

**SAMBRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2015**  
**At Miracle Beach School**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

*Note: names of people attending this meeting and those who made motions are not included here to protect privacy.*

**Guests:**

- Ann MacDonald, Executive Manager of Strategic and Long Range Planning, Comox Valley Regional District
- Alana Mullaly, Manager of Planning Services for the Comox Valley Regional District

**Call to order:** Curtis Scoville called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes of Meeting:** The Secretary read the notes from the meeting held September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Reports**

**1. Chairperson's Report:** Curtis presented his annual Chairman's Report:

- (i) Official Community Plan (OCP) adopted by the Comox Valley Regional District
- (ii) Local Area Plan in progress
- (iii) Concerns about impacts on the Oyster River or Black Creek from:
  - a. New cattle operation near Hamm Rd and Hwy 19
  - b. Coal exploration on Woodhus Creek and elsewhere
- (iv) Concerns over the Black Creek Oyster Bay Water Service
  - a. Infiltration Gallery offline due to turbidity
  - b. Water Restrictions
  - c. Ground water vs. river water
- (v) Formation of the Watutco Water Users Group (WWUG)

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Liz Aldridge, Treasurer, presented the Year End Financial Report (see attached).

MSC: that SAMBRA apply to the Comox Valley Regional District for a grant in aid in the amount of \$400 for this new fiscal year.

MSC: that the financial report be accepted as read.

**New Business**

**1. Election of Board Members**

Curtis Scoville presented the list of nominees for the following positions:

- Chair - Curtis Scoville;
- Treasurer - Liz Aldridge;

- Secretary - Pearl McKenzie;
- Directors at Large: LeRoy McFarlane, Neil Ross and Dave Groom
- Vice-Chair: vacant.

A volunteer attending the meeting assumed the role of Chair for the election of board members, reading the nominees for each position and asking three times: “Are there any further nominations from the floor?” The Acting Chair thanked the directors who had completed their term and announced that the following directors were elected by acclamation to fill the following Board positions:

- Chair: Curtis Scoville
- Vice Chair: this position is vacant
- Treasurer: Liz Aldridge
- Secretary: Pearl McKenzie
- Directors at Large: LeRoy McFarlane, Neil Ross and Dave Groom

## **2. Saratoga Miracle Beach Local Area Plan (LAP)**

Ann MacDonald, Manager of Strategic and Long Range Planning and Alana Mullaly, Manager of Planning Services presented an update on development of the Local Area Plan (LAP) by the Comox Valley Regional District. Their presentation included information about:

- Timelines – expectation that a draft LAP will be presented in March 2015
- Background, Purpose and Boundaries of the LAP for our area. They noted that the Regional Growth Strategy identifies areas in the Comox Valley that are settlement nodes and directs that a LAP be developed for each. Seaview Road is not included in this boundary and is not covered by the LAP.
- Water – since water is a limiting factor, likelihood that this will be a “low growth” plan until issues pertaining of water are resolved.
- Septic and sewer – a hydrological survey is underway, collecting water from community ditches, etc. to measure level of bacteria and possibly identify failing septic systems. The results of this survey will determine next steps but a future waste water management system would target high density areas, especially along the foreshore.
- Local Area Plan objectives
- Policies, including growth; recreation, parks and trails; environment protection; transportation; community amenities priorities, economic development.

After a question and discussion period, Curtis thanked the speakers for their time and presentation.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Carried.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015; 7 PM, Miracle Beach School Library.

Contact Curtis Scoville if you are interested in being on the Board of SAMBRA, have items you would like placed on the agenda of the next meetings or have questions. Phone 250 337-1986 or email [SAMBRA@outlook.com](mailto:SAMBRA@outlook.com).

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