

Minutes of the 2012 Rita Park Cottagers' Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday, August 11, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Chris Campbell called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Roll Call

Chris Campbell, Cathy Hamilton, Rick McGraw, Kevin Holly, Jean Karges, Kim and John Putnikovich, Stan Mott and his son Terry, Cary Lee and Liz Richmond, Scott and Sue McKinney, Doug and Margaret Archibald, Glen and Karen Wallace, Chris and Lisa Johnson.

President's Report (Chris Campbell)

Chris gave a brief outline of the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting and asked that a motion be made that they be accepted as read.

MOTION, made by Kevin Holly, seconded by Doug Archibald and Jean Karges: Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Rick McGraw)

Rick gave the treasurer's report as follows:

- All fees are now paid monthly
- No large sums are required at any one time (such as a \$600 insurance bill mid-summer), which at times was problematic
- We have monthly obligations of automatic withdrawals from our account of approximately \$41.00 for taxes and \$45.00 for insurance and bank charges, which comes to an annual commitment of roughly \$1,200.00. With park maintenance fees for grass cutting, our minimum annual expenditures would be \$1,500. With fees at \$75.00 per member per year we can reach this commitment. If we can attain an average of 25 paying members we will have funds to take on other small projects.
- The current bank balance is at \$158.00 , which is sufficient to take care of our short term needs. Anticipating a health collection of dues at the picnic we should be in good shape for the months to come.

MOTION, made by Doug Archibald to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by John Putnikovich and Scott McKinney: Carried.

Election of 2012 – 2013 Executive and Directors

- **President:** Chris Campbell to remain as such.
- **Vice-President:** **MOTION**, by Chris Campbell, nominating Rick McGraw to replace Kevin as vice-president, seconded by Doug Archibald. Rick accepted: Carried.
- **Treasurer:** **MOTION**, by Chris Campbell, nominating Kevin Holly as treasurer, seconded by Jean Karges. Kevin accepted: Carried.
- **Secretary:** **MOTION**, by Kevin Holly, nominating Cathy Hamilton as secretary, Chris Campbell seconded. Cathy accepted: Carried.

- **Board of Directors:** Directors will remain as per last year, with the addition of Liz Richmond. This term's directors are: Doug Archibald, Sally Landon, Donna Miller, Stan Mott, Kim Putnikovich, Glen Wallace, Liz Richmond.
- **Social Committee:** Liz Richmond would like to be added to the committee. This term's social committee consists of: Sally Landon, Jean Karges, Cathy Hamilton, Karen Wallace, Liz Richmond and Margaret Archibald.

Old Business

- **a) Web Site:**

Rita Park has a web site which was created by Kevin Holly: www.ritapark.ca (*The address needs to be typed into the address bar. If you "Google" it, you will get listings relating to California!*) All are welcome to visit the site and add stories, photos, etc. to it as they wish. See Kevin to gain insights into the technology.

- **b) Culvert and Ravine:**

There is ongoing research into who is responsible for repairs to the culvert and ravine. Installation in 1959 was a shared cost between the city and the association. Rick was fairly certain that the repairs done in the 1980s "washout" were undertaken all at the city's/county's expense when the ravine flooded and washed over its banks and gutted the ravine walkway down to the beach. The replacement and repair of the railing at the bottom of the ravine beach access is still a work in progress.

- **c) Beach Use:**

Members have two access points:

- ravine walkway;
- stairs on the McKinney property (next to the Kalmbach property).

Members have the right to walk across the owners' beaches to get to our "maintained" beaches:

- at the east end – below the Miller, McGraw, Rutter and Goldsmith properties
- at the west end – in front of the McKinney, Kalmbach and Muir properties

We ask you to please keep the beaches tidy: no bottles, small fires, etc., and please clean up afterwards. A hearty thank you was extended by Chris because no glass has been found in the fire pit in the park this past year!

New Business

a) Sea Walls:

In front of Rita Kalmbach's property: It will be reconstructed using stone blocks, either by placing them in front of her existing metal wall or by removing the old wall.

In front of Kevin Holly's property: It will be newly built using stone blocks. It will tie in to the Hoovers' and Motts' existing retaining walls.

In front of Everill Muir's property: Everill has expressed an interest in getting some repairs done to her wall when the other work is being done.

Any other "beach work" we can get done to take advantage of the presence of the large machinery on the beach should be contemplated.

b) Pig Roast:

Thank you to all of those people who organized it and hopefully the weather will co-operate. The price for the dinner is set at \$10.00 per adult. Children are free. Overall costs are expected to be in the \$450.00 range. Hopefully we will get 40 or more adults and we can cover the costs.

c) Christmas Party:

We haven't had a Christmas party in over two years but Sally is determined to pursue it again in the fall and see if we can resurrect it.

d) Tree Removal:

There are several dead/dying trees around the perimeter of the park. One large broken/half-fallen maple behind Jean Karge's house poses a danger. Rick and Chris will address these problems once the leaves are off in the fall as no imminent danger is seen.

e) West End Stairs:

There is a large gap between the bottom step and the surface of the beach, which is due to high water levels and subsequent erosion. We could put a wooden stringer there to fill in the gap, but with the high water they would probably not last, and with the construction to begin soon in the area, it was determined that we should wait until after the work is done in the sea walls before fixing the problem.

f) Toddler Swings:

Both sets of swings have been inspected and although the children's swings are in good shape, the toddlers' swings should be replaced. Chris Campbell has offered to donate a new swing in memory of his mother and father, Beryl and Keith Campbell. Stan Mott also offered to donate the second swing in memory of the Mott family. The cost of each swing is approximately \$150.00.

As there were no further items of business presented for discussion:

MOTION, by Doug Archibald that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.