

# **Sandy Hook Community Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2012**

**Approved October 10, 2012**

Monday, September 10, 2012 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Gene Scanlan’s home, 5878 Skookumchuk Road

Board Members Present: Bijan Sametz-Asgari, Gray Waddell, Gene Scanlan, Susan Soux, Melanie Vallieres, Valerie Nash

Board Members Absent: Michael Hertz

Chair: Gray Waddell      Minutes: Gene Scanlan

1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM
2. Agenda was approved, moved by Susan, seconded by Gene.
3. The Minutes of the August 6, 2012 were approved, moved by Gray, seconded by Gene.
4. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report (Gray): 1) Gray followed up on the Deerhorn Park cleanup item from the August agenda, and said that no date had been set, but 4 – 6 people would be needed. Valerie said that Peter Harvey and two house guests would help with the cleanup – she will ask Peter to set a date. Bijan also offered to help and other Board members may help, depending on the date set. 2) Gray reported that he had attended 2 Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings and two Council meetings. Generally, the meetings have been very fast as compared to those of the previous Council. 3) At this week’s COW meeting Councilman Hockley proposed a relay race – the “Caviar Gold Cup” – to be held on July 1. Each team would have seven members representing different categories of Sechelt residents. The name is contentious. Susan asked if Target had gotten approval yet for their zoning change, and Gene said there is a new law suit filed by a resident.

B. Secretary’s Report (Gene): 1) Gene reported that the papers needed to authorize check signing by the new officers have been completed.

C. Treasurer’s Report (Melanie): 1) Melanie reported a balance of \$1,666.13 and there are no expenses associated with the Sandy Hook Picnic. 2) She also reported that the GIC used for investments would soon mature and moved that SHCA renew its GIC. The motion was seconded by Gray and approved.

5. Picnic wrap-up (Valerie): 1) Valerie said that a letter needed to be sent to Claytons’ to

thank them for the food donated to the picnic, and they should be acknowledged on the SHCA web site. 2) She said that the turnout was small, but several people new to Sandy Hook came and everyone seemed to have a good time. 3) Attendance was probably affected by the uncertain weather and also the many other events in the area going on that weekend. 4) The posters were put up three days before the picnic, but more word of mouth was needed. 5) The Board discussed ways to improve attendance, including: advertising it one month in advance, highlighting it in the newsletter, having a yearly list of activities and the schedule, setting regular times for events, and getting information on events to the Welcome Wagon people through the real estate offices. 6) Possible times to consider might include a mid-week day, and keeping it in August.

6. Board members (Gene): 1) Gene asked the Board members to think of additional people that could be considered for Board membership. Gray moved that the Board members bring the names of additional people to the next Board meeting, seconded by Gene and the motion was approved by the Board.

7. Newsletter (Gene): 1) Gene said that, because of Mike Hertz's extended time away, responsibility for the Fall newsletter will have to be shifted to other Board members. 2) Possible articles suggested by the Board for the newsletter and people responsible include: the One Straw Society (Valerie), the Sunshine Coast Fruit Tree Project (Melanie), disaster planning (Susan), Coast Ride reminder (TBA), the picnic (Gene), and the garage sale (TBA). 3) Gene will send an email to Mike to see if anything has been done so far on the newsletter. 4) Bijan offered to help with the layout.

8. Gazebo funds and the tot lot (Gray): 1) Gray will check with the District to follow up on our letter requesting these funds be used to improve to playground equipment.

9. Disaster Planning Initiative (Susan and Melanie): 1) Susan said that they are attempting to get action on this issue. 2) There was discussion of the alternate way out of Sandy Hook if Inlet Road was blocked between Sandy Hook Road and downtown. There is an old logging road near Grey's Creek (1<sup>st</sup> right after crossing the creek); using this may require four wheel drive. 3) Susan is working on disaster planning with a person in Lower Sandy Hook who had done some disaster planning organizing in the past.

10. Other Project Ideas (All): 1) Valerie suggested promoting Sandy Hook as a community by developing a promotional piece with a slogan and featuring our parks, beaches, etc. as well as promoting the Association. She could write the text. The final piece should look professional and be in color, the piece would be distributed to real estate agents, people selling their homes, the Welcome Wagon, and other groups. Bijan and Gene offered to help. 2) The signboards should be cleaned up. 3) Gene suggested having Sandy Hook participate in the Canada Day Parade in Sechelt. One possible idea would be a "Recycling Container Drill Team" with smaller kids riding in the containers. Only costs would be for a banner. Gene will check on the application form. 4) Other ideas suggested include a skateboard race like the "Attack at Danger Bay" (Gene), a soapbox derby (Melanie), and a goofy relay for kids (Valerie). It was agreed that all ideas suggested should be written down with as much detail as possible and submitted to Gene before the next meeting.

11. Next Board meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Susan Soux's home, 5938 Sandy Hook Road (date changed from original date set due to Thanksgiving.)

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM