

Prospect Lake & District Community Association

October 14, Monthly General Meeting

7:35 President Paul Scrimger called the meeting to order

1.Attendance and Minutes

In Attendance: Paul Scrimger(Pres.), Fred Haynes(V.P), David McLean(Treasurer), Barbara Newton (Sec.), Art Dimock (Dir.), Audrey Barnes (Dir.), Lois Steeves (Dir.), John Steeves (Dir.), Sue Barnes (Dir.), Sherron McPherson (Dir.), Dean Rebneris, Mark Hammer, Scott Emerson, John Emerson, Lisa Smith, Dave Barker, Bill Beach, Mark Carmichael, Johan Carmichael, Bob Etheridge, Rob Gibson, Stephanie Gibson, Cathy Haynes, Jason Hillis, Brett Large, Walter Large, Dorothy Large, Steve Gibson, Jim McIntyre, Sophia Miles–Dheenshaw, Barry Moores, Jill Moores, Winona Pugh, Linda Scotton, Steve Scotton, Sandra Scrimger, Shawn Steele,

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

In the interest of time the minutes of the September meeting were not read because members have been receiving the minutes via email. A copy was available. This will become standard practice until decided otherwise.

Motion to accept minutes of September meeting. MSC: Walter Large, Lois Steeves. Passed unanimously.

2.President’s Comments (Paul Scrimger)

Paul Scrimger’s comments are attached as the President’s message. Paul also acknowledged the contribution of Ken Bridge who passed away recently, as well as Luanne Bridge who predeceased him. Ken was a long time president of the PLDCA, and with his wife Luanne made a significant contribution to the PLDCA.

Motion to accept Paul’s acknowledgement. MSC: John Steeves.

3. Treasurer’s Report (David McLean)

At present there is slightly less than \$20,000 in the bank, which includes some prepaid rental revenue.

In the previous year the association raised some \$70,900 excluding grants. This was done through special events such as the Golf Tournament, the fall dance, rentals, donations, memberships, newsletter advertising.

Expenditures came to \$23,000 in operating expenses for the hall and expenses for fundraising events, insurance, repairs and maintenance, and utilities.

This leaves a net surplus of \$47,900 of moneys raised less operating expenses.

The large expenses of phase I and II of the renovation were covered by the Gaming Grant and the \$85,000 loan from Saanich.

At present we require \$22,500 in the bank at the end of November in order to qualify for phase III of the Gaming Grant. We also need to cover our regular operating expenses.

At present our liabilities are the \$85,000 loan from Saanich and some rental deposits (the latter liabilities will fall away when the rental takes place).

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. MSC: Dave Barker, Jason Hillis. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

4. Hall Renovation Report (Paul Scrimger)

The initial plan was for a hall renovation cost of \$70,000 but much more was accomplished. The renovation is complete except for the professional sign off.

Motion to accept the hall renovation report. MSC: Jason Hillis, Sandra Scrimger. Passed unanimously.

5. Design Committee Report (Barbara Newton)

The design committee was struck in the early spring to attend to the aesthetic aspects of the renovation. The committee was involved in selecting finishing materials and fixtures, painting of the inside and the outside of the hall, and arranging the ongoing maintenance of the hall by Bill Beach and John Steeves. Tasks still in progress are new signage of the outside of the hall, and decoration for the Christmas season. The design committee thanks all the members who volunteered to complete these projects.

Motion to accept the Design Committee Report. MSC: Lois Steeves, Jason Hillis.
Passed unanimously.

5. Events Committee Report (Sherron McPherson)

The event committee has submitted a \$25,000 request for a New Horizons grant. Also the GAB (Guided Autobiography) programme has started under the leadership of Sherron and Lori)

Motion to accept the Events Committee Report. MSC: Audrey Barnes, Barry Moores. Passed unanimously.

6. Traffic Committee Report (Bob Etheridge, co-chair)

There is a continued concern about the increase in traffic volume along Prospect Lake Road. The Traffic Survey undertaken by the committee revealed general concern about the current 50mph speed limit. Options are lowering the legal speed limit to 30mph and installing speed bumps. At present the committee plans to move ahead to urge Saanich to act on these options.

Motion to accept the Traffic Committee Report. MSC: Audrey Barnes, Sherron McPherson

7. Fundraising Committee (Fred Haynes)

In summary, close to \$300,000 has been raised for the hall in the last two years. The essential history is that the hall was closed from 2006–2008 due to its state of disrepair. The executive at the time carried on with regular community events, though funds to initiate a renovation were not available. Fred acknowledged the work of the previous executive, especially its President, Sherron McPherson, in keeping the organization going during this time.

When Paul Scrimger took over as President he, Dave McLean, Treasurer and Fred Haynes, VP initiated the following:

- application for phases I, II and III of a Gaming Grant
- an active fundraising campaign
- support from Country Grocer (total contribution to date @ \$40,000). Now that the hall can function as a rental, the Country Grocer program will terminate.

After initiation the renovation, the scope of the project had to be expanded due to regulatory requirements and the need for professional involvement. As a consequence the following was arranged

- an \$85,000 5 year interest free loan from Saanich

These funds have allowed Phases I and II of the renovation to proceed. Phase III is the replacement of the roof which is planned for 2010.

Fred outlined the preliminary activity and fundraising plans for the upcoming year. He pointed out that many community events that have been cost centres in the past can easily be turned into profit centres though imaginative events such as the dessert auction at the summer BBQ, at no loss of enjoyment to the community.

Paul Scrimger called for an acknowledgement of Fred's energy and imagination in raising the funds that made the renovation possible.

Motion to accept the report of the Fundraising Committee. MSC: Lois Steeves, Dorothy Large

8. Membership Committee (Barbara Newton)

Since, according to the bylaws of the association, all memberships (except for life memberships) fall away at the AGM every year, the Membership Committee has planned and is in the process of executing a three pronged plan for membership renewals and new memberships to follow directly upon the AGM

- direct mailout to list maintained by Sue Barker

- envelopes of renewal forms on mailboxes in community

- as wide a phoning campaign as the number of volunteers make possible

Motion to approve report of Membership Committee. MSC: Sherron McPherson, Audrey Barnes

9. Grant Committee (Fred Haynes)

Presently Paul Scrimger is working on phase III of the Gaming Grant, which is earmarked to replace the roof. We need \$22,500 in matching funds at the end of November. At present we have close to \$20,000 in the bank and are

undertaking our membership campaign. Fred does not anticipate any difficulty in having the necessary matching funds for the end of November.

Motion to accept the report of the Grant Committee. MSC: Dave Barker, Stephanie Gibson

10. Other Business

- Paul Scrimger acknowledged the ongoing, steady, dedicated effort from John and Lois Steeves.

-Sherron McPherson inquired when the next Newsletter would be forthcoming and if they were being produced at the rate of 4 per year. Fred expects the next newsletter to be available in mid-November - with four in a 12 month period.

10:00 President Paul Scrimger adjourned the meeting. MSC: Sandra Scrimger, Barry Moores