Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association

Minutes – Executive Meeting

April 22nd, 2014

***LOCATION CEDAR HILL REC CENTRE***

Meeting called to order at exactly 7:00 pm by John Schmuck, President

Attending John Schmuck Art Beck

Susan Haddon Dodie Fraser

Rikki Bowman Kevin House

Bob Trotter Lana Burns

Chris Bhopalsingh Chris Bartlett

Ruth Emery Peter Haddon

Regrets Karen Dearborn Eric Higgs

1. Secretary – report from Karen & Art

As Karen was not present the minutes from the previous meeting were not available

1. Treasurer – report from Dodie Fraser

Dodie had previously circulated the Financial Report. Revenues $1795.10 Expenses $ 2965.69. Funds available to assn $ 2475.91. In discussion the question about the $ 240.39 long outstanding liability re Rutledge Park plaque was raised.

It was decided that this money should be spent on acquiring a 10 x 10 tent for the Rutledge Park Music in the Park Series, as Saanich is pulling back on its prior commitments to supply tents for such events as the Saanich tents are no longer in a state of good repair

Moved Rikki Bowman, Seconded Bob Trotter

That the 240.39 committed to Rutledge Park be used to acquire a 10 x 10 tent for the Rutledge Park Music in the Park series. The tent would be made available for other QCHCA functions.

Motion carried

Moved Ruth Emery Seconded Bob Trotter that the financial report be accepted as circulated.

Motion carried

1. Membership – report from Rikki Bowman.

Rikki had circulated the membership list prior to the meeting. The list contained 112 paid members 77 old names have been deleted. Rikki will send out a reminder letter to the 130-150 members that have not paid for the current year. Membership is above last year but lower than in past years since the fee went up to $10.00. Some couples are only signing up for one membership whereas in past years they had two names. In her letter Rikki is going to ask members to supply and up to date email address. There was a discussion about using Pay Pal but since there hasn’t been a demand the item wasn’t pursued further. There was a general discussion about membership drives and people’s motivations for joining QCHCA. Peter Haddon will write a compelling article for the next newsletter to encourage more people from the neighbourhood to join the association.

1. Newsletter -

Peter Haddon outlined that the next deadline for articles is April 30th so that the newsletter can be published by May 7th.

There was some discussion of how many times a year we should publish, with suggestions ranging from 2 to 5 times a year. It seems that last time this was discussed that the committee landed on four times a year.

A rough budget for delivering approximately 7,400 copies by unaddressed ad mail is $1200.00 plus taxes. Printing costs would run an additional $1100.00. There was a discussion around a hybrid model whereby QCHCA would pay to have it distributed to multi-family locations (locations we can’t reach by volunteer delivery) and have a volunteer based delivery to single family homes. For the next issue Peter volunteer Lana to co-ordinate a home delivery using area coordinators to supply the necessary volunteers. Peter would use the Canada Post system to deliver to the multi-family residences. We could then re-evaluate the cost of this hybrid model.

1. Guest speakers for May 27th:

There was a general discussion about who to have as the guest speaker for the May 27th meeting. It was decided in an election year we should not have politicians who might be running for office as guest speakers until after the election process was complete. The merits of having speakers from the Horticultural Centre of the Pacific and/or the Saanich Emergency Program were debated. After a straw vote it was decided to invite Captain Brock Henson of the Saanich Fire Department to give his slide show presentation of what happened in the two earthquakes in Christchurch New Zealand for May. Hopefully, we can also get a speaker from HCP in September to speak on putting your garden to bed for the winter. Art will contact Brock to make the arrangements for May.

***AREA REPORTS:***

* ***BRAEFOOT:*** Bob Trotter
* Modular building application. QCHCA has lent their support to this application.
* ***CRAIGMILLAR:*** Karen Dearborn
* 1206 Tattersal duplex re-zoning. This application was passed by the Committee of the Whole at their last meeting. No one from the council spoke against the proposal. Only one neighbour spoke against, most support.

***REYNOLDS / QUADRA:*** Chris /Bartlett

* 3974 Cedar Hill X Rd. There has been no new developments. It seems the current market is creating a go slow approach to this development.
* ***CLOVERDALE CORE:***  Kevin House

Construction is almost complete at Cloverdale & Inverness. They have only sold about 35% of the project, so sales are slow. The Roundhouse Cafe will be going in on the ground level, providing a gathering place for the community.

Glasgow/Inverness condo project- no new developments

Quadra/Inverness condo project – no new developments

Accent Inn Restaurant proposal. Members of QCHCA attended the public open house put on by the applicant. The restaurant looks like it will be the BIN Four burger lounge. Immediate neighbours were concerned about the noise from the existing refer trucks that are parked overnight by current hotels guests. Application is proceeding.

* ***CEDAR HILL:*** Lana Burns

3745 Ascot Subdivision. Application is stirring up controversy from the Save the Ducks group, who are concerned about the loss of wetland duck habitat and Saanich’s lack of follow through on its process to save the wetland back in the 1970’s. About 1/3 of the property has already been acquired by Saanich. Application seems to be on the back burner, again the result of the current market.

Arts Council wants to do a joint venture function at the “green” baseball field, they have their own funding. An art in the park type function.

***SWAN LAKE:*** Ruth Emery

***-*** 939 Falmouth subdivision

* 801 Darwin- Garth Homer centre in the early stages of discussions.
* ***COOK/TATTERSAL*** Chris Bhophalsingh
* Clovelly subdivision, no new developments
* ***COOK/TOLMIE***  Eric Higgs
* Maywood subdivision
* Quadra & Tolmie Cool Aid Housing proposal. 45 units no parking as it is a assisted living seniors complex. Going to council on next Monday, seems to be going ahead, without any protests.
* ***MUSIC IN THE PARK -***  Chris Bartlett
* *Aug 5 & 12 in Rutledge Park and 19th in Braefoot park.*

*Braefoot night will be done in conjunction with their community assn.*

*Bands have been booked. The issue will be tents, as the Remax tent can only by booked for one night. Budget for each night runs around $2500.00 or $7500.00 in total. Still need to get sponsors in place, John is chasing. Saanich will do the posters.*

***OLD BUSINESS: & committee reports***

* Web Site Updating (last minutes Nov 2012, last newsletter Sept 20 – still looking into proxy emails for the executives, will use picture of new executive with Rob Fleming
* Shelbourne Valley Action Plan - delayed until June
* UVIC Community Association Liaison Committee
* SCAN Saanich Community Association Network – workshop coming up May 24th holding Saanich’s feet to the fire on following their processes. Let John know if you want to attend.
* Bowker Creek Initiative (see Cedar Hill Park below) Let John know if you want to attend June 12th meeting. Reich 17 is in Saanich beside the Cedar Hill Rec centre, and is up for discussion.

***NEW BUSINESS: & upcoming events***

* Swan Creek Restoration, Colquitz Watershed
* Hot Dog Sale May 3rd & June 14th at Lumberworld
* Playfair Picnic July 20th, 2014-01-25 – permit in place
* Local area Plan updates by Saanich Planning
* Shelbourne Valley Action Plan

***CEDAR HILL PARK:***

* Friends of Cedar Hill Park – May 31st clean up of Bowker Creek. Society now up and running. Perhaps an event in conjunction with the Arts Council. Saanich Parks is onside hopefully with some tools. Plan to involve other community associations.

Motion to adjourn moved: Rikki Bowman, seconded: Susan Haddon. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm