

**108 Mile Ranch Community Association
Director's Meeting Minutes**

Date

ATTENDANCE

Present

- Ingrid Meyer
- Larry Knutsen
- Kathie Knutsen
- Sandy Foster

- Larry Davis
- Len Doucette

Absent

- Gary Hales
- Dan Jackson
- Bev French

Guests & Volunteers in Attendance: Bruce Biedler , Eleanor Berrington, Dorri Larstone, Lorraine McKinnon, Richard and Anita Loewen.

Meeting called to order by Ingrid at 7:02

ADDITIONS TO ADDENDA

- None

MINUTES

Motion by Larry K and seconded by Sandy to accept minutes from ????. **Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials circulated and reviewed with group by Kathie. Eleanor had a question on why we are keeping the gaming account open since it costs us monthly fees. Len clarified that we need to have the account if we ever want to put on a raffle or other money making venture that fits under gaming in BC. Motion to accept report by Kathie and seconded by Len. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE

1. None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Lions contract. Larry D reviewed the summary he prepared on the past 8 years' financials. There has been a 5% yearly increase in costs over this period and we could expect that these increases will continue. There are also occasional years where repairs and maintenance costs increase dramatically, presumably to address larger repairs like replacing furnaces etc. Ingrid suggested that when these larger repair bills come in, the Lions could pitch in on fund raising to help with the costs. Len and Eleanor brought up the Lions past contributions to the building and running of the hall. We also had some discussions regarding the recent acrimony between the RCA and Lions including the disagreements on the gazebo location. It was brought up that the two groups used to do joint fund raising endeavors, but that did not happen over the past year. It was agreed that much of these problems stemmed from failures in communication between the two groups.

Sandy suggested waiving the rent and fees for the Lions for this year as a symbol of good will and possibly in future years given their ongoing contributions to the 108. Larry D brought up the problem of increasing costs for the hall and the importance of addressing this issue. Len and Sandy suggested pursuing an increase in the parcel tax that the RCA receives from the CRD to help cover these costs. Ingrid suggested that having a dedicated committee for writing grant proposals may also help cover some of the costs. A recommendation was made for a meeting with the Lions to discuss the ongoing costs and find a way of jointly addressing this issue.

Len made a motion to waive the current year's rent and any other fees for the Lions. The Lions would need to acknowledge that other money making hall rentals may take priority over Lions events, but that these issues would be worked out with the Hall manager. The Lions and RCA would also see if they could share some fund-raising activities over the remainder of this year. Larry K seconded the motion. **Carried.**

2. AGM: New AGM meeting has been scheduled for April 11th. Peter Hughes has agreed to come and talk about the new water treatment plant. Ingrid will put an advertisement in the paper and Larry D will send out emails to members to advise them on the new date.
3. Memorial bench: Since we would like a bench outside our hall, the one advertised by the Hospital Foundation will not work. Also, given that we may be making repairs around the perimeter of the building, purchasing a bench should be tabled until those repairs are made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. None.

REPORTS

1. Community events: Ingrid discussed that Canlan receives information on RCA events and posts them in their newsletter. There will not be an easter egg hunt in the 108. The 108 Lions are partnering with the 100 Mile Lions to put on one larger event in town. A "Spring Fling" event is planned for May 26th that will include activities at the elementary school, Church, Firehouse, and the RCA will host a business fair. June 9th the Lions will host a pig roast. Sunday July 22nd the RCA will host a community picnic at the beach that includes games and other activities.
2. Community center bookings: Regular groups are continuing with the exception of Corina's Yoga which will be ending March 13th. A 25th Wedding Anniversary has rented the upper hall in April. The Quilters have booked a retreat for May 11-13th. Discussions are underway for wedding rentals in the summer and early fall.
3. Community center maintenance: Larry reiterated that he will need some help with the Hall maintenance. Fortis will be putting in a new meter and needs some information on the requirements of our gas appliances.
4. Membership: Most of the membership has been from business and Ingrid is just following up with them to finish up. Ingrid brought up that RCA directors should all have memberships.
5. Welcome packages: Dan is not present. Tabled to next meeting.

6. Coffee club/games: Kathie confirmed that Maggie Griffith is the person in charge. Bruce commented that it seems to be running well.
7. Beaches: no activities till spring.
8. Fire Dept.: Larry K confirmed the open house during Spring Fling. The new tender will allow them to attack fires in locations without a water supply. There was only one structure fire this year but the 220 calls out is up from last year.
9. Lions: Bingo is happening this month through May but will stop for the summer until October. May 27th there will be a dog walk in town to raise money for guide dog training. The June 9th pig roast will also include a silent auction.
10. Greenbelt Commission: Dan is not present, tabled till next meeting.
11. Trail Committee: Larry D is going over final mapping changes with Herb Carter. We are hoping to have the map ready for April. It was also suggested that we should have the fire hydrant locations put on the map. This would help people keep the area around the hydrant free of snow.
12. Website: Len is taking over running the website. Sandy has some suggestions for it and will work with Len.

New Directors

Ingrid made a motion to appoint Eleanor as a new director. Richard and Anita have also agreed to become directors. Official appointments will occur at the next AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27

Next meeting on April 12th.