

PINA Board Meeting October 7, 2015

1: Call to Order. 7.30 pm. Directors present: Kevin Pistor, Dave Carter, Catherine Eck, Gary Weikum, Jane Garcia, Veronica Zehntner, Francine Dupuis, Chris Carrier, Doug Naylor.

2: Adoption of agenda. It was moved by Dave and Chris 2nd to accept the agenda as amended. Carried.

3: a) Approval of the minutes of Sept 9, 2015. Veronica moved and Chris 2nd to adopt the minutes of Sept 9, 2015. Carried.

3:b) AGM omission : upon review of the AGM minutes, Veronica advised that a paragraph be added regarding the terms of each Directors position. It was moved by Chris and 2nd by Doug to include the terms of office for all the Directors as described by Veronica. Carried.

4: Matters arising from the minutes: None

5: President's Report: Kevin Pistor: None

6: Treasurer's Report: Veronica Zehntner:

Dock Acct. Balance at Sept. 30/15 \$3,494.54

So far 16 decals have been issued.

General Acct Balance at Sept 30/15 \$1,706.53

We have 79 paid members to date.

There have been inquiries as to boat size limit at the dock. It is 19 ft.

7: Roads Report: Veronica Zehntner: None

8: Parks Committee Report: Veronica Zehntner:

On Sept 21st Veronica went with Jim Harris of DIGS & Rick Biller of LIONS to a meeting in town with Al Britten of Parks:

The Fall chipping program and clean up of Hidden Treasure Park will take place on Sat. Oct. 24th (volunteers needed). The chipping & falling of a dangerous dead tree will be on Monday Oct 26th along with chipping of residents' garden prunings left on boulevards. Each resident is entitled to a pile 4x4x8 ft (1cord) butt ends all facing one direction. VI Tree will be the contractor this year and will be available on Tues. Oct. 27th to residents to contract privately for tree work or additional chipping. As usual chips from the Monday will be dumped in the field beside the Community Garden for anyone to help themselves on a 1st come 1st. serve basis. Notices have been posted on the bulletin boards & Pro-Isle along with VI Tree's contact number for private work.

The board walk construction on the access to Davey Bay will not take place this fall after all. The cost estimate is \$10,000 and there is only \$5,000 remaining in this years budget and needed for the chipping program. (The total budget for P.I. is \$32,000 plus \$15,000 for the LIONS contract). The board walk may have to go as a separate project next year.

The access trail to Long John Silver Park that was reopened last year will not be addressed until next year either. Al explained Park's trails are broken down into 3 categories:-

- 1) Smooth surface (gravel etc.) for walking & wheel chair or motorized scooter accessible.
- 2) Soft surface, for more natural experience & walking dogs etc. with good footwear, they receive light maintenance (fallen tree removal)
- 3) Wild trail, left as natural as possible for people of a certain fitness level who are properly attired with appropriate footwear.

On P.I. Pirates Park and to some extent Smugglers are category 1, the rest are category 3, so their priority level is lower. i.e. wear rubber boots in the mud. Ben Gunn Park is wild but the shoreline erosion problem was a major concern as was the beach access at foot of Capt. Morgan's which also had dangerous re-bar sticking up and Blunderbuss Bay was a public safety issue so they were addressed immediately. The latter an unexpected expense.

Rick & Veronica also expressed concern over Smugglers pond drying out and encroachment of lilies. Parks is aware and had been over taking pictures this summer. They suggested we dig up the excess lilies while the pond was dry but we have since been advised by Don McQueen, who is a marine biologist and has done extensive research on shallow ponds, to leave the lilies, which provide shade and purify the water and instead construct a weir to maintain water levels and cut back encroaching perimeter bushes. Someone was seen tampering with the pond outlet a couple of winters ago which may have seriously impacted normal water levels.

Rick is going to consult further with Don and do cost estimates and elevation studies (to avoid back flooding) and make a presentation to Parks for proper pond restoration for their next budget.

There was a report that someone drove a golf cart over the foot bridge in Pirates Park. The bridge is for pedestrians only with bicycles or wheel barrows. It was also mentioned a golf cart without lights was seen at night in Smugglers Park. We should put out another reminder to golf cart owners that they must have lights to operate at night

LIONS, DIGS, PINA & Historical Society will be meeting again soon to discuss signage and other parks issues.

Gary moved that the reports be received as presented. 2nd Chris. Carried.

9:City Services: sub committee updates.

a) City/NPA Liaison

i. Dock Lease: Dave spoke to Mike Davidson regarding an estimate of the dock lease increase, and he advised it would be increased by the cost of living, multiplied by 5 years. This is roughly 5x 2%.

ii: Access to City: We have not heard back yet from Bill Corsan.

b) Parking: Catherine has emailed Jim Kipp and has not heard back yet. Catherine asked for a meeting to discuss the feasibility of having easier parking for PI residents.

10:Correspondence: Nanaimo Neighbourhood Associations Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding sending a representative to the NNA on October 27th. Gary and Catherine will attend and report back.

11: Any other business:

a) Outdoor gym – Catherine has seen an outdoor gym in another community and put forward the idea that something similar in Pirates Park would be an asset to P.I.

b) notices:

1: Veronica mentioned Larry Iwaskow is holding a Mud Bay Dock work party Sat. Oct 24th & possibly the following Sat if needed. He is looking for a crew of 4 -to 6 volunteers, If you can help call Larry at 250 754-1587

2:A reminder to our neighbours that the wooden bridge in Pirates Park is not engineered for golf carts.

3:A reminder that the maximum boat size at Mud Bay is 19ft.

12: Next Meeting: November 4, 2015

13:Motion to adjourn: At 8.34 Kevin moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd Chris. Carried