

OPSRRA Directors Minutes for Oct 21, 2005

Meeting held at SEAPARC facility at 7:30 P.M.

Present were Directors: S. Barta, A. Campbell, D. Evans W. Fritz, J. Dexter and K. Pungente.

Member: Alanda Carver and Guest Kate Woods.

James Dexter was appointed Recorder for the meeting.

Two items of concern to the members were added to the Agenda, and the agenda was adopted.

Moved by A. Campbell, seconded W. Fritz.

The adoption of minutes from the previous meeting was tabled to a later date.

Old Business

1. A letter to Elections B.C. has engendered no reply.
2. A letter to Surveyor M. Claxton re Kemp Lake boundaries has engendered no reply
- 3 A letter to the road mowing company has engendered no reply
4. A reply by phone message has been received from the Ministry of Health, Karen Rothe re watershed and boundary extension. K. Pungente will reply to her call.
5. We have not had a reply to our request for a governance study from the previous minister, so it was decided to re-send the letter of 25 March 05 to the incumbent minister I. Chong .This letter has so far received no reply
6. As a result of our recent membership meeting, we sent a letter to E. Lund, re an expanded role for the APC.

New Business

1. Membership Update: The phone lists used to contact the membership and updated at that time will be entered on the permanent membership records
2. Publicity:
Dan Ross, the editor of the Mirror, and the editor of the Rural Observer will be contacted for the possible insertion, either free or cheaply of coming events, under the OPSRRA aegis.
3. Notice Boards:
One notice board is up, and others are ready. Preferred places for the next batch of 7 signs were discussed and decided upon
4. OCP Zoning:
W. Fritz reports that a new draft Zoning was circulated for the Oct.19 Chair's meeting. At an ad hoc meeting of the Otter OCP zoning committee it was decided that the draft went further than the public meetings held so far allowed them to accept. Committee felt that 3or 4 more public meetings are required and that they were not prepared to accept the limit of one Chair's meeting and one public meeting, as suggested. W. Fritz will provide a further update when practicable. J. Dexter reiterates M. Nelson's view of Shirley zoning progress. One more public meeting to iron out some details regarding some commercial zoning questions should be satisfactory to complete the work.
5. OPSRRA Web Site:
S Barta has asked all directors to log in to the OPSRRA web site and report to her if there are access problems. All agreed.
6. Newsletter:

Candidates for the various positions in the upcoming elections will be asked for bio and pertinent information to be included in the upcoming newsletter.

7. Borderlands:

SARA has asked for material in response to E. Butler's letter. Our statement was sent posthaste, but is slow getting on to SARA's web site because of re-organization due to the upcoming election.

A. Campbell reports that despite the passing of a deadline and pressure from the province, Sooke will not submit a Regional Context Statement till after the election, according to Sooke Mayor J. Evans

A general discussion ensued as to whether our Butler response or some other material should be sent to the Sooke Mirror, re extension. The Borderlands sub-committee will meet on this issue.

8. Timberwest Logging:

Concerns about Timberwest's logging around the water supply for Elder Camp were raised by A. Carver and K. Woods.

A. Campbell has had preliminary discussions with S. Lorimer [Director Community Relations-TimberWest around concerns such as waterlines, blow-downs and Muir Creek degradation. These discussions will lead to a meeting with the concerned residents and the engineering staff at Timberwest.

9. Timberwest Prospectus:

A Campbell reports that a look at Timberwest's prospectus aimed at selling the 557 acre area recently logged above Otter Point Fire Hall, was full of errors and he has discussed these with the realtor. The realtor has corrected some of the worst errors.

10. All Candidate meeting format.

In general discussion it was decided that K. Pungente would pass the Chair of the meeting to A Campbell. The School board trustees will go first, the order decided by lot. They will have 3 minutes each, a question and answer period and then a further 2 minutes for answers to questions if necessary. Otter Point residents will have first questions, before visitors. Visitors will ask their questions before a second round of local questions. The meeting will be held on the 2nd of November at 7:00 P.M. at the Otter Point Fire Hall.

11. Other Business:

A. Carver raised the possibility of fill being dumped on the Arden property near Anderson Road. There may be drainage and other issues.

OPSRRA was able to suggest a number of Official and unofficial sources for information and help identifying and dealing with potential problems.

Submitted by J. Dexter, October 28 2005