

PINA AGM June 7, 2015

1: Call to Order. The AGM was called to order at 1.30pm. 28 present including Directors.

Directors present: Kevin Pistor, Veronica Zehntner, Catherine Eck, Andrew Homzy, Jane Garcia, Dave Carter, Doug Naylor, Gary Weikum.

2: Adoption of Agenda. It was moved by Lyn Roberts, 2nd Gavin Soanes to adopt the agenda. Carried

3:Approval of the minutes of the 2014 AGM. It was moved by Andrew to adopt the minutes, 2nd Gavin Soanes, Carried.

4: Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

5:Correspondence. A letter from Bonnie Keats was received and it was decided it would be discussed under item 8b. A letter was read from Ross Summerville in which he acknowledged and thanked the many community members who have helped and continue to help, with his care for Joan at home. It was moved by Chris Carrier to accept the correspondence, 2nd Bev Carter. Carried.

Notice of Motion. Veronica moved that PINA Board of Directors be authorized to reinstate the annual donation to the Georgia Strait Alliance on behalf of the association, funds permitting. Dave Carter 2nd, Carried.

6: Reports:

- a. **Presidents Report.** Kevin Pistor. Kevin introduced the Board members and thanked them for their work this year. He acknowledged and thanked Karen Lajoy who had to step down due to other commitments, and thanked Cathy Pearson for all her work over the years as the collector of Mud Bay dock fees and for giving out the decals.
- b. **Treasurer's Report.** Veronica Zehntner

Annual Financial Report to May 31,2015

Cash Flows from General Account Activity:

Cash Balance at last annual report May 2014	389.97
Membership Dues Received	1,190.00
Bank Int.	.12
Advertising Income (newsletter)	350.00
Sundry Inc. (stl.dated chq 2013)	75.00
Total Revenue& Cash Balance	\$2,005.09
Licenses, Permits, Fees	(25.00)
Office Expense	(411.70)
Postage	(124.85)
Directors' Liability Ins. 1/3	(183.00)

Donations	00.00
Bank S/C fees	00.00
Total Expenses	(\$744.55)
Balance at May 31, 2015	\$1,260.54
Revenue over Expenditures:	\$870.57

Cash Flows from Dock Account Activity:

Cash Balance at last annual report May 2014	3,525.85
Dock fees & Contributions	9,110.00
Bank Int.	.49
Total Revenue & Cash Balance	\$12,636.34
Dock Supplies Repairs & Maintenance	(3,750.06)
Freight (P.I Supply)	(428.40)
Annual Insurance	(1,000.00)
Directors' Liability Insurance 2/3	(367.00)
Moorage Lease (Port of Nanaimo)	(3,235.40)
Circle/Park Lease	(27.30)
Bank Fees	00.00
Office Expense (Decals, printing)	(317.21)
Total Expenses	\$ (9,125.37)
Balance at May 31, 2015	\$3,510.97
Expenditure over Revenue:	(\$14.88)

Lyn Roberts asked: Is the dock amount due annually? It was answered, yes. Gavin Soanes asked how many members there were in PINA? For 2014 there were 104. Bev Carter asked about the parking circle lease. Veronica explained it is leased from the City. Cate Muir thanked Veronica for obtaining advertising for the PINA newsletter. It was noted that Francine Dupuis did a wonderful job putting the newsletter together this year, thank you Francine.

- c. **Mud Bay Dock Report.** Kevin Pistor. Kevin suggested that the new council for next year might address issues regarding Mud Bay, regarding following up with people who don't pay their dues and noting who comes to the work parties. Chris Carrier moved to receive the Dock report, 2nd Trudy Chatwin. Carried. Gavin Soanes mentioned that perhaps the new board will need to rigorously address the issues regarding Mud Bay dues.
- d. **City Access Report.** Dave Carter
Downtown Boat Basin news is as expected from the Nanaimo Port Authority, which is more

delays and a lack of information about the future.

Our extensive report and recommendations of last year have essentially gone unanswered. The prospect of a shared moorage arrangement seems to be off in the future.

On the other hand, the Wellcox lands, as now owned by the City of Nanaimo, may offer future connectivity for the Island and we have developed good contacts there to alert us as to future developments.

The Mud Bay lease renewal process has now been initiated and will be completed before year end.

