

Saratoga/ Miracle Beach Residents Association (SAMBRA)

Minutes of Meeting

Held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Black Creek/Oyster River Fire Hall

SAMBRA Directors In attendance: Curtis Scoville, Chair, Liz Aldridge, Pearl McKenzie (recorder)

Directors sending regrets: Neil Ross, LeRoy McFarlane, Doug Hoodikoff

Residents in attendance: Three. Note: names not included here to protect privacy

Guests: Bruce Green, Fire Chief and Chris Murray, Oyster River Fire Department

Call to order: Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

First Order of Business: M/S/C Liz, Ted: that the SAMBRA AGM scheduled for this evening be postponed to May 9, 2017 to allow more people to attend and participate.

Minutes of Meeting held October 11, 2016 approved as read: M/S/C Liz , Judy

Financial Report: Liz Aldridge, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$899.09 plus Member Equity shares approximately \$40.41.

New Business:

- **Report on new Societies Act** – Pearl outlined some decisions SAMBRA members should make as part of the transition to the new Act, e.g.:
 - Number of directors – the model bylaws for the new Act suggest no fewer than three and no more than 11. We can adapt these numbers or choose our own.
 - Term of office – currently this is one year but Pearl suggests we consider starting off with an equal number of one and two year terms to ensure consistency as directors come and go in the future.
 - Membership – SAMBRA’s practice to date is that anyone attending a meeting takes part in voting and decision making. According to the bylaws “A person may apply for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member”.
 - Discussion about membership - It was agreed that membership be flexible and inclusive. For instance: members will live within the geographical area of Saratoga/Miracle Beach or be people affected by the same issues as SAMBRA residents
 - Becoming a member - Another column will be added to our meeting ‘sign in’ sheet giving people the opportunity to indicate that they would like to be a member. There are no membership fees for membership. Most decisions at meetings will continue to be made by consensus but, if there is a significant difference of opinion, only members will vote.
 - Next step – Special Resolution at the AGM, scheduled for May 9, 2017 (*Note: rescheduled to May 16 because of conflict with Provincial election*) to approve new bylaws for SAMBRA that meet the requirements of the new Act.

Reports:

- Beach Committee – Paul Barnett reported on activities of this group and described the need for some funds to cover expenses. M/S/C Pearl, Judy: that Paul and Liz be authorized to apply for a grant in aid up to an amount of \$1,000 to cover expenses of SAMBRA and the Beach Committee for the coming year.
- Oyster Rive Fire Hall – Bruce and Chris reported on recent activities and responded to questions. It was suggested that Bruce or Chris could attend a Beach Committee meeting to discuss overlapping concerns.

Discussion:

- **Local Social Media Sites** – A question was raised about mechanisms for sharing information among residents of the SAMBRA area. Suggestions included neighbourhood/street resources. For instance, residents of Seaview circulate a quarterly newsletter and other streets also have various ways of sharing info, often by email lists. One popular form of communication is the Black Creek Neighbours Facebook page.

Next Meeting Date (Annual General Meeting): Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Adjournment: M/C: Pearl to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM

Note: Further Information about SAMBRA meetings and the Local Area Plan process can be found on SAMBRA's website at WWW.SAMBRA.CA.

Contact Curtis Scoville if you have items you would like placed on the agenda of the next meetings or have questions. Phone 250 337-1986 or email: YourSAMBRA@outlook.com