



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association
Semi Annual General Meeting
July 2, 2006
At the tent on Branch Bend Road
Sunshine Valley, BC**

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Rick Gagnon, Beata Korabek, Marc Porter, Kate Zabell, Barb Bell, Norm Bell, Hazel Boyd

Rick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Roberts Rules, Sec. 27 constitution

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *Approve the agenda as distributed.*
SECONDED and PASSED.

Quorum for General Meeting was verified as per the Association's bylaws that require at least ten members in good standing be in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER

Arne Zabell, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Representative

Arne gave an update on several issues concerning Sunshine Valley and Area B of the Fraser Valley Regional District. Key points were:

- Othello Tunnels area has formed an Association
- Laidlaw area is having trouble with ammonia smell
- Yale formed a Ratepayers Association in 1964. Their meetings are the second Monday of each month. All are welcome to attend their meetings.
- Yale First Nations is about to sign a treaty that will bring windfall to the area. 1500 Hectares are to be turned over with \$6.5 Million in cash, and subsurface rights that allows for mining.
- Community Forest is doing well with others, Hope, First Nations, and Area B.
- Provincial Park proposal goes to council July 5th and is to be signed off— 10 Hectares located on the other side of bridge.
- Fire Smart is ongoing.
- Noted that we have the best ESS team in BC for the size of the community.
- Bear Aware: Donna McBride initiated this program and successfully received the job to get Area B on track. Arne presented a cheque for a \$5,000 matching grant

from FVRD for administering Bear Aware by the Sunshine Valley Ratepayers, on behalf of all Electoral Area B.

- Surveying being done in the Valley is phase two of the governance study, which is identifying Crown land. Arne is advocating responsibility for what they are suppose to be doing up here, as far as ditches, drainage, road maintenance and ongoing things.
- Touched on Forestry meetings in regards to Sunshine Valley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2006 Annual General Meeting.*
SECONDED AND PASSED.

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from the June 2, 2006 Directors Meeting.*
SECONDED AND PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report that is current as of June 30, 2006.*
SECONDED AND PASSED.

BUSINESS

- **Bear Smart / Bear Aware**
Donna McBride requires volunteers for advisory committee. Donna is into her fifth week of the program.
- **Social Enterprise / FM 90.1**
Kate Zabell, Donna McBride and Doug Adolph went to a Social Enterprise course.

MOTION: *That the Ratepayers proceed with radio station for financing and consulting.*
SECONDED AND PASSED.

- **Community Water Update**
Don Bender talked to Rick Couroux on June 30, 2006. Rick is still waiting for information to be forwarded by Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd.
- **First Response Building**
Hopefully we can work something out for putting it closer than the back area.
- **Board Basics Course**
Ten people attended. Joel Murray facilitated and was an outstanding informer. Workshop covered an overview of each person on the Board. All Boards should have a mission statement and a vision laid out at the beginning of the year.
- **Website**
Classified advertisement section will be activated in the next couple of days. Ben was thanked for doing a great job.
- **Volunteer Recruitment**
There is a strategy workshop for volunteer recruitment during the first week of October. This is one of the courses the Ratepayers will be sponsoring.

- **Jr. Lifeguards**
Seven youths participated in the program and all passed. One youth, Christina Ballenger, went on to Bronze Cross.
- **Adopt A Highway**
Norm reported on two cleanups to date. Next cleanup is planned for one of the last two weekends in September.
- **Remuneration for Travel Expenses**
Issue was brought before the board of whether remuneration should be paid to board members for travel costs in attending meetings.

MOTION: *To draft documentation to set the rules and guidelines for mileage reimbursement for the Executive and for the volunteers that are working on special projects.*

SECONDED AND DEFEATED

- **Policy and Procedure Manual**
Beata reported that the Policy and Procedure manuals for the Executive are still being worked on.
- **Special Resolution for Member Expulsion**
In accordance to the B.C. Society Act, a special resolution was proposed calling for the expulsion of member, Don Low. Rick stated that Mr. Low was invited to the meeting. Mr. Low was not in attendance. Rick stated that Mr. Low had been given ample opportunity to attend or respond. Rick read the rap down of his letter to Mr. Low to show the membership how intense he has been in dealing with Mr. Low.

MOTION: *That this resolution be moved to a vote by the SVRA members in attendance.*

SECONDED AND PASSED.

Vote results were: 24 votes received to terminate Mr. Low's membership, 1 vote received to suspend Mr. Low's membership for a period of one year. Effective immediately, Don Low is no longer a member. All correspondence from Mr. Low will be returned unopened. Mr. Low will be notified by registered mail that he is no longer a member and that he can attend any of our meetings, but will not have a vote.

- **Special Resolution for Amended Bylaws**
A special resolution was proposed to modify the SVRA bylaws as per the notice that was distributed to members. The proposed modifications were voted on by the members in attendance. Vote results were:
 - Bylaw #1: 25 in favour, none opposed
 - Bylaw #15: 25 in favour, none opposed
 - Bylaw #27: 24 in favour, 1 opposedAll proposed changes to the SVRA Bylaws were passed.
- **Canada Day Wrap-up**
Some left over products are available for sale. Notice was circulated identifying the sponsors.

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

SECONDED AND PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.