

Minutes of
Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park
Society Board Meeting
September 22, 2015

Directors Present:

Brad Edgett, Richard Paquette, John Bell, Bill Blair, Steve Duck, Mary Goodman, Mel Sangha, Michael Shoemaker.

Regrets:

Tom Watson, Jane Hall, Sheilah Fea, Dick Reynolds, Stephen Roberts, Heather Gartshore.

Liaisons: Elsie McMurphy, SD63
Tim Chad, Sidney Council

1. Meeting called to Order
 - a. Richard called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. The agenda was circulated.
 - b. Mary motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Steve.
 - c. The Agenda was approved.

3. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes from June 23, 2015 were circulated.
 - b. Changes: Spelling to the word rhododendron
 - c. Motion made by Steve was seconded by Bill, minutes passed with corrections.

4. Report from Sidney Council Liaison
 - a. Tim Chad reported that the Town of Sidney is still in support of the MOU and are awaiting approval of the trust.

5. Report from SD63

- a. The new school year shows enrolment up in the district by 300 students.
- b. There have been staffing changes with a new Minister of Education and the Secretary Treasurer position still to be filled.
- c. A new curriculum from grades k-9 is being tested.
- d. The new student information system is causing headaches with records being lost.
- e. \$40,000 was stolen from the Keating Elementary School PAC. Peninsula Co-op has donated \$30,000 and Garden City Landscaping will build and donate a new playground. Brad Edgett reported that he has been approached by a Keating parent and are in talks to do a fundraiser with Co-op to raise the additional funds lost.
- f. The Stelly's theatre feasibility study is underway but there have been no updates provided to SD63.

6. Report from the Chair

- a. On August 19 our council and the Attorney General's office had a court hearing to present the trust in front of the Judge. Going into this hearing there was an understanding between the parties that the AG's office was onside with MPS. Right before the court date our lawyer received notice that the AG's office did not completely support the changes and would be opposing. The problem they had was with the potential lease of the land for the fire hall, and how that building would be accessible to the public.
- b. Next Monday Brad and Richard will meet again with our lawyers to prepare for the next meeting with the Judge on October 23.
- c. Lawyer fees to date are \$31,000 and could increase another \$10,000.

7. Treasurer Report

- a. The year to date total revenue gross income is \$46,000 which is above budget.
- b. Capital Improvement Fund is sitting at \$46,000.
- c. Our Scotia McLeod investments are up from January 1 with a total balance of \$365,000.
- d. Motion made by Steve to adopt the financials, seconded by Michael. Motion passed.

8. Report from the Executive Director
 - a. Summer space revenue was down from what was budgeted because of a wedding that was cancelled and re-booked in 2016.
 - b. Salaries and benefits was higher because we did not receive a student grant that we budgeted for.
 - c. At the begging of September we had a \$4000 bridge tournament rental that is usually held at Perks Arena. They loved the venue so much that they are returning in April and next Fall.
 - d. For the first time GDay for girls hosted a day to celebrate adolescent girls ages 11-13. It also included an information session for their parents.
 - e. Jesse Cook was our highest earning show with a net revenue of \$9000. This show sold its self and we did not have to spend any money on advertising.
 - f. This fall we have the highest caliber lineup of shows including Peter Noone, Tyler Shaw, Natalie MacMaster and Finger 11.

9. New Business – No new business

10. Next Meeting Date

- a. Our next meeting will be held October 27th, 2015.

11. Adjournment at 4:47 pm followed by an in camera discussion.