

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

FINAL FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday November 6th, 2018, 1:30 pm

1. Call to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Singing of O Canada.
3. Moment of silence to remember those members who have passed away. We remember Mike Lane, Hildegard Eber, Dorothy Fraser, Joyce Kolibas, Cheri Anne Kingsland, Arone Chilton, Valerie Morris, Harry Morris-Reade and Raymond Wilson, *Marlene Kracklaur*
4. Charlie introduced board members.
5. Introduction of Syrian family by Joanne Rykers.
6. Confirmation of voting quorum (*30 regular members in good standing*). Registrars stated that 100 members were present confirming quorum.
7. **Motion to adopt agenda. Val Galat/Leagh Gabriel Carried**
8. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of March 8, 2018 - **see attachment C - Motion to adopt Mike minute McCarthy/Peggy Malcolm Carried**
9. Charlie announced the appointment of Craig Heffernan as our new Maintenance Director. (*Due to family emergency, Craig was not able to be present.*)
10. President's Report - Wayne (Charlie) Jensen - **attachment A**
11. Maintenance Report - Ron Atkinson gave a verbal report as progress updates are daily now. Renovations have had some 'hiccups' but work is now moving smoothly, rough-ins are completed dry-walling is complete, kitchen is being painted, flooring is being done, fridge/freezer to be installed on November 12th, new stoves to be installed Nov. 13th, sprinkler system to need about two days. to complete, health and safety inspections to be done by November 26th hopefully after which kitchen can be turn over to us for use and new completion date is December 7th and turned over to us on December 10th.
12. Treasurer's Report - **see attachment D - Motion to accept financial statement for January 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018. Linda Stroud/Sue Jackel Carried**
13. Membership dues for 2019 - **Announcement that the board has approved an increase in yearly membership dues from \$25 to \$30 for 2019.**
14. Mary Bittroff explained the need to update our constitution purposes in order to comply with the Federal Charities Directorate to retain our charitable status that

allows the SSAC to give tax receipts for donations. She also answered questions about the need to have numerous purposes and explained that ALL of our activities had to be serving a charitable purpose in order to maintain our charitable status. By defining specific purposes, it will be easier for the centre to report how each activity serves our membership and it will give those who are involved in planning and creating activities to qualify their services for our members and community. She also emphasized that we do not need to fulfill all of the purposes all of the time such as our meal service that has not been open during the major renovations at present; but, if we did not have such a purpose in our constitution, we would not be able to offer a meal service in the future. Also, if the membership so chose, they could in future make changes by initiating through the board a request to do so at a future AGM or membership meeting and by following the rules set out by the federal Charities directorate. **Motion that the Constitution purposes presented to the Fall Membership meeting of the SSAC Society and bylaw changes that need to be correlated with these purposes and receive board approval, be adopted by special resolution (by at least a 2/3 majority approval by the voting members present) at the November 6, 2018 membership meeting. Mary Bittroff/Joanne Rykers Carried with 92 out of possible 100 for the motion**

15. **Motion to adjourn. Weldon Congdon/Val Galat Carried**

Questions and comments:

1. Ron explained cause of renovation delays including the need for additional roof drains, moving of a bearing wall and resulting change in roof trusses resulting in more time lost, contractors having problems with changes in U.S. tariffs and resultant re-order from Canadian sources, inspections supposed to come within 48 hours of requests but came 72 hours later instead, front parking lot proving to be a challenge when a lower level of paving was discovered upon excavation and the new paving needed more preparation work to provide safe grading levels before paving.
2. Charlie explained the fixed price contract and how cost changes were calculated due to unknown problems upon commencement of renovations.
3. Sylvia explained revenue differences due to renovations and interest charges on Credit Union mortgage draws.
4. Emily's chef abilities were appreciated.
5. Thanks was expressed to the board and all who worked to keep our centre functioning and to Gillian Smith's work during the renovations. Audience gave a standing ovation!

Ceremony to accept Telus, BA Blacktop and Lehigh Donations to our Renovations were followed by refreshments, coffee, tea and conversation.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION to FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Nov. 6, 2018.

*(In order to maintain our Charity status as a Society, the purposes approved in our constitution needed to better describe our society so that all of our activities reflect charitable benefits for our members and our community. These have now been given preliminary approval by our board and have been reviewed by the Charitable Society directorate of the federal government and will now be presented as a special resolution at our Fall General Membership meeting on Nov. 6, 2018.)*

**CONSTITUTION PURPOSES:**

To support and improve the lives of seniors and persons with disabilities by:

- providing an affordable nutritious meal service
- encouraging active participation in physical exercise classes and groups such as pickle ball, dancing and daily exercise opportunities
- calming emotional stresses by fostering joy and happiness with activities such as art, crafts, music and drama groups
- inviting our younger community members to assist and mingle with our seniors in social activities for their mutual benefits with activities such as bus trips, entertainment and volunteer opportunities
- providing seniors with mentally stimulating activities such as bridge, literary groups and educational classes to learn how to use new technologies and communication methodologies
- providing a safe, clean, friendly and healthy place for seniors and persons with disabilities in our community to gather and mingle such as in our craft room, games and meeting rooms and reading lounge where seniors can enjoy opportunities to serve others, share experiences with their fellow peers, and find ways to feel worthwhile and befriended
- hosting seminars on topics that provide knowledge to improve the quality of life for seniors

To support seniors to contribute to:

- helping to relieve world poverty and crisis by sponsoring and facilitating the settlement of refugees in our Canadian community by providing one or more refugees with care, lodging, settlement assistance and support and thus giving an opportunity for seniors to help better this world for others

To support seniors and the community by:

- advancing the public's appreciation of the arts by offering our auditorium

venue for high quality performances and events

- by ensuring that all other activities that are ancillary and incidental, help to achieve one or more of the above charitable purposes

**Motion: That the Constitution purposes presented to the Fall Membership meeting of the SSAC Society and bylaw changes that need to be correlated with these purposes and receive board approval, will be adopted by special resolution (requires a 2/3 majority approval by the voting members present at the meeting) at the November 6, 2018 board meeting.**