

Corcan Meadowood Residents Association - Meeting Minutes for August 31, 2010

Elaine Pelligren, President
Gerry Anderson, Vice President
Dave Jones, Information Officer
Diane Anderson, Treasurer
Ramona Jones, Secretary
Trish Curtin, resident
Tim Peligren, resident
Betty Jablonski, resident
Jutta Mainland, resident
Reg Nosworthy, resident, ACES, POSAC*

Barbara Ness, resident
Peter Ness, resident
Alf Jablonski, resident, POSAC

Henry Grierson, Fire Management Specialist
Lee Douglas, assistant to H. Grierson

Minutes for May 3, 2010 Adopted - Elaine

\$1515.39 is current bank balance for CMRA..Treasurer's report presented. Expenses pending to rent Lighthouse community hall for annual general meeting and pay for associated advertising. Report will be posted on the CMRA website. Adopted

Action: Dave

Elaine provided our agenda for the AGM. Guest speakers to include: Paul Thorkelson, General Manager for Development Services, RDN. Barb Thomas, District Manager, Ministry of Highways. Area Directors, Lou Biggeman and Dave Bartram. Scott Fraser, MLA, for our area. Reps. for Wicklow West, Ross and Shirley Harvey will also attend.

Council for the CMRA will consist of 9 members, each holding 2 year terms. President: Elaine Peligren, Vice President: Gerry Anderson, 2nd Vice President, David Jones, 3rd Vice President, Alf Jablonski, Secretary: Ramona Jones, Treasurer: Ramona Jones, Council Member: Jutta Mainland, Council Member: Ozzie Jimmo. Last position is vacant but Peter Ness will consider that. Reg will not be a member, because this would set up a conflict of interest, given his role in POSAC

Member will have an opportunity to vote on the 2011 membership fees during the AGM. In 2010, each family paid 5.00.

Henry and Lee, joined our meeting at 7:30 p.m. so talk turned to the Fire Protection plan to be created for our area and funded by the RDN. They presented preliminary maps of our area showing this area as a hot spot, with a history of large forest fires until 1920. Refer to Firesmart website for information <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/firecom/pdf/homeowner-firesmart.pdf> We have a forest urban interface, and need to manage that. Houses at more risk are nestled in the trees. If 30 meter zones are cleared around housing, firefighters can better protect structures. Coniferous trees burn better than deciduous trees. Clear undergrowth. Houses are not typically engulfed by a roaring wall of fire. They burn when sparks from a fire land on roofs. Fire fighting Training for our residents would be useful and the help of heavy equipment and resources (water tanks, etc). In our area, we need more than one escape route. The provincial park route is a viable option. CMRA input to Fire Protection Plan welcomed until September 15.

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The meeting turned back to planning for the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association first general annual meeting. Dave will discuss the website, Gerry will update the highway access initiative, and Alf will talk about parks. **Gerry and Alf to action**

Reg talked about Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee. Each area has one. Any money to date has not come to our area because other parks have had priority in Errington and Coombs. Now, we have some demands, \$30,000 of playground equipment for the park by the Meadowood store. Perhaps some clearing can be done by Branden Lake Clearing Committee. Signage required for LQRV. Needs to be discussed in Thursday meeting with Tom Osborne, Manager of Parks and Recreation and Larry McNab, Chair of Parks and Recreation committee. **Gerry and Elaine to action**

Preparation for AGM underway. Gerry and Dave visited Lighthouse Community Hall to assess meeting space. We will bring our projection system **Tim to action.**

Advertising to be done through the NEWS, Oceanside Star, and the Beacon. Elaine to action

Discussion ensued about our status as a registered charity. We are a non profit society. Only a charity can issue tax receipts for charitable donations, and needs an identification number for this purpose. This issue is relevant to any fund raising we do for a community hall. **Trish to action.**

Ozzie will present ramp info and cost of access, Alf will present CO2 emissions into for commuting vehicles with or without highway access. **Ozzie and Alf to action.**

Second traffic count done, on Corcan, 200 fewer cars than survey at Baylis and 19A.

We need signs directing people to the Lighthouse Community Hall and audio visual setup. Tim will action.

Jutta to approach Quality Foods regarding meeting refreshments. **Jutta to action.**

Several people will register CMRA members and collect payment. Barb, Diane, Betty and Carolyn to action.

Reg suggested we ask Marilyn Sims, volunteer activity coordinator for Arrowsmith Community Enhancement Society to help with the AGM **Reg and Marilyn to action.**

50/50 draw and name tags will be in place for AGM **Candace to action.**
Donation jars to be set out.