We have also made a tentative connection with City Parks over creating a handicap access wharf at Gallows Point. This project had been put off due to our struggles over the boat basin but will now be put back on the front burner.

Chris Carrier moved to receive the City Access Report, 2nd Brenda Henderson, Carried e: **Roads and Parks Report**. Veronica Zehntner.

It's been a busy year for **Parks**.

Fall: Last Fall a new section was added to the lower part of the stairs from Pirates Lane to Pirates Park and trail gravel spread to the foot bridge.

Trail gravel at the Mud Bay Dock turn around and road to the circle was partially completed.

We collaborated with DIGS again for a park clean up of 'Long John Silver' interior park between Captain Kidds Terrace and Pirates Lane. 12 volunteers hauled out a substantial amount of material for chipping. We were given permission to access the park through the Taylor property as the real access had been blocked off.

Once again Parks contracted Davey Tree for chipping of park debris as well as residents' yard prunings left on the boulevards. The chips were then dumped beside the community garden for people to help themselves. The program went very smoothly this year with 1 day allocated and a second day residents were able to contract Davey privately for tree work if needed.

The plan for this Fall is to clean up Hidden Treasure Park, bordered by Pirates Lane and Treasure Trail, Captain Morgans Blvd. (The access is from Captain Morgans)

Spring: Ben Gun park beach access to Jim Hawkins beach which suffered severe erosion over winter (as mentioned in the newsletter) was repaired with dam sacks which will eventually harden into solid cement steps – if we ever get a substantial rainfall. The balance of the trail gravel was spread on the access road from Mud Bay to the circle and as requested the access to Long John Silver park from Captain Kidds was reopened and the dumped debris removed and hauled to the City.

As you know the Lions Club has a contract with the Parks Dept to maintain Pirates and Smugglers Parks as well as beach accesses. Rick Biller of Lions is coordinating PINA, DIGS and Lions so that we are all on the same page when it comes to dealing with the City. In early May we inspected the beach accesses for problems.

- 1) at the foot of Captain Morgans where erosion had exposed rebar and washed out the step.
- 2) between George and Christina's a makeshift 12 foot ramp down to Davey Bay which is a

liability and

3) the trail beside Carol Mathews' old place to Blunderbuss Bay which is a mud hole in all but the driest summer period.

Subsequently we had a site meeting with the Parks Trail foreman while they were over for Ben Gun park, and luckily they had sufficient materials with them to repair the first access with dam sacks. The ramp one is closed for now, but will have a proper set of wooden stairs with handrail down to the beach. In the Fall, the muddy trail will have a nice 100ft wooden boardwalk constructed on the bad section.

Along with all the materials and equipment barged over, Parks delivered a shiny new lawnmower to the Lions and they get to keep the old one. Rick and Bill have been busy cutting every blade of grass in sight!

May

25th representatives from Lions, PINA, DIGS and Historical Society had an informal meeting hosted by Rick identifying all the parks on our maps and the accesses.

We will remain in contact to ensure consensus and a co-ordinated approach with the City.

Roads Report: Veronica Zehntner

In November City Roads Dept upgraded the parking circle and addressed a few potholes on Treasure Trail. They also levelled the area beside the firehall creating a driveway for Utility #7. After a site meeting in April, wrap was barged over and grading and rolling of material was done the last week of May. This year as requested they had the water truck spraying all day each day which really helped with the dust, as well as packing down the new material.

The regular grader operator wasn't available this year and the new guy had a few problems, also his blade was too wide for our roads so some areas got scalloped or widened. Dust suppression with calcium chloride was completed on Wednesday last week.

The area of the circle abutting 9 Pirates Lane which was postponed last Fall was addressed once we removed the vehicle that remained blocking it – thank you to everyone else who made other arrangements for that morning.

Bev Carter moved to accept the reports, 2nd Graham Adams, Carried.

Regarding roads and parks – a discussion ensued re the mowing of grass on the boulevards. Heather Cooling asked why this was necessary. Lyn Roberts observed that there has been a lot of growth which is now getting very dry, and with gas carts and cars on the island, it could present a fire hazard. Kevin Pistor added that it is just the width of the mower and not the whole width of the boulevards.

