

Sandy Hook Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2012

Approved With Board-Accepted Changes April 2, 2012

Monday, March 19 at 7 PM at Gray Waddell's Home, 6912 Mt. Richardson Road

Board Members Present: Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Valerie Nash, Michael Hertz, Harold Fletcher, Rupert Clark

Board Members Absent: Melanie Vallieres, Neil Edmunds

Chair: Gray Waddell Minutes: Gene Scanlan

1. Call to Order: 7:06 PM
2. Agenda was approved, moved by Mike, seconded by Gray.
3. The minutes of the February 6, 2012 Board meeting were adopted with the change of some language in the issues discussion section: moved by Valerie, second by Gene.
4. Minutes of 2010 AGM (Gene): The missing minutes of the 2010 AGM were located but found to be incomplete and lacked the vote results. These will be held until more complete.
5. Officers' Reports
 - A. Acting President's Report (Gray):
 1. Gray reported he had attended three Committee of the Whole meetings and two Council meetings, as well as the public information meeting about the Stockwell Company's proposal for a temporary permit and zoning change to run a concrete plant operation in East Porpoise Bay for three years. They decided to present a new proposal for rezoning on their property, with another company to run the operation. The reason for the proposal change probably has to do with the new lawsuit regarding Target Marine.
 2. Gray also raised the issue of the Sechelt Community Association Forum (SCAF) Operating Principles, which were circulated to the SHCA Board members prior to the meeting. SCAF is seeking input from community associations on the draft Principles. Gray pointed out that both the West Porpoise Bay and West Sechelt community associations are no longer active with SCAF. Gray gave the Board background information on SCAF, including that it had met with the Council in the past, but then died out as some community associations opted out. It was originally 8 organizations, and was called the G-8, but now is

seeking to be called SCAF. Gray is not sure where SCAF is headed. Rupert said that SCAF is one step removed from SHCA and two steps removed from the residents we represent. Gray felt that there may be more clout with SCAF taking positions on issues that affect everyone. Valerie asked what has SCAF accomplished and said she is neutral on it. Mike said he felt SCAF was a good idea. Harold felt that community associations can decide on approaches and SCAF can do information gathering and then discuss common issues. Valerie said it is more infrastructure. Valerie pointed out that SCAF never informed her or Peter Harvey that their Oyster Farm project was under discussion. There was no notification to them or any process to hear their side. The issue was raised by the Tuwanek Community Association, but Valerie and Peter had no opportunity to defend themselves. She said that the community associations are not always very representative. Mike said that if an association or group like SHCA talks about someone and an issue, it should ask for their side. Harold moved that SHCA should accept the SCAF operating principles, including removal of the G-8 name, seconded by Mike and approved. 3. There was brief discussion of the resignation of the past President of SHCA from the Board, Kirk Exner, Harold moved acceptance of the resignation, and Mike seconded the motion, which was approved. 4. Gray agreed to serve as President until the next SHCA AGM. Harold moved that Gray be designated as President until the next AGM and Valerie seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board. 5. There was also a brief discussion about whether or not to fill the Vice President's position, and the consensus was not to fill it until after the 2012 AGM.

B. Secretary's Report (Gene): 1. Gene reported there are now 42 members. 2. He pointed out that most Board member had not filled out the Board information forms that were agreed to, and a few Board members had not yet paid their 2012 dues. 3. Gene also reported on March 9th he sent out emails with membership renewal forms and emergency preparedness surveys to 125 unique email addresses (some couples have duplicate addresses in the data base), with only three returns. 4. He also reported that the web site transition is almost complete, with the new site up and Bob D'Arcy providing the technical support. Residents can join SHCA and fill out the emergency preparedness survey online, with completed surveys going to Valerie and an automatic thank-you going to the person filling it out. Gene asked the Board for approval of shifting ownership of the SHCA domain name to SHCA from current owner Bob D'Arcy. Gene moved this take place, seconded by Mike, and approved. 5. Gene also said that SHCA had received an invitation from the Sechelt Groves Society to the opening of the accessible trail on May 12, 2012, with details of the event to follow.

C. Treasurer's Report (Harold): 1) Harold presented the SHCA Annual Financial Statement for 2011. He moved acceptance, second by Mike and the Board voted to accept the report. 2) He also presented the 2012 year-to-date financial report.

6. Signature changes (Harold); 1) Harold said the current authorized check signers for SHCA are Kirk Exner, Peter Harvey, Harold, and Gray. As only Gray and Harold are still

Board members, they will continue to be the authorized signers.

7. Newsletter (Michael): 1) Mike said that the newsletter is finished. After some discussion, it was decided to print 325 copies for delivery to homes and placing in boxes near mailboxes. Neil had indicated he would coordinate delivery.

8. SHCA tent (Valerie): 1) Valerie gave a brief background on the tent used by SHCA for events, such as the AGM and Sandy Hook Day. Peter Harvey and Valerie bought the tent and store it, but now will donate it to the SHCA if it can be stored elsewhere. Mike said he will store the tent, and Valerie will turn it over to SHCA.

9. Gray raised an item not on the final March 19 agenda, the question of responding to issues raised by other community associations and to area-wide issues. Valerie said there are very different views on the SHCA Board about whether or not we should be an activist/advocacy organization. She said if we do so, are we representing the community voice? Maybe the first decision should be based on asking the community if we should be activist. If the community says yes, then we need to ask the community its view on a particular issue. Mike said there are various ways we can respond. Gray asked if the Board has gone too far the other way (by being non-activist). We need to make some decisions at the Board level about this. Mike asked if we should bring this up at the AGM for a full discussion. Gray and Gene asked that we defer this until our next Board meeting where it will be the focus of the meeting.

10. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM at Harold Fletcher's home, 5937 Skookumchuk Road.

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.