

**SATURNA COMMUNITY CLUB  
MINUTES - SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Charles Reif 7:30 pm Saturna Community Hall

1. **Adopt Agenda:** Addition to Correspondence, Item 3 of Agenda, report on the 13 Moons Project was made. Scribe for Minutes - Jean Morgan; Moved by John Wiznuk that the Agenda be Adopted; Seconded by Priscilla Ewbank; Carried.
2. **Adopt Minutes of the First Quarterly Meeting - June 5, 2017:** Bev Neff moved the Minutes be adopted as presented; seconded by Dian Johnstone; Carried.
3. **Correspondence:** In Dawn Wood's absence Jeanne Crerar presented an update on the 13 Moons Project. She advised that the budget presented by Morgan Yates had been met through the generosity of island groups and individual donations, and that the project was progressing smoothly. Jeanne presented a graphic of the 13 Moons triptych. She advised that meetings with the Elders of the Tsawout First Nations had taken place regarding the wording to accompany the graphics on the triptych. The Elders are translating from Sencoten to English. She further advised that very few concerns had been raised. Members from the Tsarslip and the Tsyceum First Nations Bands were also participating. There have been five location sites offered on which to locate the triptych: the Church, the General Store, Lyall Creek house, the Reserve, and Thomson Park. A permanent location for the triptych will be determined by the Elders, who will be presented with the list of potential locations. The central panel of the depiction of the 13 Moons will be 4' x 4' installed within a cedar frame of 6" x 6" posts and lintels.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jacques Campbell presented (and distributed to members attending) the SCC Income and Expense Statement and Statement of Assets and Liabilities from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017, and the SCC Project Income Summary from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017 and the SCC Project Income Summary from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Jacques noted two new additions to the 2017 Summary that were not part of the SCC income and expenses in 2016. They were the Community Health Planning expenditures and the Community Wellness income (grants) and expenditures. Jacques noted that the SCC Hall telephone was in her name and the expenditure was reduced to \$33.00 per month. Jacques reiterated that a bookkeeper needs to be hired, and she is not prepared to continue as Treasurer. Dian Johnstone advised she had posted for a bookkeeper and minute taker on

the SI Forum and Message Board and on SIRRA, but that no one applied. It was suggested that these positions be described and placed in the Scribbler; which Dian agreed to do. Jacques advised she would assist the bookkeeper hired for a period of time as a transition. John Wiznuk moved the Treasurer's Report be accepted; Priscilla Ewbank seconded the motion; Carried.

5. **BBQ:** Dian Johnstone reported that the Lamb BBQ was a resounding success. Revenue was \$54,406.00 and after expenses there was a net profit of \$31,170.39. Dian noted that the T-Shirt sales were tremendous -- \$3000; Ice Cream sales were exceptional -- \$2400; Golf revenues were amazing at \$1000; and Craft sales generated \$1654.40. Dian noted the number of younger people involved this year. Dian advised that infrastructure improvements are needed before the next BBQ. Ron Wilson had prepared a budget of \$4800.00 which will include the building of 2 new docks; made possible by the generosity of the Campbell Family in donating the wood; the cooler will be extended and insulated properly. Dian advised that there were significant (estimated to be \$900) losses in beer sales due to the dispensing equipment (excessive foaming). Hoyne has offered their equipment if the Lamb BBQ uses their beer. Dian extended her many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it such a success. Dian reported that from the revenues \$5000 would be held back in the event of poor sales next year. Dian reported we even have a pre-booked wedding party for next year's BBQ. Motion to accept the Lamb BBQ Report moved by Priscilla Ewbank, seconded by Judy Tipple, Carried.

6. **Health Services Committee:** Joan Selby, Chair of this committee, reported that the Health Services Committee (HSC) meets every two months with Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), or as needed. The Medical Clinic is moving along well. Pam Janzen has been hired on another two-year contract to 2019. Geri Crooks, who for many years managed the Loan Cupboard, has retired from that responsibility. Geri's dedication and long standing commitment were acknowledged, and the membership thanks Geri for this contribution. Jane Stokes will take over this responsibility from Geri. The planned Community Health Network meeting, which was to result in getting together representatives from all of the islands, may not occur as VIHA cannot commit the necessary funding to it. On October 23, 2017 eight representatives of the HSC and Clinic staff are to meet with senior VIHA representatives to discuss issues including: the erosion of health services; lack of notice of changes contemplated/made by VIHA --- VIHA looked at cutting back the services of the nurse practitioner on Saturna --- the current status of this needs to be determined; the provision of homecare is now limited to Saturdays and not as required; verification of the continuation of the current funding level commitment by VIHA. Liaison continues between Emergency Health Services and SIR and the latter's representative attends the HSC meeting

