

Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers Association

AGM

March 18, 2012
Shirley Community Hall
2:00 pm

1. Approval of agenda:
Motion: Murray Tompkins
Second: Gerard LeBlanc
Carried
2. Appointment of Recorder – Fiona McDannold
3. Introductions and announcements:
 - Arnie introduced current board members
 - Arnie thanked Wayne for his time on the OPSRRA board and all he had done for OPSRRA, along with all of his contributions to the community.
 - Arnie introduced Mike Hicks and John Horgan
 - Arnie introduced Harold Shipton, LUC for Shirley/JR, Heather Phillips, LUC for Otter Point, Brenda Mark and Fiona McDannold, members of the Shirley/JR Advisory Planning Commission and Anne Miller, member of the Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission
 - Shirley Craft Fair will be Sunday, March 25, 2012, 10am – 4pm
 - Deputy Auditor General is speaking on forest issues on Wednesday, March 21, 7:30, Fraser Building, UVic
 - Shirley Fire Protection Society Meeting, April 8, 2012
4. Approval of Minutes from the AGM of March 27 2011
 - Bob outlined the minutes
Motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2011: Michelle James,
Second: Harold Shipton
Carried
5. Membership report:
 - Erik reported that at the time of the 2011 AGM there were 376 members: 318 from Otter Point and 58 from Shirley. Over the past year we have removed 8 members (moved, lost contact, deceased, moved to Associate status) and have added 15members. Membership now stands at 383: 62 from Shirley and 321 from Otter Point. There are also 22 associate members (do not resided in the Shirley or Otter Point area, receive the newsletter, but do not have voting privileges)
Motion to accept the membership report: Ken Pungente
Second: Murray Tompkins
Carried

6. Treasurer's report: attached to these minutes [see below]

- Board asked at November membership meeting to open OPSRRA community account and transfer \$1000 from the Vision Account to this new account.
- Discussion regarding costs and expenses

Motion: Bob Phillips: OPSRRA close out the Vision Account spreadsheet. OPSRRA to then establish an OPSRRA Community Account spreadsheet with an opening transfer of \$1000.

Second: Anne Miller

Carried

Motion: Bob Phillips: To pay the Society Act fee of \$25.00

Second: Mary Brown

Carried

Motion: Bob Phillips: To approve the Treasurer's report

Second: Gerard LeBlanc

Carried

- Query from floor: Have donors for the signage been thanked? Arnie said that individual donors were thanked. Arnie also credited Gerard for getting a substantial donation to the signage project.

7. President's report: Arnie Campbell summarized the activities of OPSRRA over the past year. Summary of activities attached to these minutes.

Questions from floor:

- Any meetings with Western or Island Timberlands?
Arnie reported that OPSRRA has been trying to meet with WFP but no response up to now. Island Timberlands has not been contacted as they don't have forest lands in our area.
- Bill James Dam issue: a question was asked as to whether there are any other dams they are trying to decommission?
Mike Hicks informed the meeting that the Steelhead Dam in the Kokish River near Port McNeil will be decommissioned due to run of river project and that there are changes coming in the Fisheries Act which will impact our fishery.

8. Elections:

- Nominations committee: all current directors standing except for Wayne Fritz.
- Caroline Larsen has agreed to be nominated.
- OPSRRA Directors each gave a short biography
- Mike Hicks conducted the election
- All were elected by acclamation:
 - Arnie Campbell – President
 - Fiona McDannold – Vice President
 - Bob Phillips – Treasurer
 - Brenda Mark – Director

- Sandy Barta – Director
- Erik James – Director
- Caroline Larsen – Director
- Marika Nagasaka – Director

9. Guest speaker: John Horgan:

- Outlined issues over the past year which have impacted his being an MLA
- Discussed oil tanker issue and BC Hydro Smart Meters. Interest from the public regarding smart meters with several questions

10. Guest Speaker: Mike Hicks:

- Mike went over issues which affect this area including fishery issues, HST rebate for recreational properties, pipeline issues, Bill James Dam, Sheringham Water Works and watershed, Shirley Fire radio tower, inclusion of Jordan River into Shirley Fire District, Shirley/JR OCP review, Jordan River park site, Otter Point OCP, taxation, Telus communications tower in Otter Point and governance in the JdF.
- Arnie thanked both guests and presented each with some honey as a gift.

11. New Business:

OPSRRA priorities: Governance, water and community forests

Water: Bob Phillips and Marika Nagasaka discussed difficulties in narrowing down this topic to areas which would be of use for a workshop.

- Range of issues included with water are: water sheds and climate change, water and agriculture/serious gardening, wells, water licenses, rain water harvesting, septic issues, water issues specific to rural areas
- OPSRRA membership will be surveyed as to which areas are of most interest and which might be basis for a water forum.

Governance:

- Arnie Campbell discussed reasons for concern over JdF governance, ie Silver Spray, Marine Trails – crisis management rather than proper process and lack of local decision making
- OPSRRA met with elected officials including Minister Ida Chong and a governance review was agreed upon.
- Discussion regarding various governance issues.
- Question as to whether this is should be an OPSRRA priority. Consensus is yes.

Community Forest

- Consideration to establishing a community forest in area
- Sid Jorna of JDF Community Trails and Arnie Campbell are looking into this independently of their organizations.

- Uses: commercial, recreation, demo forests, research, tourism, green space, land banking, watershed protection, wild life habitat protection
- Discussion regarding John Charles' family trust and Jordan River CRD property
- Discussion regarding support of stakeholders, agreement on use, who governs, who owns, who fundraises, issues of expenses, maintenance, insurance, taxes
- Need to have community support. JdF Trails supports in principle – OPSRRA?
- Need a decision on whether to proceed by fall.

Adjournment:

Motion: Murray Tompkins at 4:20 pm

OPSRRA TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 27, 2011 TO MARCH 18,2012

Vision Account Spreadsheet

Balance: \$1,201.75 (no activity this year)

OPSRRA Main Account

Debits \$433.77

Credits \$363.00

Balance: \$515.25

Petty cash float balance: \$41.36

Total OPSRRA assets: \$1,758.36 (March 12, 2012)

Otter Point-Shirley Signage Project

Cash Donations \$3,675.00

Expenditures \$3,435.36

The project received cash donations from Butler Brothers, the EDC, Sooke Business Park and 3L Development as well as **significant** in kind donations from Sooke Home Hardware and MainRoad Construction. The membership meeting on December 4, 2011 voted to move the balance of \$239.64 into the Main OPSRRA Account spreadsheet.

OPSRRA Community Account Proposal

OPSRRA has changed over the past ten years and will probably continue to raise funds to provide and administer community projects like the Vision Project and the more recent Signage Project. OPSRRA will have to “care for” our new community signs and our 24 notice boards. At the time of municipal elections we host and advertise for All Candidates Meetings. There will surely be “community” requirements and opportunities in the coming years. The Vision Account, really a separate spreadsheet, has had no expenditures over the past year and should be re-examined as to current relevance. The Board of Directors has considered possible approaches. We believe it makes sense to decommission the Vision Spreadsheet and to establish a new spreadsheet/account which we would call the OPSRRA Community Account with an initial internal transfer of \$1,000.00.

Motion: OPSRRA close out the Vision Account spreadsheet. OPSRRA would then establish an OPSRRA Community Account spreadsheet with an opening transfer of \$1,000.00.

Bob Phillips, Treasurer