

# Minutes of Sidney & North Saanich Memorial Park Society Board Meeting September 27, 2016

Directors Present: Richard Paquette, John Bell, Tim Chad, Sheilah Fea, Dick Reynolds, Christie Hall, Stephen Roberts, Conny McBride, Mary Goodman, Jane Hall, Michael Shoemaker, Bill Blair.

Executive Director: Brad Edgett

Regrets: Mel Sangha, Heather Gartshore

Liaisons: Barb Menzies, SD63, Tim Chad, Sidney Council,

Meeting called to Order: Richard called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was circulated.

Amendment to the Agenda: Bring forward the in camera discussion with management to the top of the meeting.

John motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Sheilah.

## Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from July 5, 2016 were circulated.

Motion made to adopt the edited minutes by Jane, seconded by Conny, minutes passed.

## Report from North Saanich Council Liaison

Report from Heather will be sent by Brad.

## Report from Sidney Council Liaison

There was no report from Sidney.

## Report from SD63

The District is a couple of days away from knowing final enrolment numbers. It looks like enrolment is going up in all the areas elementary schools.

Keating Elementary School just opened their new playground. The donations from the community ended up saving the School and PAC money on this project.

The Stelly's Theatre Committee is looking for funding for the final feasibility study. The District will not

be contributing any money to the study.

#### Report from the Chair

The bylaws and constitution are almost done. In advance of November's meeting we will distribute the outcome for discussion and approval. Amendments will be shown to voting members at the next AGM. Our attention will now turn to the Foundation bylaws.

On July 27, Thanks to Stephen we met with Minister Anton and two senior staff. The meeting we had was good, the ask we made was that in the unlikely event we renegotiate with the Town of Sidney and go back to court, that the Attorney General's office not oppose us.

Stephen met with Minister Anton again and she clarified from the letter that was sent to us that her office had no intention to oppose the MOU in the first place and they have no intention of opposing us in the future.

#### Report from Foundation

The next Foundation meeting will occur after this meeting. In this meeting we will be discussing the letter for Scotia Mcleod, the roles of the Foundation, Donor Dinner and our Financial Statements.

#### Treasurer Report

MPS P&L net income is a loss because of lawyers' fees.

Brad negotiated with the Town of Sidney that they recover a portion of our legal fees which will be discussed at their next council meeting.

MWC P&L total revenue year to date is \$34,000, higher than budgeted. July revenue was down, August was up.

Net we are only \$1600 away from end of year.

Grants are down because of Central Saanich reduced commitment.

Revenue vs Expenses; when we bring in high end acts the costs goes up largely.

Bill motioned to approve the Financial Statements, seconded by Dick.

#### Report from the Executive Director

Brad prepared a track sheet of MWC performances. In total we have done 12 this year, our first net loss was with the Washboard Union in June. For Colin James and Buffy Sainte-Marie you can see a net gain but the expenses for these higher caliber shows are high. Colin James was in the Bodine Hall which requires equipment rentals we wouldn't normally need for a show in the theatre.

The Centre is coming out of one of our most successful summers in history. August was especially great with three sold out shows at the beginning of the month.

This September we are celebrating the Centre's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We had a volunteer appreciation lunch where we awarded a handful of our volunteers who have been with us since the doors opened. The 27<sup>th</sup> is

our actual anniversary, we had over 200 people in looking at archives and we served cake and hot dogs. On October 8 we are hosting a donor dinner to thank everyone who envisioned this building and worked with the community to make it happen. There will be a special unveiling that Carey has been working very hard on.

The proposal for the tourist information centre we did not move forward with because the BIA and Tourism Victoria both applied and we do not have the power to run it as well. We will work alongside the BIA as they take over the info centre in January.

New Business: No new business.

Next Meeting Date: Our next meeting will be held on October 25, 2016.

Adjournment at 5:15 pm, followed by an in camera discussion without management.