

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday October 20, 2016
1:30 pm

Board Members present: Kit Artus, Ron Atkinson, Margaret Boyd, Dorothy Fraser, Charlie Jensen, Barbara Lightfoot, Wilma Lorimer, Donna Marsh, Joanne Rykers, Gillian Smith, Tony Stroud
Absent: Kit Moffat

38 members were in attendance meeting the quorum requirement.

1. President Joanne Rykers welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Barbara Lightfoot led the singing of *O Canada*.

Joanne introduced the Board Members.

2. Joanne asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the following addition: after item 3, add: Adoption of Minutes from February 18, 2016, Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Linda Stroud/ Seconded by Richard Sand Carried

3. A moment of silence was observed to remember those Members who have passed away.

4. Joanne asked for a motion to adopt the Minutes from the February 18, 2016 Annual General Meeting with the change of date from February 19, 2016 to February 18, 2016.

Moved by Helmut Haas/Seconded by Patsy Heath 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 up to the end of September:

- Activities are doing well, especially bus trips, pickleball, and bridge upgrade, whose revenues are above expectations. The production of Blithe Spirits was a success
- Kitchen - the popularity of the kitchen keeps growing
- Net Income - we currently have an excess of \$50,000.00.
- New Horizons Grant from federal government used to pay for the new chairs in the auditorium, a new air conditioning unit in the office and the services of a consultant to assist with the building expansion.
- Refugee Sponsorship Project - in January, the Membership approved a budget of \$36,000 to sponsor a refugee family from Syria. Our application has been approved by Citizenship & Immigration and we are now awaiting the arrival of the family - hopefully by late spring of 2017. Fund raisers are in place and to date over \$10,000 (above costs) has been raised.

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- The Board of Directors are currently in the process of updating the Policy Guidelines which ensures continuity.
- The building expansion plan is progressing and the Planning Committee have recommended that the priority is the kitchen, dining room, and increased office space; this will also increase auditorium availability. Funding strategies are being explored.
- Volunteers are essential to the continued independence and solvency of the Centre. In particular, we need qualified members to join the Board, and there is a continuous need for kitchen volunteers.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Marsh - Donna reported that the Centre currently has \$300,000 in the bank. Our income increased slightly over last year due the popularity of the kitchen. Donna asked if there were any questions or omissions with the Financial Statement. There being none, Donna moved that the Financial Statements be adopted as presented.
Seconded by Richard Sand. Carried.

Maintenance Report - Tony Stroud - the Maintenance Report was given highlighting the following events to date and current and future plans:

- new chairs were received for auditorium
- the Roadway Marquee was upgraded and improved
- all Equipment Services and Inspections are up-to-date
- leaking oil and gas stains in the parking lots have appeared - these will be monitored to ensure the blacktop does not deteriorate
- landscaping has been extensively cleaned up

Current:

- Parking Lot - repainting and repositioning of parking lot lines mostly completed
- curbing of rear parking lot is complete
- "ENTER" and "EXIT" signage still to be done and if observed, should improve the safety of everyone in the parking lot
- painting of Mobility Scooters' signage still to be done

Future:

- replacing auditorium floor
- replacing some kitchen equipment

6. Questions from the floor:

- Bev Gidora asked about the use of the Centre during an emergency. Tony noted we were working closely with the Sunshine Coast Emergency Preparedness Organization to use the Centre as an "Emergency Reception Centre" if required.

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- Bert Carswell, announced we have two members of the Sechelt Activity Centre who were nominated for their outstanding Volunteer work and they are Dorothy Fraser and Sue Jackel. These ladies will be presented with their awards on (date) at Robert's Creek Hall.
- Dale Stewart enquired as to details of the Expansion Plans - Joanne spoke to Phase I of this project and that more detailed plans and a budget will be available for the February AGM. Bid Packages have been sent to local contractors for more detailed projections. We hope to have costs and more firm plans to present to the Annual General Meeting February 16, 2017. We also hope to have Pamela Goldsmith-Jones visit the Centre sometime in the new year to assist us with applying for federal funding for this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm
Moved Bert Carswell/ Seconded Dale Stewart

Members in attendance were invited to enjoy the refreshments.