



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Annual General Meeting  
January 10, 2009  
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

*Barb Bell called the meeting to order at 10:20 am.*

**INTRODUCTION and WELCOME by the PRESIDENT, BARB BELL**

**VERIFICATION of QUORUM**

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

**PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW** Roberts Rules of Order

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: *Approve the agenda as proposed.*  
MOVED by Rick Gagnon, SECONDED by Steven Zakis and PASSED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from the Semi-Annual General Meeting of July 6, 2008

MOTION: *Approve the minutes as circulated.*  
MOVED by Peter Zazulak, SECONDED by Rick Gagnon and PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2008.*  
MOVED by Janet Berneker, SECONDED by Joe Palton and PASSED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received between the last director's meeting in December 2008 and this AGM. All other correspondence was included in the minutes of past meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Trail Development Report (Kate Zabell)**

- Two community sessions were held to develop a community trails plan.
- A \$5,000 grant for trail building was received from Active Communities—a partnership between Legacies Now and British Columbia Recreation Association.
- The Riverdell Trail near the Sumallo bridge was started and further development is planned for spring 2009.
- Also in the spring, the existing trails will be graded according to difficulty.

**2. Active Communities (Kate Zabell)**

**Kayaking**

- Instruction in introductory kayaking was presented on Cedar Lake in July and August 2008.

**Walks**

- The Annual Walk was held on July 1, 2008 and an Autumn Walk was held in September 2008.

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- 3. **Community Water Service** (Don Bender)
  - A copy of the engineering study of the Sunshine Valley Water System has been requested from the provincial government but has not been received.
  - An upgrade of the water system will be expensive.
  - Question from the floor: Are grants available to assist in financing upgrades? This information was not available from those present.
- 4. **Swim Program** (Barb Bell)
  - Five children attended the program in 2008 and all passed their courses.
  - Two children have achieved their Bronze Level certificates.
- 5. **Homecoming 2008** (Kate Zabell)
  - Reports and photographs will be on the SVRA website.
  - In March 2009 an attempt will be made to gather pictures and record the historical information that was presented during the Homecoming.
- 6. **Adopt-a-Highway** (Norm Bell)
  - Norm has resigned as manager of the Adopt-a-Highway activities and a new leader is needed.

### INTRODUCTION OF A GUEST

Barb Bell introduced Dennis Adamson, the newly elected Area B representative for the Fraser Valley Regional District. Dennis spoke briefly on two points.

- Telus and Shaw are working on providing cell service for Area B
- Lifeguards (qualified children or adults) are urgently needed at the Hope Recreation Centre.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **High Speed Internet Service** (Barb Bell)
  - An application was submitted in November 2008 to the Connecting Citizens Grant Program, Province of BC, Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services for a \$50,000 grant to support provision of high speed internet in Sunshine Valley. We have been told to expect a decision regarding grant approval by the end of January 2009.
2. **Administration of Grants (Barb Bell)**

Grants are administered through the SVRA because it is a non-profit society recognized under the provincial *Society's Act*. Each project committee decides how funds are spent and the SVRA Treasurer writes cheques in response to requests received from the project manager.
3. **Time to Talk Meeting (Barb Bell)**

All Sunshine Valley residents were invited to a meeting on November 29, 2008 from 3 to 5 pm to share ideas on what they saw as the future role of the SVRA. Approximately 35 – 40 people attended among them Dennis Adamson, FVRD Area B representative.

  - The directors reviewed the written comments from about 20 survey sheets that were completed by participants at the meeting. Recurring points included:
    - The SVRA and SCCC should work together
    - The SVRA should support the fire department
    - The SVRA should pursue possibilities for provision of high-speed internet and cell phone service in SV.
  - A number of comments indicated that some participants assign responsibilities to the SVRA that are outside the SVRA mission statement.
  - The surveys provided valuable information for follow-up by the 2009 SVRA Board of Directors.

### **Additional "Time to Talk" Comments**

The chair recognized Rick Gagnon who added the following suggestions for future activities:

- Rally together to assist older members of the community if they need help, for example, to clean up their yards or split wood
- Trail Clearing Day
- Help a Neighbour Day
- Investigate if there is disinfection redundancy (backup) for in the water system.

#### **4. Election of Officers**

- Framed certificates of appreciation were presented to three 2008 board members who were not seeking re-election. Those members were Beata Korabek, Treasurer; Barb Bell, President; and Norm Bell, Director for Adopt-a-Highway.
- As recorded in the SVRA bylaws the executive term of office is for one year. Elections were held to create a new board for 2009. Kate Zabell took the following nominations from the floor:

Rick Gagnon  
Arne Zabell  
Ryan Ellan  
Melissa Ellan  
Mernie Jacobsen  
Kathy Poulson  
Doug Adolph  
Sharon Bender, Director at large in 2008, will stand.

All nominees were elected. The new board will meet after the AGM to assign board positions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

MOVED by Beata Korabek SECONDED by Mernie Jacobsen and PASSED.

*Meeting was adjourned at 11:16 am.*