or submits a report. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of additional financial commitments from the Provincial government given the recent change in political leadership. Charles Reif advised that he and Adam Olsen, MLA for the Islands, had met and Adam Olsen was very surprised that Saturna had to raise funds for health services and that health services were not fully funded by the Province. The issue of erosion of health services was not raised at this meeting. Adam Olsen will be meeting constituents on Saturna within the next couple of weeks.

**6a. Sustainable Health Funding:** Fact sheets relating to the issue of sustainable health funding have been distributed via Drop Box Mail and HSC Representatives attending the Saturday Market. The fact sheets outlined that the current funding methods do not ensure the health needs of islanders; what options may be available; how other Gulf Islands are funded. Joan Selby indicated that the overall message received was that it was time to get sustainable funding in place. The HSC recommendation to the SCC is to apply to the CRD for a tax referendum. On October 7, 2017 there will be a public meeting to discuss sustainable health funding from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Hall. The focus will include the Pros and Cons of taxation for the purposes of fully funding health services; procedure for a referendum and governance models for delivery of health services should sustainable funding through taxation be obtained. The theoretical budget assumes continued funding of \$10,000 from VIHA. The budget projection for 2019-2010 was \$38,200.00 which included payment for a Part-Time Manager, some training costs, as well as a paid bookkeeper; this would result in a \$28,200 short fall.

**Funding Options:** Three options for funding were proposed by the HSC: Option 1 - \$23,000 from taxation revenue and \$5000 from the SCC - the taxation factor would be \$11/\$100,000 of assessed property value; Option 2 - \$28,000 from taxation revenue and no money from the SCC - the taxation factor would be \$14/\$100,000 of assessed property value; Option 3 - \$28,000 from taxation revenue and open to the SCC to make a donation which would reduce the taxation amount in the following year. Discussion ensued about the various options presented. In general, the SCC membership felt that sustainable funding of healthcare would assure medical services on island; it may not provide better services but it would create stable provision of health services; Galiano's health care is tax funded and it uses fund raising to provide additional healthcare services. Also, the funds from the Lamb BBQ are the single most significant source of revenue for the SCC, which has funded healthcare but it also funds other needed services on the island. It was noted that any budget must include additional funds for administration costs. On the issue of taxation: Motion: The Saturna Community Club Sustainable Health Funding

Committee proceed with Option 3. Moved by John Wiznuk; Seconded by Teresa Higgins; Opposed by 1 - Motion carried.

**Governance Model:** Charles Reif advised that two types of administration models were considered. a) The taxation money would be provided to the SCC to manage the medical clinic or b) create a new not for profit society. Charles noted that the CRD would ultimately decide upon the model of governance and that it was uncertain if the SCC would be allowed to manage taxation funds; it raised the issues of transparency of funds and accountability, the need to set up special sub-accounts and, if the SCC was the right vehicle. The usual model for delivery of such services would be the creation of a separate not for profit society whose specific purpose was for the provision of health care on Saturna. It would need board members and the current members of the HSC could not be assumed to become the board members. The issue of turning management of health services over to a new society was discussed. Concern was expressed by some about relinquishing management as there is a track record of it being managed responsibly by the SCC; others noted that a separate society creates additional costs -- directors errors and omissions insurance and Worksafe coverage for MOA; taxation model will require stringent reporting and accounting procedures to be followed by the governing body; board members may need to be elected. A "commission" was not supported as a governance model. The CRD will need to provide additional information regarding the governance model and community input will be sought.

**6b. Community Wellness Fitness Program:** Peggy Warren reported this was a very successful initiative. A 12-week course took place at the Recreation Centre with two levels of training - sit fitness and fall prevention on Thursdays with an instructor from Sidney. A nominal fee of \$2.00 was charged for each class. The Sidney fitness instructor also trained a trainer who is resident on Saturna and that person will be conducting the classes which will start again in the Fall and she will be mentored and monitored by the Sidney fitness trainer.

