

SAMBRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Via Zoom

(Due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding public meetings)

MINUTES OF MEETING

In attendance: Curtis Scoville; Jane Bentley; Bud Bablitz; Bill Crowder; Pearl McKenzie; Marion Waters

Guests: Edwin Grieve, Electoral Area C Director

Call to order: Curtis Scoville, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes of June 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Moved/Seconded: Pearl McKenzie/Jane Bentley
to approve the minutes as read.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Jane Bentley, Treasurer, presented the Year End Financial Report:

- See Treasurer's Report attached
- Grant-in-Aid from CVRD was approved \$4000

Moved/Seconded: Marion Waters/Pearl McKenzie

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as read (copy below).

Chairperson's Report: Curtis presented an informal Chairperson's Report.

- Mosquito Management:
 - Duka Environmental biologists tell us that the problematic mosquito species is the variety that breeds in brackish waters
 - Apr/May/June Duka biologists are returning to determine where mosquitoes are breeding. Local residents will also collect mosquito samples to see how far they travel from the brackish water. They can hide out in grass for 1-2 weeks and then eat once (so are aggressive) before laying eggs and dying.
 - This is a hypothesis, but data needs to be collected to gather evidence in order to support a CVRD pest management plan and subsequent CVRD service.
 - No simple solution because the wetland is public but backs onto parks and private property.
 - \$3000 spent on the biologist visit in March. Grant-in-aid will be put toward their next visit.
 - Larvicide is safe for fish and habitat but will also kill biting black flies. A long-range program is needed because eggs can survive for many years.

- Curtis thanked Edwin Grieve for lobbying on behalf of SAMBRA residents for the funds to tackle this issue.

New Business

Election of Directors

Curtis Scoville explained that the SAMBRA directors are the voting members of the association and represent a quorum. However, residents are polled at the SAMBRA meetings in order to determine their support or objections to any motions. There are seven director positions.

Considering the current global pandemic situation, the current directors will be re-elected by acclamation for another term.

Moved/Seconded: Bud Bablitz/Pearl McKenzie

That the following directors be re-elected by acclamation:

- Curtis Scoville – Chair
- Marion Waters – Secretary
- Jane Bentley – Treasurer
- Pearl McKenzie – Director
- Bill Crowder – Director
- Bud Bablitz – Director

Edwin Grieve Q and A:

Closure of Recycling Bins

- Current system is costly
- Too much contamination – 50% goes to landfill because of it
- Focus recycling towards Return-it centers – buyers are North American, will share profits with CVRD
- Proposing a Return-it center for Oyster R. area
- Rural garbage pickup is costly to residents
- Possible eventual transition to curbside garbage and recycling pickup

LAP

- Local Area Plan has not yet been ratified
- 10 year review of Regional Growth Strategy due in 2021
- Chance to include Seaview Road area in LAP
- May allow for more flexibility of minimum lot sizes in rural areas
- Housing Needs Assessment was completed in February and available on CVRD website:
 - <https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/projects-initiatives/past-current-projects/comox-valley-regional-housing-needs-assessment>

Watutco and Black Creek/Oyster Bay Water - water service integration & additional water well status report

- SRD still unwilling to negotiate access to the park and the third well. No addition to current water license is being requested, we just need to meet current needs.
- Provincial grant for well development will be renewed for at least an additional year.
- Improvements required for integrating the Watutco system into the BCOB system
- \$1240 proposed annual fee (includes annual water fee plus cost of joining) for ten years for new users.
- Petitions and newsletter will be mailed to homeowners in the area so they can participate in a public forum and public consent towards the end of May.

Traffic Calming and Public Parking (especially in Saratoga, and in particular near Pacific Playgrounds)

- Concerns raised by some residents about traffic, noise, parking and disturbances near the Pacific Playgrounds.
- Currently, amenities like the store, washrooms and the pool at Pacific Playgrounds are closed. Only campers with self-contained units are allowed.
- Also, some concerns about parking around the beach areas in general: noise, dust, beach fires, etc.
- Roads are Ministry of Transport jurisdiction
- Additional parking on Seaman Road may be reconsidered

Covid-19

- Some residents raised concerns about Covid-19 restrictions and general beach usage.
- CVRD is currently keeping regional district parks open.
- By-law enforcement plus RCMP and ORFD have responded and have been observing and report that Covid-19 restrictions are generally being followed and there have been no issues of note
- SAMBRA has also been monitoring the situation and has no concerns to date.

Flood Mapping – New Flood Plain Regulations

- Concerns about potential damage to property and development values
- Original public engagement planned for the end of June may be rescheduled virtually. Contact Chris LeRose for more information.
- Reduction in funds during COVID pandemic may affect priority of initiatives – basic must-haves will be prioritized first.

Air Quality Management

- Possibility of new burning restrictions (woodstove, fire pits, etc.) – possible move to ban and/or limit burning especially in certain communities within the CVRD

New Business:

Directors and SAMBRA members invited to bring forward any emergent issues to Curtis for future consideration at meetings.

Next Meeting TBA

**Adjournment: Jane Bentley
8:35 pm.**

Financial Statement for SAMBRA (as of April 1, 2020)

Opening Balance as of June 10, 2019: \$1352.35

Expenditures:

Bank Fees (printed statements June 2019 – January 31, 2020-04-01

8 X 2.50 \$20.00

Canada Post (PO Box rental for one year) \$177.45

BC Society Annual Report \$40.00

Duke Environmental (mosquito abatement) \$1001.31

Total Expenditures \$1238.76

Income:

Interest earned June 2019 – January 31, 2020 \$.26

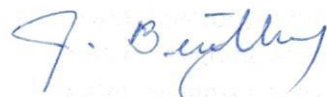
Grant-in-Aid \$4000.00

Total Income \$4000.26

Closing Balance as at January 31, 2020 \$4113.85

Savings (Member Equity Shares) \$41.68

Respectfully submitted by:



Jane Bentley (Treasurer for SAMBRA)