

**108 MILE RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Ingrid Meyer welcome everyone and introduced the RCA members in attendance: Trudy Bothwell, Dorri Larstone, Sandy Foster, Larry Knutsen, Donna White and Charlotte Stockford

Absent board member: Dan Jackson

There were approximately 35 members of the general public in attendance

Minutes for the 2020 AGM will be posted on our website.

Trudy Bothwell, Treasurer noted that the Financial Statement up to August 31, 2019 is on the website and that our current Operating Costs were \$10,854.03 and the beaches stood at \$7,657.14. Tracy Macaloney was affirmed as the accountant.

Ingrid Meyer read the President's Report, highlighting that 2019 was the 50th Anniversary of the 108 Mile Ranch, our ongoing building boom, and the financial investment the Lang family and the 108 Resort have put into the 108. She thanked the many volunteer organizations and her fellow directors.

Citizen Recognitions: Sandy Foster announced the *Citizen of the Year Award* was going to **Carl and Sally Gimse** (accepted by Carl Gimse). Ingrid Meyer presented *Outstanding Volunteer Awards* to **Sue Fischer, Bev French, Liz Jones, Nick Christiansen and Chris Betuzzi**.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Walter Bramsleven, the General Manager of Mount Timothy's gave a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted all the different upgrades and renovations that have been done and went over all the projected future additions and further upgrades still to come.

Stephanie Masun, CRD Community Coordinator also gave a PowerPoint presentation about Emergency Planning relevant to our community and expressed a desire to be invited to local community organizations to have the opportunity to go over the Emergency Planning process in detail so as many people as possible can be aware and prepared.

Al Richmond, the CRD Director of Area G went over projected tax increases, the parking lot situation at the postal kiosk (thanking Dawson Construction for jumping in and doing a big grading job to clear the post office parking lot, and he is trying to find out exactly who should be responsible for clearing it), airport issues, fire protection stats, water user increases, and local transit. Increase for 108 Mile Fire services will be 0.6%, Electoral Emergency Planning will be 3.9%. It was noted Emergency Planning is seeing a 50% increase of \$43,563 over the 2019 amount for a full-time Emergency Planning position. It has been proposed that going forward, water rates be adjusted for inflation on a yearly basis. Tax increase for South Cariboo Transit will be \$1.09, Recreations will be 0.7% and the South Cariboo Airport will be the same for 2020 as it was for 2019 - \$266,391.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Welcome Packages – Dan Jackson was unexpectedly called away and could not report on the Welcome Packages.

Memberships – Ingrid Meyer reported that there were 92 regular members and 28 business members in 2019.

Community Centre Bookings – Bruce Biedler reported that he and his wife Carol are the Community Hall managers and advised of the Community Hall upgrades and renovations; including new paint, sinks, counters, fixtures, and a new dishwasher. He made special mention and thanks to Dorri Larstone for donating many hours of service towards the renovations. He also listed the different groups and events held at the 108 Community Hall.

RCA Events – Ingrid Meyer reported on the 108 Community Events that took place in 2019, noting the 50th Anniversary celebrations consisting of a spaghetti dinner with guest speakers put on by the 108 Lions, a business fair, a special golf tournament and live music. The Airport was open and the 108 Heritage Site had entertainment all day. A special Sunday morning church service was held at the Heritage Site and there was a free breakfast for all. She thanked the many individuals and organizations who contributed to the success of the event, with a special mention to Maureen Pinkney who chaired the entire event. She also noted left over money and merchandise was donated to the 108 Lions, the 108 Volunteer Fire Departments, the Historical Society and the RCA. Ingrid also noted the big Christmas Market held at the hall in November, with an income of nearly \$1400 and thanked all who helped out. There was also a Breakfast with Santa on Dec 7th put on by the 108 Lions, the 108 VFD and the RCA. 71 children and 39 adults enjoyed breakfast donated by the 108 Lions and the donated money was given to Loaves and Fishes and the Food Bank

Community Centre Maintenance – Larry Knutsen advised we will have furnace repairs coming up and are looking into getting the parking lot re-sealed and some exterior building repairs may be needed. He extended a thank you to the Biedlers for doing such a good job managing and caretaking the 108 Hall.

Beaches – Dorri Larstone reported that we had fewer numbers at the beaches due to poor summer weather, more geese to clean up after in 2019, more instances of off-leash aggressive dogs being reported, and dog owners not picking up after their dogs. She thanked the Greenbelt Commission for their hard work, the CRD for the \$7000 grant money allocated to maintain the beaches and Darren Paulsen for doing a great job of maintaining the 108 beaches.

Website – Sandy Foster reported that he and Karen Douglas manage the website *108ranch.com* and thanked Karen for all the tech work she does while Sandy does the content. He advised the purpose of the site is to keep folks updated on local businesses, resorts and resources. You can find maps, hall rental details, scheduled events, read about the history and enjoy scenic photos of the area. Keep an eye out for additions to the website and also check out the 108 Community Facebook page maintained by Sandy and Ingrid Meyer.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Foster nominated the current Directors and it was seconded by Bruce Biedler. Accepted by a show of hands. A callout was extended for anyone present who may wish to stand for Director, none responded. Sandy noted we do have one new Director coming on board, named Charles Gillingham. He also noted someone could attend a meeting and become a Director at that time if interested.

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108 Volunteer Fire Department – Chris Haddad reported that they currently have 19 volunteer firefighters and their main callouts are medical in nature. Their territory runs from Lac La Hache to the bottom of the 103 Mile hill and they are currently the busiest fire department in the Cariboo.

108 Lions Club – Donna White reported that they currently have 25 members, 2 being lifetime members and that their motto is “We Serve.” She noted they have several events throughout the year and donate money and/or labour. In 2019, they had the Ice Off Contest, held a pig roast, hosted an Oktoberfest event, co-hosted Santa’s Breakfast, held 8 Bingos and that they sell BC and Canada flags, do bottle recycling, table rentals and are considering having a Flea Market in the Spring. She shared the many fortunate recipients who received donations from them last year and noted their projects include preparing a pancake breakfast at the 108 Elementary School, the Ice Off Contest, the Pet Valu Guide Dog walk and that they will be erecting a gazebo at the 108 Beach.

Coffee Club – Donna White advised this group meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from October to May at the 108 Community Hall from 10:30 til noon. A small charge of \$2 is requested to help with coffee costs. Members take turns making coffee and providing treats monthly. Currently 10 – 16 attend. New faces and new suggestions would be most welcome. Donna thanked all who supported them.

Grant Writing/Volunteer request – Donna White asked if anyone in the audience had experience with Grant Writing that they could share with her, she would appreciate the input. It was also noted that besides seeking new board members, we need volunteers in the community and a sign-up sheet was passed around.

108 Greenbelt Commission – Ron Soeder shared the many ongoing duties required to maintain the greenbelt and noted how much work went into clearing dead and dangerous trees. He also noted the Greenbelt Commission installed electrical service at the main beach to benefit those hosting events that may need electrical hookups such as food trucks and musical entertainment. They also resurfaced several greenbelt parking lots. Ron thanked those who served with him as volunteers on the commission and recognized Darren Paulson who maintains trails among other jobs and he thanked the community for their encouragement and support. A lively discussion was held about public concerns regarding greenbelt clearing of dead trees and overgrowth of trails.

Ingrid Meyer made closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending and meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next AGM TBA