

SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE SOCIETY
5604 Trail Avenue Sechelt B.C.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Thursday November 16, 2017 1:30 pm

Board Members present: Tess Apedaile, Ron Atkinson, Margaret Boyd, Charlie Jensen, Barbara Lightfoot, Donna Marsh, Joanne Rykers, Gillian Smith, Linda Stroud, Tony Stroud

Absent: Kit Moffat, Dorothy Fraser,

Guest Secretary: Wilma Lorimer

45 members were in attendance meeting the quorum requirement.

1. President Joanne Rykers welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 1:35pm. Tess Apedaile led the singing of O' Canada.
2. A minute of Silence was observed in memory of those members who had passed.

Joanne introduced herself and the Board Members.
3. The Agenda was adopted.
Moved Diane Atkinson/Seconded Lee Gabriel. Carried
4. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 18, 2016 were adopted.
Moved Weldon Congdon/Seconded Bert Carswell Carried
5. Reports (complete copies of reports available at the office)

President's Report - Joanne gave her report noting it was a snapshot of events since the AGM in February:

- The Board has not been fully staffed since the elections and the Secretary has just resigned. Anyone interested in filling these positions would certainly be welcomed;
- Our membership numbers are holding stable and 2018 memberships are now available;
- Activities remain steady - one activity went to a rental as the Centre was losing money to have it remain a centre activity - but this is rare. Pickleball, Fitness and Yoga are the popular activities with the greatest growth in Yoga and Andre Casaubon deserves credit for this increase;
- Net revenue is at \$80K to date. Our kitchen is still the biggest revenue program thanks to Emily and her kitchen volunteers;
- We have several committees this year which we have been very focused on: Maintenance Committee with the replacement of the auditorium floor being an intensive undertaking overseen by Tony Stroud and the maintenance volunteers;

5. Reports (cont'd) President's Report

the Planning Committee guiding the Expansion and Renovation Project; and our Refugee Sponsorship Committee which has raised \$30k to date towards our goal of \$36K;

- The Expansion/Renovation Project is progressing with the parking variance allowed by the District of Sechelt; contracts awarded to Engineering companies, structural, electrical, mechanical, and the design process started. We should have a budget to present to the members at the Annual General Meeting in February of 2018.

Maintenance Report - Tony Stroud

- Auditorium Floor: Appreciation to the members that helped us overcome a setback in the install of the floor. Limited the delay to one week. Final items to complete the floor are in hand;
- Rear parking area, Security cameras to be installed, front of building cameras will be installed in conjunction with Renovation, (Original quote for both front & back was \$1785.00).
- Tables stored at back wall of Auditorium are blocking the Fire Exit. Vertical stacking will solve problem.
- Inspection of bug screens; All clips will be replaced and screens will be either repaired or replaced.
- Number of deficiencies continues to trend down;
- The Maintenance Committee is in need of Handy Persons, anyone wishing to help us out will be warmly welcomed.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Marsh - Donna Marsh reiterated we had a net income to date of \$80,000.00 and asked for comments or questions regarding our Financial Statements.

Since there were none, Donna took the opportunity to thank the people who volunteer and assist everyday in the office. She especially wanted to thank Joan Fleetham for her many years of volunteer work for finance and noted how she is greatly missed. Charlie Jensen and Linda Wright were taking her place. Donna also thanked Mike McCarthy for posting all the payables for her.

Donna asked for a motion from the floor to accept the October 31, 2017 Financial Statements:

Moved David Lightfoot/Seconded Peggy Malcolm. Carried

8. Questions from the floor:

- Lee Gabriel asked if consideration had been given to providing more frozen entrees during the renovations -- Joanne thanked him for his good suggestion.

8. Questions from the floor (cont'd):

- Peggy Malcolm noted that she had not received an email notification for this meeting -- Joanne noted that we had started on this task earlier but data was lost due to a computer virus and we now have to start the process again, so it is in the works.
- Tony Bolton, asked if the Centre had considered advocating on behalf of seniors regarding the lack of health services on the Sunshine Coast from Coastal Health - Joanne reported this is not our focus and there are other groups on the coast that do advocate on behalf of seniors namely COSTCO. Rosemary Blenkinsop spoke to the COSTIU meeting being held next week at 1:00 pm at the SSAC Centre, Thursday, November 23, 1 - 3 PM.
- Fred Church asked whether the Centre had a hospital group who could advise the members of persons who were ill or in hospital. Joanne noted that this would be a worthwhile group and would encourage members to proceed with forming this group. Information could then be posted in the Echo and on the Web site. Currently Joe Twerdun is in hospital, Room 215.
- Peggy Malcolm noted she was concerned that we would voice our non-political status when we are indeed political with regard to projects such as the Syrian Refugee group. She felt we should be involved in taking a stand on behalf of seniors as issues arise, and also felt the Centre should consider having resources available for seniors to access with regard to services available to seniors.
- Helmut Haas noted that becoming involved in advocating on behalf of seniors would lead to much disruption and we would likely find ourselves embroiled in constant discussions as to which issues we should be supporting.
- Rosemary Blenkinsop suggested that SSAC members concerned about Advocating on behalf of seniors were certainly welcome to join the COSTCO group or the SC Senior Citizens group.
- Suzy Quirk asked if we have an advocacy reference guide.
- Sue Jackal answered saying the Community Resource Centre had hired a person who was in the process of organizing the advocacy groups on the coast. The CRC is mandated to educate, inform and empower citizens on the coast. Sue will keep us informed when this process has been completed and in the meantime, the Centre can provide information on the CRC to members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm
Moved Gill Smith/ Seconded Dale Stewart

Members in attendance were invited to enjoy the refreshments.