



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association
Semi-Annual General Meeting
July 6, 2008
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC**

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Barb Bell, Beata Korabek, Sharon Bender, Norm Bell,
Mernie Jacobsen

Meeting called to order at 11:10 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Approved with the addition of items under New Business.
Moved by Hazel Boyd, seconded by Peter Zazulak, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION: Approve the following monthly Treasurer's Reports:

- Ratepayers Account
- Special Events Account
- BC 150 Account

Moved by Norm Bell, seconded by Sharon Bender, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The SVRA sent a letter to the editor of the Hope Standard concerning a news item about provision of high speed internet service in Sunshine Valley.

Arne Zabell stated that according to the CRTC, only communities with a library or school are provided with this service.

It was suggested that:

- a letter be sent to Chuck Strahl requesting his support
- letters of support be obtained from Sunshine Valley businesses
- Valley residents pay taxes to Hope and should have the same services as are available in Hope.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Swim Program

Barb Bell reported that five children completed the program and two girls are ready to move into the Bronze Level. Expenses (lessons and transportation) were paid through a Fraser Valley Regional District grant. Barb is looking into adult classes.

Arne Zabell suggested using some of the remaining grant funds for fitness evaluations for seniors. Such a program is available at the Rec. Centre in Hope.

It was suggested that bus transportation might be cheaper but the consensus was to continue with taxi service since the driver provided such responsible and caring service.

2. Spirit of BC

Kate Zabell reported that the volunteers meet once a month. Funds are available for activities related to the 2009 countdown to the 2010 Olympics

3. Second Bridge over the Sumallo River

It was suggested that letters requesting information or support for bridge replacement be sent to:

- Parks and Trails (copies to Arne and Connie at the FVRD)
- Tamahi Logging
- Cascade Lower Canyon Community Corporation
- Tourism and Active Communities

4. Active Communities

• Trails

Kate Zabell reported that a five-year plan has been created. The executive requested a copy of the plan for posting on the SVRA website

Two grants have been applied for to prepare one trail and to teach girls how to kayak.

There is a grant proposal to purchase three kayaks from Aqua Adventures in Sunshine Valley.

5. Community Water

There has been no movement from Victoria because they are short staffed as before.

Arne Zabell reported that the engineering report has been completed. Upgrades (\$1.5 million) are needed but must be paid by the water users.

It has not yet been clarified how our water fees are being used.

Our water is of good quality at the present time.

6. Adopt-a-Highway

Norm Bell reported that on May 31, 13 members did the cleanup in one hour. Lunch was provided.

Norm will obtain additional equipment (pickers and vests).

7. Homecoming 2008

Kate Zabell provided the following updates:

- Free marketing articles are appearing in magazines
- 71 participants have registered so far
- Concession stands will be available for RV owners
- July 8 and 15: free storytelling workshops
- July 18: drum making workshop (\$100 for supplies)
- July 18: Plain Air painting workshop (\$50)
- Homecoming working groups meet on Fridays at 7 pm

- A Prospectors Challenge will be held during the Homecoming with \$500 of gold available to be found.
- The Homecoming Committee is waiting for a written request regarding collaboration with SCCC to combine events with the Homecoming.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ATV's

- Concern was expressed about the increased number of ATV's in the Valley and the conduct of the users.
- Barb will contact the RCMP for more safety brochures and will have the brochure placed on the SVRA website.

2. Membership Drive

It was suggested that a membership drive be held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the SVRA.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Moved by Beata Korabek, seconded by Sharon Bender, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.