

Sandy Hook Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2013

Approved January 6, 2014

Monday, December 2 starting at 7:00 PM at Kirk Exner's home, 6157 Coracle Road

Board Members Present: Kirk Exner, Gene Scanlan, Susan Soux, Neil Edmunds

Board Members Absent: Valerie Nash, Melanie Vallieres

Guest: Angelika Sieber

Acting President: Susan Soux Minutes: Gene Scanlan

1. Call to Order: 7:12 PM.
2. The Agenda was adopted, as submitted, moved by Kirk, seconded by Neil.
3. The Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Board meeting were adopted, as submitted, moved by Kirk, seconded by Neil.
4. Secretary's Report (Gene):
 - A. Membership stands at 59.
 - B. Gene reported that the Fall-Winter SHCA Newsletter had been posted online, and copies had been distributed to the boxes, thanks to SHCA Board members.
5. Treasurer's Report (Melanie): No report submitted.
6. Skana Crescent paving (All)
 - A. Guest Angelika Sieber said that a private petition asking that Skana Crescent be paved had been submitted to the District of Sechelt in 2012. Separately, the District submitted a petition to residents on Skana Crescent and received 4 responses in favor of paving. District staff recommended paving be included in the 2014 DoS budget along with other alternatives.
 - B. Susan reported that at the DoS Council meeting on November 27th the Council decided there were not enough positive responses to the petition, and that possible paving will be included in the budget for 2014 – 2018. Kirk pointed out that this item would be for consideration only, and this is not a commitment to do anything specific.
 - C. Guest Angelika Sieber said that maintenance and repairs on Skana Crescent are only carried out when residents complain. Susan and Kirk pointed out that

potholes could be fixed by residents, or they should complain to the district to get action. There was further discussion with Ms. Sieber about the small number of signatures on the District's petition. Neil said he felt the District, not the residents, should pay for any paving or repairs. Ms. Sieber asked if SHCA could do a letter to the District on this issue and reflect the concerns and frustrations of the residents. Kirk said we should ensure the letter goes to the proper person at the District, but SHCA can't advocate for something the residents on Skana don't seem to want. Susan said that the original developer didn't pave the road; this would now be required of any developer.

- D. The Board agreed to prepare a letter to the appropriate person at the DoS Public Works office after the Christmas Holidays, with a copy to Ms. Sieber.
7. Board Candidates (All)
- A. The review of possible Board candidates continued.
8. November Sechelt Community Associations Forum Meeting Report: Postponed, due to absence of Valerie.
9. Council and District Meetings (Susan and Kirk)
- A. Kirk said that he will be attending the December 3rd District 2014 -2018 budget meeting.
 - B. Susan said that she had reviewed the minutes of past DoS meetings online; some of the items covered included the possible airport expansion, the Baptist Church exemption, the new park area by Chapman Creek, and the Ford dealership expansion.
10. District Council Proposed Requirements For Community Associations (All)
- A. The proposed District requirements include: establishing a required minimum percentage of residents or homeowners that are members of each association; establishing annual registration requirements for community associations; and denying any association recognition as a delegation to speak at any Council meetings or is entitled to written responses from the District if these and other requirements are not met. The Council approved the draft requirements in principle, and asked staff to further investigate issues such as the level of the percentage requirement.
 - B. Issues covered in the Board's discussion included: confidentiality of information and BC laws on information access and the possible need to get each member's permission to be listed as a member; BC reporting requirements for community associations versus the proposed District requirements – who prevails; the proposed application of the requirements to only community associations; and the BC definition of "residents" including all people (children, adults, etc.) in a house or apartment and the impact of this on the ability to meet a percentage requirement. It is possible that all community associations may not meet these requirements, when finalized, and thus would be barred from contacting the District. It was pointed out that some community associations only speak for a small number of people; but this should not be used to prevent associations from being recognized by the

District as important parts of their communities.

- C. A number of options for SHCA action and responses plus a need for more public information were discussed.

11. Meet and Greet and Eat On January 16th (All)

- A. The planning for this event will be done at the January Board meeting.

12. Planning Discussion (All)

- A. The Board felt that production of a Sandy Hook brochure was a good idea and should be done. This could benefit real estate agents, new residents, those selling their homes, and visitors.
- B. Sandy Hook Day(s) should separate the yard sales, possibly hold them on Saturday, with the picnic and related events on the following Sunday.
- C. The Meet and Greet and Eat was very successful last year and the format will be continued with emails, posters, and possibly the newsletter used to publicize it.
- D. Clean up of the lower boat launch/park is needed and Kirk agreed to contact the Trail Builders group associated with Hidden Grove for help; additionally, improved parking is needed.
- E. The First Aid class was very successful and should be repeated.
- F. The Disaster Preparedness survey will be continued in the Spring; possibly the SCRD person with responsibility for disaster planning should invited to speak again.
- G. A key function of SHCA, per Kirk, should be to focus on activities that bring the community together.
- H. As in the past, a major membership recruitment effort should be made at the Meet and Greet and Eat.

13. Next Meeting:

- A. Monday, January 6, 2014 at Susan's home, 5938 Sandy Hook Road starting at 7:00 PM.

14. Adjournment: 8:46 PM