



Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Directors Meeting  
August 14, 2009  
Sunshine Valley Inn, Sunshine Valley, BC

## **MINUTES**

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Arne Zabell, Ryan Ellan, Sharon Bender, Barb Bell, Mernie Jacobsen

Regrets: Melissa Ellan. Guest: Norm Bell

Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved the agenda as circulated.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved the minutes from the Directors Meeting of June 5, 2009.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Approved the following Treasurer's Reports:

- Ratepayers General Account
  - Active Communities Account
- (moved by Ryan and seconded by Sharon)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SVDL – Ryan thanked the SVRA for use of the tents for the Mud Bog event on the August long weekend. There were 32 entries in the event compared to 18 entries in 2008. The event will be relocated next year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. 2009 Budget**

We are awaiting word from Dennis Adamson regarding our grant application for 2009 funding before we can finalize our 2009 budget.

#### **2. Community Garden Update**

Water use at the present time with 6 boxes planted is 200 litres every 2 days. Shade is needed for volunteers on hot days.

#### **3. Walk BC Update**

The program is averaging 5 to 10 people per walk. Arne clarified that the purpose of the program is to encourage participation by people who don't normally exercise.

#### **4. Charitable Status for SVRA**

After discussion, the executive decided that applying for charitable status was not appropriate for the SVRA at this time. It would require that the SVRA alter its mandate and devote all efforts to a single project or cause. The consensus was that the SVRA requires the flexibility to pursue several community projects and concerns concurrently.

#### **5. Sunshine Valley Entrance Project**

The Department of Highways has granted the Sunshine Valley community use of the land to create a park.

A community open house will be held in October to publicize the project and to collect ideas and names of volunteers. Ryan will determine the date and time, venue, and type of event.

#### **6. Recreation Funds**

Arne will contact the Hope Recreation Centre to determine the balance of recreation funds in our account.

Ryan is continuing his work on the Scuba Diving project. The purpose of the project is to give people a chance to discover what it is like to put on scuba equipment and breathe underwater. One or two commercial sponsors from the lower mainland will provide the equipment. The length of the session is to be determined. Funds would be used for pool rental, lifeguards and to aid the sponsors. The charge for 2 hours of pool time with 2 lifeguards is \$300.

It was suggested that some funds be held in reserve for young people who may want to enter the lifeguard program.

#### **7. SVRA Notice Board**

Ryan will post the names of the executives with contact information. He assured the executive that the board will be relocated in the future.

#### **8. Canada Day Celebrations**

It was generally agreed that the day was a success and everyone had a good time. Mernie agreed to take on Canada Day 2010.

#### **9. SVRA Logo**

The executive agreed that the payment for digitizing the new logo should be from the SVRA general account.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **New Cheque Request Form**

Use of the new form was approved.

#### **Items Raised by Guest, Norm Bell**

What is the status of the parking area on the other side of the bridge—the 10 hectare area?

Regarding the contract for the transfer station, Norm stated that the FVRD should be told to give preference to applicants who live in the Valley.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Motion to adjourn was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

**Next meeting is Friday September 4, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Sunshine Valley Inn.**