

SATURNA ISLAND PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (SIPRC)

Regular Meeting Minutes

14 June 2012 @ 4:30 pm Parks & Rec Office

Present

Michel Bourassa – Chair; Sheila Wallace – Vice-Chair; Ingrid Gaines – Treasurer; Allen Olsen; Graeme Bregani; Jim Bavis; John Gahn; Hubertus Surm

Meeting called to order at 1630

Approval of Agenda – Approved as submitted.

Adoption of Previous Minutes – 10 May 2012 Approved as submitted.

Action – Secretary to distribute to SIPRC; CRD Director; CRD website; FreeMail file

Funding Requests -- None

Correspondence for Commission's Attention

a. Thomson Park Wedding – Sandy Nelson requested shelter reservation for 11 August. Conflict with scheduled Qi Gong Workshop. John noted that he had discussed with Sandra Kriese who is willing to change date. Discussion followed that signage is needed to indicate shelter reservations. Hubertus offered to make sign; Sheila offered to post.

Action – Hubertus will make sign; obtain chalk.

Action – Sheila will post reservations in advance of functions.

Business Arising from Minutes

a. Commonality Meeting/Saturna. Michel received response from other island commissions that 17 October suitable. He led discussion of possible topics/ presenters for general interest at meeting:

- Building of Shelter – Allen to present start to finish process.
- Land Ownership Rights – Murray Ranking to explain legal differences.

b. Google Calendar

Action – Table to July meeting (Sheila)

c. Rezoning of Parks

Action – Table to July meeting (Michel)

d. Scribbler Articles – Michel led discussion of relevance of regular submissions. There was agreement of not submitting monthly but rather when there is something of import and interest.

Action – At minimum, scheduled events for advertising purpose to be submitted.

e. Chairs for Office

Action -- Ingrid encouraged anyone heading to COSCO to pick up the selected 12 chairs.

Chair's Report

Michel returned from Ontario with information from visiting the Bruce Trail – rights- of- way over private land; trail, stairs, railing, construction. Will share at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – June 2012

Adopted as presented by Ingrid.

Parks	Total Revenue	\$ 25,180
	Total Expenses	14,317
	Remaining Parks Operating Funds	10,863
	Parks Reserve Funds	21,347
Recreation	Total Revenue	9,660
	Total Expenses	3,319
	Remaining Rec. Funds	6,341

Thomson Park

a. Swing – Allen reported that Pat Harroff had delivered swing with rope & indicated no time to install. Lengthy discussion of swing seat (exceptionally large & heavy). It was agreed that weight might present problems. Ingrid offered services of Brent Sohier to redesign seat and to install.

Action – Ingrid to ask Brent to redesign swing seat & to install.

Michel suggested thanking Pat Harroff, as well as the person who mowed Tumbo View PA.

Allen thanked Michel for mowing Ralph Rd; noted that Strait Rd. needs mowing.

Action – Secretary to send thank you card to Pat Harroff for swing.

Action -- Michel to contact Williams to thank for mowing Tumbo View.

Action – Allen to contact Jason Key to mow Strait Rd.

b. Shelter Work Party – Allen suggested sanding of tables before sealing concrete floor. Date selected and equipment organized. Sheila noted that mowed grass in Park looks fabulous.

Action – Sanding of tables scheduled for Wednesday 20 June @ 2 pm.

Public Accesses

a. Russell Beach – Allen suggested that sign be installed as most work now completed. Parking lot log can be sawn at time of work party as well as minor trail work and pruning. Meeting agreed on.

Action – Work party scheduled for Friday 15 June at 1200 – Allen, Jim, Graeme.

b. Thank Yous -- Michel received thank you card from Athena George; happy with the new Russell PA, shelter, funding for storyteller and FAB. Michel also noted thank you from Richard Blagborne for support of FAB (CRD/SIPRC hold lease for FAB).

c. Quarry Trail – Allen reported that MOTI has had personnel changes with new agent completely unfamiliar with site, but who has agreed to 27 June meeting. Commission agreed that the goal should be to at least have old part of trail restored & signed for the summer.

Action – Allen & Michel to meet at site with MOTI on 27 June.

d. Maintenance – Ingrid asked if there is a maintenance schedule for tables & benches. Sunset table in need of refinishing. Allen reported keeping track of which in need of work.

Action – Allen to schedule work as needed.

e. Saturna Directory – Jim mentioned that two PAs are missing from map. Allen offered to send Dave Cheslow update.

Action – Allen to contact Dave Cheslow to include latest PAs in next Directory printing.

Lyll Creek Cottage

a. Metal Roofing for Woodshed

Action -- Ingrid will continue to see if some free roofing is available.

b. Kitchen Improvements. Graeme suggested alternate repairs for under the counter requiring approximately three sheets of plywood and labour. Discussion followed and led to motion to proceed.

Action – Graeme will hire Neville Crane for work.

Motion # 64 – Be it resolved that up to \$500 be approved for the Creek House wall & counter, including labour and materials.

Moved by Sheila

Seconded by Jim

Carried

Recreation Events Update

a. Qi Gong – August. To be rescheduled to avoid conflict with wedding.

b. Native Bees & Tent Caterpillars – 18 May. Great turnout. Hugely successful.

c. Taylor Pt. Row, Paddle, Hike -- 10 June – Hubertus reported on event. Total 52 participants (3 rowboats, 1 sailboat, 9 kayaks, numerous hikers). Food costs \$8.50/person. David Rees-Thomas still needs to be reimbursed for fuel for use of vessel as safety boat. John reported that more kayakers showed up than expected; need both leader and sweep next year.

d. Hanging Basket Design. Ingrid suggested leaving until spring '13. Agreed.

e. Hike – Ingrid will ask her father if he is interested in leading this hike 25 August.

Action – Ingrid to contact John Gaines shortly.

f. Other options to be discussed next meeting: Edible Wild Flowers; Mushrooms; Basket Weaving; Coxswain Program.

g. Blue Water Cruising Assoc.-- Winter Cove ballpark date to be added to calendar.; approx. 100 anticipated; good for Island businesses.

Action – Secretary to locate correspondence with date of arrival.

New Business

a. Outhouses – New caretakers do not have keys to all new dispensers; no invoice received.

Action – Graeme to deal with key issue.

b. Thomson Park – Allen thanked Jody Bavis for the unique decorating of the outhouse.

Open Discussion – None

Adjournment – 1730

Next Regular Meeting **Thursday 12 July @ 4:30 pm -- Parks & Rec Office**

Recording secretary ilka Allers-Olsen