

OPSRRA Minutes January 24 2006

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

Appointment of Recorder: J. Dexter

Adoption of Agenda: Moved, A. Campbell, Seconded, W. Fritz. Carried

Adoption of minutes for December: Moved S. Barta, Seconded, D. Evans. Carried

Old Business:

OPSRRA has a letter out to Elections B.C. which has engendered no reply. A. Campbell has suggested an active follow up.

A letter regarding the Kemp Lake boundary to Surveyor M. Claxton has received no reply and K. Pungente has volunteered to follow up on it.

The letter regarding roadside mowing has received no reply and the consensus was the subject should be dropped as the mowing was eventually done.

K. Pungente has undertaken to contact the Ministry of Environment in regard to the Kemp Lake Watershed issue.

OPSRRA has sent a letter in support of the Muir Creek Park proposal not to log within 30 metres of the creek, to S. Lorimer of TimberWest, with copies to the South Island Forest District, the Department of Fisheries and SEAPARC We have received a letter back from SEAPARC.

S Jorna – President of the JDF Trails Society has suggested to the province that the old School property could serve as a trail head for the proposed King Creek system of trails. OPSRRA supports this idea. W. Fritz has agreed to look after this file.

Since the meeting with the Ministry, there has been no further word from the province on the Governance study.

The minutes of that meeting will be entered into these minutes.

The Nomination Committee M. Moneo, D. Evans and K Pungente will meet at a later date, to be decided.

New Business:

Membership Update: K. Pungente reports one new member.

Treasurers Report: K. Pungente reports approximately Three Hundred Dollars in the bank, now that the printing and distribution bills have been paid to the Sooke Mirror.

Publicity Committee: D. Evans has nothing to report.

Notice Boards: There is one Notice Board nearly ready for painting.

There has been no new correspondence.

LUC "A" Committee had no Otter Point issues to report on

APC Report by W. Fritz:

The question of zoning for thirteen non-conforming dwellings at Tugwell creek was sent to the APC by the LUC "A" Committee. The APC has asked the LUC "A" Committee to ask the CRD Planning Department to find a way to allow the residents to repair their homes.

Shirley Zoning: J. Dexter has no new activity to report

Otter District Zoning: W. Fritz reports that two meetings have been held on January 11 and 16 respectively. Definition of SR 1 to be 1 dwelling and 4 cabins. One more meeting is scheduled but more requested. The CRD director is anxious to sign off on the Zoning.

Web Site: S. Barta reports that members can sign up on line and that businesses can list their business on-line, and that she has made a new Home Page format. She soon hopes to collate all the different links in one sidebar area on the Home Page.

Timber West Sale: A. Campbell reports that the closing will not take place before February when we will know who the new owner is.

Governance and Annexation: A. Campbell reports that the petitions may be dropped of at the Kemp Lake Store. The Burma Shave style signs will be moved daily to catch the widest possible audience. The booth at Sooke Center for the weekend of January 28 will be piggybacked with the Muir Creek Protection Society, from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Governance Press Release: W Fritz offered a draft press release dealing with the Governance issues. A motion to accept was made by S. Barta and seconded by J. Dexter. Carried.

Annexation Press Release: S. Barta offered to circulate a proposed press release dealing with watershed issues by e-mail, and this suggestion was welcomed.

A.G.M.: Date of A.G.M. to be February 21, 2006. Invitees to be J. Horgan, MLA., E. Lund, CRD Director. Ballots and ballot box will be provided, in case of need. Advertising in the Sooke Mirror to be done by Feb 10th. A. Campbell will prepare the Agenda and Summary of Activities. The Agenda will include a Governance study update, an Annexation update, a Soils Removal Bylaw update. A short preparatory meeting will be held on Tuesday February 7 at Ms. S. Barta's residence.

Motion to adjourn

