Clark, Kirk Exner (President), Harold Fletcher (Treasurer), Peter Harvey (Secretary), Michael Hertz, Anne Hutchinson, Valerie Nash, Sunil Perera, Cody Slevin, Melanie Vallieres, Gray Waddell (Vice President)

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WHAT'S NEW IN "THE HOOK"

- Boat launch information has been added to the SHCA website under the heading "BoatSpots". If you would like to reserve or change a space please visit the website for more information:
www.sandyhookcommunityassociation.ca
- A "Classifieds" section has been added to the SHCA website. If you have any products or services that you would like to add to the website please email:
webmaster@sandyhookcommunityassociation.ca
- Gray Waddell, Vice President of the SHCA, has graciously agreed to attend, observe and report back to us on the various District of Sechelt meetings. Gray's summary is available in the minutes of our monthly SHCA meetings for review (via the SHCA website). On behalf of the entire community, thanks for attending those lengthy meetings Gray.
- Volunteers met on Saturday, July 10th to cleanup garbage along Sechelt Inlet Road, from Sandy Hook Road to the Provincial Park entrance. Six large garbage bags full – a big thanks to Donna, Graham, Karen & Paul, Ken and Rupert.
- The 6th annual Lower Sandy Hook Pig Roast was held on July 30th to the delight of all in attendance – a special thanks to Rick and Pat for their hard work and generosity.
- The 1st annual Sandy Hook community garage sale was held on Saturday, August 7th; and, with the exception of the weather, proved to be a great start to our newest annual event.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- A friendly reminder to keep your garbage and recycling clean and secure so that our refuse does not attract bears or other animals. Two years ago a mother bear died in our neighbourhood from ingesting plastics and left 3 orphaned cubs that were captured and transferred to the Critter Care Wildlife Society in Langley. The cost associated with rearing and rehabilitating just one bear cub for release into the wild is \$4,000. Visit www.bearaware.bc.ca for information.
- This has been a particularly dry summer and it is important that we all respect the B.C. campfire bans when issued. Due to our location and terrain, Sandy Hook is at risk to wildfires so we encourage you to abide by the provincial regulations.
- Please take extra care when driving along Sechelt Inlet Road - a number of community members have expressed concerns for cyclists and wildlife this summer as the population of both increases significantly from July to September.
- There is a petition circulating in Davis Bay regarding the proposed modifications to Highway 101 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; specifically, the widening and new left turn lane planned at Davis Bay Road. This petition is against altering the Highway at Davis Bay Road has received over 650 signatures thus far - we encourage you to take a position.