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**Minutes of Saturna Island Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Monday, January 8, 2024, 4:30 PM. Saturna Library, Saturna Island, BC**

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Present: Commissioners: David Osborne (Chair), Rosemary Henry, Keith Preston (Vice-chair), Paul Brent (Elected Representative and acting Treasurer), Heather Michaud, Lisa Mitchell, Jamie Ritchie

Regrets: Sienna Caspar

Guests: Katie Dentry, CRD Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 4.30pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement, Quorum and Welcome - Commissioner Osborne provided the Territorial Acknowledgement, noted Quorum as achieved and welcomed the Commissioners.
  2. Approval of Agenda: Adopted by consent as circulated, with the addition of items 8.3 and 8.4 below.
  3. The minutes of December 11, 2023 were approved by consent as circulated.
  4. Treasurer's Report: Acting Treasurer Brent reported on our current situation and answered questions from the new commissioners. He stated that once final 2023 reports are received from the CRD, he can report in February.
  5. Chair's Report: Chair's written report was circulated in advance by email and referred to in the meeting.
    - 5.1 A brief report from the Administrator about our current financial situation was discussed. Commissioners to report their preferences for future reports.
  6. No current funding requests.
    - 7.1 Moved by Commissioner Brent, seconded by Commissioner Field that SIPRC donate \$100.00 as a gesture of thanks to the Saturna Library for use of their facilities for meetings in 2024. After discussion, carried.
    - 7.2 Denise Kuzyk will continue in the position at the increased rate of \$250.00 per month.
    - 7.3 Commissioner Henry reported that the problematic signage at the Boot Cove water access has been moved as discussed, and that the 'No Parking' sign remains where it was. Thanks to her for that work.
  - 8.1 Following standard procedure, the following commissioners were elected for 2024:  
Chair: David Osborne  
Vice-chair: Keith Preston  
Acting Treasurer: Paul Brent
  - 8.2 After discussion, a procedure to receive recreation funding applications from the community by January 31, and to decide on funding at the February 11, 2024 meeting was adopted by consent.
  - 8.3 After discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Henry will approach Joyce and Gord Shoults of this island to prepare a new sign for the John Money Watershed Park as was agreed by the CRD.
  - 8.4 Commissioner Preston reported that the stairs at the bottom of the local park trail to Shell Beach at East Point are still not safely remediated. He will follow up and report back.
9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6: PM. Next Meeting February 12, 2024.