



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Semi-Annual General Meeting  
July 1, 2007  
Branch Bend Road, Sunshine Valley, BC**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Barb Bell, Norm Bell, Beata Korabek, Ben Barnett, Sharon Bender

*Barb Bell called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.*

**PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW**

Roberts Rules, Sec. 27 constitution

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addendum proposed by Barb Bell to include time for Arne Zabell, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Director, to update the membership on some community issues.

MOTION: *Approve the updated agenda as proposed.*  
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 Director*

Arne thanked everyone who volunteered during this year's Canada Day celebration and thanked Jim and Sharon Fairbrother for allowing the use of their property for this year's event.

Arne announced that letters were sent out by the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) to everyone that had signed up to be part of the community committee in Sunshine Valley. Approximately 38 people signed up to be a part of this committee during the community planning opportunities meeting on March 10th. The letter lists four meetings that are planned for the committee, with the first one scheduled for August 4th. Additional meetings are planned for September 8th, October 20th and November 24th. All meetings will be held at the SCCC Recreation Centre and will begin at 9:00am and end no later than 12:30pm. Anyone can attend the meeting, as they will be open to the public. Non-committee members will be allowed to speak to any of the agenda items at the conclusion of each meeting. Enclosed with each letter are documents that should be reviewed by committee members in advance. Arne will supply the SVRA with a copy of the letter and the enclosed documents to be placed on the website. Arne stated that in order for these meetings to be successful, it is imperative that all members of the community be engaged in this process.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: *Approve the minutes as circulated from the June 1, 2007 Directors Meeting.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was a question from the membership regarding the \$100 in honoraria that was paid. It was explained that this \$100 expense was for the guest speaker at the Sunshine Valley history presentation on June 3rd.

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the period of January – June 2007.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A grant of \$500 was received from Canadian Heritage and a cash donation of \$75 was received from Envision Credit Union for this year's Canada Day celebration.

## **BUSINESS**

- **Community Water Update**

Don Bender spoke to Rick Couroux, Secretary to the Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights, regarding the status of the pending rate application by Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd (SVDL). Rick informed Don that they were awaiting a response from SVDL regarding some questions they have about their proposed engineering study. Don informed Rick of the Sunshine Valley water customer committee's dissatisfaction with the way the comptroller's office has handled this matter, and that the committee is prepared to go to the media or to the ombudsman's office if rates are not rolled back. Rick Couroux said he will speak to the Deputy Comptroller to see if water rates in Sunshine Valley can be rolled back until SVDL complies with the comptroller's office request to provide the necessary information. Don inquired as to whether the revenue SVDL has collected from the interim rate increase was being held in trust. Rick informed Don that the revenue from the interim rate increase cannot be put into the trust account. Don said that the committee is requesting that a forensic audit be done on the water system to ensure that all funds spent from the trust account are for legitimate repairs. Rick stated that the cost of such an audit may need to be paid for by the committee. Rick said that his office is understaffed and that two out of the three engineer positions are currently vacant. Don also provided Rick the contact information he had for the Silver Tip developer.

- **High-speed Internet**

In June, Ben met with Dale Stroh of Telus regarding high-speed internet in Sunshine Valley. Dale is currently working with his marketing department and with management to try and move Sunshine Valley up on the list of communities slated to receive high-speed internet. Currently, communities such as Harrison Hot Springs and Cultus Lake have higher priority. High-speed internet in Sunshine Valley does not look foreseeable.

for the 2007 budget cycle, but Dale will try to see if something can be done in 2008. Dale will continue to provide updates to Ben as progress is made.

- **Canada Day 2007 Celebration**

Barb reported that this year's Canada Day celebration was another success. According to data collected, 23 people registered for Walk the Valley, 29 people participated in the arts and crafts, 76 people participated in the family treasure hunt, 39 people participated in the piñata event, 251 people attended the barbeque, 27 people participated in the talent show, and 109 people participated in the street dance. In total, 554 people participated in this year's event that took place on June 30th.

- **Sunshine Valley Homecoming 2008**

Barb announced that a Sunshine Valley homecoming event is being planned for the August long weekend in 2008. This event will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Province of British Columbia. The weekend-long event is being planned as a celebration for current and past residents of Sunshine Valley. Grant applications have been submitted to BC Lotteries, and additional grants applications will be submitted to the Province to help cover costs. A working committee is currently being formed for any volunteers who would like to assist in the planning of this event. The committee is scheduled to meet for approximately two hours a month until August 2008. The committee is seeking from residents any historical photographs of Sunshine Valley that can be used at the event and for promotions. Guest registration will be required for this event. Activities will include a silent auction, various workshops, time capsule for archival photographs and diaries, afternoon tea, dance, dinner, children's activities, and a carnival. The SVRA will be working with the Sunshine Community Co-operative Club (SCCC) in working out some of the logistics and to help get the word out that everyone is invited. People interested in volunteering to serve on the committee should contact Barb Bell at 604-869-5936.

- **Grant Update**

The SVRA received a \$2,500 grant in aid from the FVRD in April. The SVRA also received a \$500 grant from Canadian Heritage for the Canada Day event. In June the SVRA applied for up to \$98K in grant monies from BC Lotteries for expanding community programs in Sunshine Valley.

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

SECONDED AND PASSED

*Meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm.*

**Next Directors Meeting is Friday, September 7, 2007**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC**

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**



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### FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2007

Forwarded balance – Chequing (Jan. 1, 2007)		\$	2,077.45
Income			
Interest earned	\$	.48	
Advertising	\$	5.00	
New memberships	\$	90.00	
Refreshments <sup>†</sup>	\$	107.80	
Membership renewals	\$	170.00	
Grant monies	\$	<u>3,075.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$	3,448.28	
Expenses			
Administrative fees	\$	25.00	
Canada Day supplies	\$	521.30	
Honoraria	\$	100.00	
Insurance	\$	175.00	
Meeting space rent	\$	175.00	
Office supplies	\$	207.53	
Postage	\$	135.75	
Printing and publishing	\$	985.59	
Refreshments	\$	316.56	
Website	\$	<u>257.21</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	2,898.94	
TOTAL INCOME MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES (NET PROFIT)		\$	<u>549.34</u>
NET PROFIT PLUS FORWARDED BALANCE (ACCOUNT BALANCE)		\$	2,626.79
PLUS REGULAR CLASS 'A' EQUITY SHARES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007		\$	32.21
PLUS REGULAR CLASS 'A' EQUITY SHARES DIVIDENDS EARNED		\$	1.16
PLUS PETTY CASH ON HAND		\$	<u>16.27</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH HOLDINGS</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,676.43</b>

<sup>†</sup> Reimbursement on cash advance