

SAMBRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Via Zoom

(Due to COVID-19 restrictions regarding public meetings)

MINUTES OF MEETING

In attendance: Curtis Scoville; Jane Bentley; Bud Bablitz; Bill Crowder; Pearl McKenzie; Marion Waters

Guests: none

Call to order: Curtis Scoville, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Motion to accept the Agenda:

Moved/Seconded: Pearl McKenzie/Bud Bablitz
Carried.

Minutes of June, 2020 Annual General Meeting:

Moved/Seconded: Jane Bentley/Bud Bablitz
to approve the minutes as presented.
Carried.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Curtis presented an informal summary of recent communications with SAMBRA members. A question was raised about curbside **rural garbage and recycling collection** and the future closure of the recycling depot on Regent Rd. Public Informational Meetings are scheduled for May 11, 13, 19. Members can check out the following CVRD link for the latest information:

<https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/roadsidecollection>

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report follows minutes
- Jane will be stepping down as Treasurer and as SAMBRA director. She described the duties of the position and offered to train a new person. We thank Jane for her four years of volunteer work with SAMBRA
- Bud Bablitz, director, volunteered for the position.

New Business

Election of Directors:

Curtis Scoville explained that the SAMBRA directors are the voting members of the association and represent a quorum. There are seven director positions. (One is now vacant because Jane has stepped down.) Residents are usually polled at the SAMBRA

meetings in order to determine their support or objections to any motions. However, considering the global pandemic situation, the current directors will be re-elected by acclamation for another term.

Moved/Seconded: Pearl McKenzie/Bill Crowder

That the following directors be re-elected, and that the treasurer be elected, by acclamation for the 2021-22 year:

- Curtis Scoville – Chair
- Marion Waters – Secretary
- William (Bud) Bablitz – Treasurer
- Pearl McKenzie – Director at Large
- Bill Crowder – Director at Large

Old Business

Review of 2020-2021 Issues

Mosquito Management Update:

- CVRD to implement Duka Environmental Services Mosquito Management Plan this year (2021)
- Duka Environmental Services Ltd. will oversee the plan to ensure it is implemented correctly according to provincial guidelines

Watutco and BCOB Water Service Integration:

- Terms for integration are being negotiated
- Construction of new well is underway on north side of Oyster River
- After integration, there will be one water service in the community instead of two, and the combined system will have multiple water licences with capacity adequate for current demands and planned developments.
- The proposed rate plan (not yet confirmed): Watutco households will be charged a fixed rate for the first 10 years, then according to usage after that (meters will be installed)

Beach Accesses (waste management and accessibility):

- Boulders have been illegally placed to block public parking on Beach Cresc. Those responsible will be ordered to remove them by MOTI

Road Conditions (pedestrian and cyclist safety):

- Saratoga Beach Rd. from curve below golf course to Regent Rd. is an area of heavy summer traffic including RV's, pedestrians, cyclists. It is also in poor condition due to potholes. Edwin Grieve has sent request to MOTI (Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure) to widen and upgrade this stretch.
- Clarkson Rd. upgrades are continuing (widening, fixing potholes, improving flood-prone areas). MOTI improved existing culvert and drainage

- Miracle Beach Rd. is a safety concern as there is no proper shoulder on the south side for cyclists and pedestrians. During summer months, increased traffic of all kinds creates safety issues as vehicles/pedestrians/cyclists/horses all jostle for space. Edwin Grieve is aware of the issues but says there are no funds for improvements at this time.

Next Meeting TBA in May/June:

This will be an informal zoom Q and A meeting with our Local Area C Representative, Edwin Grieve and the SAMBRA directors. Curtis will see if the CVRD is willing to host the meeting and open it to all SAMBRA members. (Unfortunately, we are not technologically equipped to do so.) SAMBRA members are invited to contact Curtis Scoville curtisscoville@gmail.com and/or Edwin Grieve edwingrieve@shaw.ca with any questions - or any SAMBRA director.

Adjournment: Pearl McKenzie

8:15 pm

Financial Statement for SAMBRA (as of March 1, 2021)

Opening Balance as of March 1, 2020: \$4108.87

Expenditures:

Bank Fees (printed statements March 1, 2020 – March 1, 2021).

12 X 2.50 \$30.00

Canada Post (P.O. Box rental for one year) \$181.65

BC Society Annual Report \$40.00

Duka Environmental (mosquito abatement) \$2765.93

Total Expenditures: \$3017.58

Income:

Interest earned March 1/20 – March 1/21 .09

Grant-in-Aid \$4000.00

Total Income: \$4000.09

Closing Balance as at March 1, 2021 \$5091.38

Savings (Member Equity Shares) \$41.92

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Bentley (Treasurer for SAMBRA)