Rick Biller expanded upon this topic: The Lions has the contract for mowing the parks and at Gallows Point. The City wanted to include mowing in new negotiations with the Lions. Mowing the boulevards was a trial to evaluate the costs of mowing. It was concentrated more on the south end as they have more vehicle traffic and more south end residents cut their boulevards already. Rick said they decided to do one pass of the mower so that people can get off the road easily, and for kids and carts to avoid construction vehicles etc as the island is quite busy with same at the moment. Rick mentioned seeing what people's reaction was to this, and apologised for not letting residents know ahead of time. During the sewer works, they cut back a lot of the blackberries, and it was mentioned that the Lions may take care of encroaching brambles.

Gavin Soanes wanted to clarify – was it the City or the Lions who wanted the boulevards cut? It was the City, because that’s what they wanted. The point was made that 20 feet in front of your property is City property which they have the right to access at any time.

Bev Carter asked about the Daphne – which is the correct way to eradicate it? Veronica answered – to cut it back, pull out, pile it and cover with a black tarp, and especially to keep cutting it during the heat of the summer, which stresses the plant until it ‘gives up’. There may be a pilot project for piling and composting Daphne under tarps.

Wendy Chandler also questioned the need to mow the boulevards. It was felt that concerns re this topic had been heard but ultimately it would be up to the City as they make the final decision.

Bev Carter thanked Veronica for all the work she does on Parks and Roads.

Gavin Soanes asked why the trail was closed at George’s Trail. Veronica answered that the City had put closed signs up for liability reasons.

7: Old Business: Nothing to report

8: New Business:

a) Large ships anchoring offshore of Protection island. Alison Watt is trying to set up a meeting with Captain Dahlgren. Any comments or concerns voiced today can be brought to that meeting. Wendy Chandler commented on having had a good experience when she made a noise complaint to Port Authority. The Harbour Patrol dealt with it immediately. Heather Cooling wants to thank Alison for her work on this and said there has been an improvement.

b) Signage: Kevin Pistor described the Board’s recent discussion regarding signage. Rick Biller commented that there has been a group meeting of all the groups on the island – Lions, PINA, fire department and the Museum. A letter will be sent to the City as a united front, stating that we don’t need any more formal signs on our Parks.

Gary Weikum commented that he would personally appreciate small signs on the parks and that the walkways in and out were delineated and defined.

Heather replied to his idea by saying that they are more like green spaces than real parks. Cate Muir wanted to know how many signs there would be, and that the trails into the parks are mostly marked and those that aren’t, can be found on the map.

PINA will be monitoring the signage.

c) Alien Species: Trudy Chatwin referred to the sightings of a black squirrel and a rabbit on the island. She has a trap to catch the squirrel, and Lyn Roberts also mentioned that she has a trap and that people can contact her about it. Trudy’s suggestion and advice was that the squirrel be trapped sooner rather than later as they prey on bird eggs and young nestlings.

9: Election of New Directors:

Review of Directors' terms of office was read out:-

David Carter, Catherine Eck, Doug Naylor & Gary Weikum each have 2 yrs. remaining

Karen Lajoy resigned with 1 yr remaining, slot now open

Jane Garcia, Andrew Homzy & Veronica Zehntner's terms have expired

We have 4 slots open for election. 1x1 yr. term & 3x3yr. terms.

Jane & Veronica have indicated they will stand again if nominated.

Brenda Henderson nominated Francine Dupuis, 2nd Marion Graham.

Rick Biller nominated Veronica Zehntner, 2nd Marion Graham.

Cate Muir nominated Jane Garcia, 2nd Bev Carter.

Bev Carter nominated Chris Carrier, 2nd Lyn Roberts.

There was a first call for further nominations, 2nd call, 3rd call, hearing none – the 4 nominees were elected to the 4 vacant positions on the board.

10: Announcements

It is the 20th Anniversary of the Garden Tour on the 20th June and Esme is coming back for it.

There will be a grand opening of the museum on the 28th and DIGS will have its annual solstice party and dessert auction with half the proceeds going to the Beacon House renovation project.

Cate reminded us that the library is open on Sundays and all children (including visitors) are welcome to story time on Thursdays at 10.30-11.30.

On a different note – Andrew Homzy saw a Minke whale in the harbour this year

11: Motion to adjourn: Bev motioned, 2nd Kevin to adjourn the AGM. Carried.