**7. Better At Home:** Bettianne Hayward reported that there is insufficient funding for this program; that demand exceeds the budget and because of a frozen budget the program cannot be expanded. There is need for an expanded program in the community. Bettianne noted that there are people within the community who are willing to do the necessary work for community members using the program, but that there are insufficient funds to pay. Charles Reif queried if the new government would provide additional funding, but Bettianne indicated that the budget was frozen

although \$55,000 had gone into research but no additional money into operations.

- 8. Hall Rehabilitation:** Richard Blagborne was not in attendance. Charles Reif reported that at the Executive Meeting Richard said that \$15,000 was needed to complete the Hall renovations. The SCC budget held sufficient funds to meet this requirement. The Board of Directors voted to recommend provision of the \$15,000 to complete the renovations. A separate sum of \$10,000 exists for kitchen renovations. Maintenance funds exist for repair to the heat pump and stove. Charles moved that the "Saturna Community Club authorize provision of a further \$15,000 to complete the renovations of the Hall." Teresa Higgins seconded. Carried.
- 9. Cineclub:** Michael Pierce was not in attendance. Charles Reif reported that the Cineclub was doing well and was within budget.
- 10. Recycling Committee:** John Wiznuk reported that the Recycling Committee (RC) had a very good summer and that more than a 100 folks showed up on Saturdays. The Volunteers are a group of happy, hardworking folks. Nancy and Matt have provided very good management. At the last Recycling Committee Circle the motion proposed by the SCC regarding the holding to RC funds was rejected. The motion stated "The Saturna Community Club will receive Recycling Committee Funds as they become due and put into a Term Deposit; those funds to be held in trust for the Recycling Committee Circle." Charles noted that the motion should have included a further criterion that the SCC would enter into an agreement with the RC regarding the use and purpose of the funds. The issue of the Recycling site was raised. John indicated he was going to speak with David Howe, as a private citizen to his elected representative about the issue, and that he would not be representing the RC or the SCC.
- 11. Hall Bookings:** Charles indicated that more detailed booking arrangements as to those using the Hall needed to be done. The issue of event insurance is being looked into and Peggy Warren was looking at the issue for the Rec Centre and that information would be shared when Peggy was back.
- 12. Hall Maintenance:** Priscilla Ewbank reported that Jason Key is a volunteer and has been cleaning the Hall. The issue of regular Hall cleaning and possibly a paid position needs to be considered. Teresa Higgins noted that the DVD player was missing from the Hall when stretch class wished to use it, and needs to be returned promptly if taken away. Michael Pierce will be contacted. Priscilla reported that Hubertus is pursuing an off island repair company to repair the stove; the parts have been obtained. **Cemetery:** The SCC owns the land. \$600 was spent last

year for cemetery expenses; balance is \$2411.79. Priscilla reported that there is no more space for grave-sites in the cemetery and that trees need to be taken down. Some plots cannot be accessed because of trees. Barry Crooks will take them down with the assistance of Ian Middleditch. There was mention that some people may object to certain trees being removed. It was suggested that the trees subject to removal be flagged to identify them.

13. **Parks Liaison:** Priscilla Ewbank reported that Parks Canada (PC) continues to fail to honour the PC commitment to the Community to provide two full-time PC employees on the Island. The CEO, Mr. Watson, for the Western Region of PC had received a letter from the Parks Liaison Committee about this failure and he responded that he was satisfied with the current employee complement for Saturna. A further letter was prepared to Mr. Watson and read to the meeting by Priscilla which indicated that the non-resident warden and part-time summer staffing complement does not meet the commitment made to Saturna Island when the Park was formed. The Parks Canada Advisory Board is currently moribund and this Board was established to listen to and resolve issues relating to the Gulf Islands National Parks Reserve. It is a federal board that needs to be re-constituted. Priscilla is the representative of the SCC on the Parks Liaison Committee on Saturna, with representatives from many island organizations. **House at 159 East Point:** Gary Richardson of the Islands Trust forwarded information about the availability of this house by the Federal government for affordable housing. The time frame for applying expires on September 28, 2017. Fiona MacRaild advised that the First Nations might be interested in this house for its First Nations Guardianship Program. Priscilla noted that graduates of a similar Guardianship program are responsible for the protection of the Franklin Expedition ships, Erebus and Terror, in Nunavut.

14. **MOVE TO ADJOURN** - Daniel Thachuk; Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm