

Crystal Water Beach Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11th July 2015

The Annual General Meeting of the Crystal Water Beach Community Association was called to order by Don Rathborne at 10:10 am.

Don Rathborne opened the meeting by:

- Appealing to the assembled membership for involvement in the activities of the Community Representatives Committee - especially by new members and by new generations.
- Giving recognition to all of the existing Committee, and to many others for their voluntary efforts, in particular to Jim Ramsay, and also:
 - Katrina and Ron Watts, Harvey Delaney, Judy Reitenbach (Daffodil Fairy), and a Waters Plat neighbour for path-clearing (apologies if some have been omitted).
- Giving mention in remembrance of Community Members lost, and
- Welcoming many new family additions during the past year.

ADOPTION OF THE 2014 AGM MINUTES:

It was moved by Phil King, seconded by Karl Gregg, that the minutes of the 2013 - 2014 AGM be approved as circulated, with amendment to include mention that extensive discussion was held to clarify an overrun that occurred in the cost of drainage works that year. *Carried*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Roads

Resurfacing was completed on Crystal, Sylvia and Robert Drive, and Holiday Lane. Speed bumps were included. The recurring dust problem from the old surface is resolved. The expected life of the present recycled asphalt surface is 7 to 10 years, providing drivers exercise due care, especially on corners.

East Bluff Tree Trimming

Planned trimming was completed, and views restored. Removal of the trimmed material from below the bluff remains to be completed, and is planned for a fall work party/burn (Time TBA).

Drains on Robert Drive

Remedial drains have been installed on the east side of the road to collect and transmit excess surface water. Test of expected effectiveness will require waiting for the expected fall rains.

Drains on West Saturna Place

Properties on the West Saturna cul-de-sac have difficulty draining surface water to the county ditch on Crystal Beach Road, due to nearly-level inverts. The Committee will pursue the possibility of making this workable in the current year. There are no easements which would enable this water to be drained to the west perimeter of the subdivision (down the natural slope to the west).

Upland Tree Assessment Program

The Committee intends to establish an ongoing program to address a number of identified issues with trees on community property, and formulate a program to resolve these issues, particularly safety, and restoration of views. This is seen as an ongoing effort over several years. Among these are: the alder on

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Crystal Drive (the tire swing) which has some dead branches that should be removed, and trees overhanging Robert Drive.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for 2014 – 2015.

The Financial Statement for 2014 – 2015 was submitted and reviewed at the meeting. The bank balance as of 30th June 2015 was \$18,696.69

Approval of the Financial Statement was moved by Anita Bugden, seconded by Richard Landahl.

Carried

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2015 – 2016.

The Committee submitted its Budget Estimate for the coming year, indicating the bank balance would be maintained at approximately the present level.

It was moved by Karl Gregg, seconded by Judy Reitenbach that the Budget be approved as submitted.

Carried

Incorporated in the Approved Budget is a renewal of the annual CWB Dues assessment. It was moved by Katrina Watts, seconded by Karl Gregg that the Annual Dues be set at \$50 (Cdn).

Carried

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Everyone is asked to review the community reminders - available on the CWB website, to ask for compliance from guests, and post the reminders at their cabins.

The Crystal Water Beach Covenant between the original landowner and CWB property owners provides guidance for neighbourly interactions for all members of the Community, and is also available for review on the website (See link: New Member Information) All are urged to look this up for reference.

Drivers are asked to keep speeds very low (ie: less than posted), for the safety of the many young children in our Community, and to observe the stop signs at the corners.

Evidence of smoking at the bluff benches was discussed, and a motion was made by Steve Jackson, seconded by Deirdre Gregg that the CWB Committee review and implement appropriate response to this problem – this may include appropriate signage, collection /disposal of smoking remnants, and/or declaration that CWB is a Non-Smoking community.

Carried

POINT ROBERTS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Harvey Delaney attended several PRTA meeting this past year on behalf of the CWB Community. He reported on the many community-oriented initiatives the PRTA has undertaken, including the reinstallation of the floats at the State Park; support of the “No Towers” campaign; encouragement of elimination of plastic bags at the International Marketplace; promotion of a traffic circle at Benson and Tyee Roads. The PRTA works cooperatively with the Voters Association, and the PR Character Planning group.

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Moved by Harvey Delaney, seconded by Kathy McGrenera, that we again support the PRTA with a \$350 donation. **Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

NO TOWERS CAMPAIGN

The NO TOWERS initiative has had some success in its opposition to the erection of the proposed radio towers, but has need for additional funding to continue. Individuals can support the NO TOWER group by donating on the NOTOWER website.

It was moved by Maureen Landahl, seconded by Dave McKenzie, that CWB Community Association donate \$500 in aid of this cause. **Carried**

PLAYGROUND SIGNS ON CRYSTAL BEACH ROAD:

Discussion regarding the positioning of these portable signs on the edge of the paved road: concern that, rather than resulting in slowdown, some drivers actually speed up to get through the narrowed point before oncoming traffic. It was noted the signs are unofficial, and the county speed limit is 25mph, despite previous community requests to lower the speed limit. Direct observers have seen both slowdown behaviour and occasional speeding up. The location of the signs is felt to be more effective on the edge of the road, rather than on the adjacent shoulder or ditch, and they are seen as a speed deterrent to most drivers, and a reminder to all drivers once turned off APA Road, especially when placed on the roadway of Crystal Beach Drive.

4-WAY STOP AT WATERS RD / CRYSTAL BEACH RD:

Moved by Richard Landahl, seconded by Dave McInnes, that the Committee approach Whatcom County authority with a view to installing this additional control on Waters Road. **Carried**

TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT USE OF MOTOR HOMES:

The presence of a motorhome on a CWB property is apparently in compliance with Whatcom County restrictions (up to 6 months per year). The owner is progressing with development, but is currently delayed until a "perk" test can be performed (in the fall). The Crystal Water Beach Covenant states that no trailers are to be used as residences.

DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TO NEW PR LIBRARY

CWB has previously made donations to this worthy cause from proceeds of a "Shindig" event. For the present, individuals are encouraged to make personal contributions, if so inclined.

INTERTIDAL LANDS

Moved by Richard Landahl, seconded by Howard Mickelson, that Tyler Steele be appointed to lead an ad-hoc committee to explore opportunities to secure CWB access to the tidelands in the long-term future, and to present their findings and recommendations to the Committee by 31st January 2016, for consideration and subsequent report to the CWB members.

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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES 2015 – 2016:

It was moved by Katrina Watts, seconded by Anita Bugden, that the following Representatives be elected:

Carried

For Year 2 of their 2-year term:

Charlotte Goelz
Barb Aven
Jim Bedard

For Year 1 of their 2-year term:

Karl Gregg
Ann-Marie Corrigan
Dave Graham

Participation by at least one more volunteer would be welcomed. Please contact a current representative if you are interested.

CRYSTAL WATER BEACH BLUFF PARTY 2015 – Saturday. August 1st 5:00pm

Bring table and chairs, dinner, a potluck dessert for the table, and a prize for the bingo.

Volunteers needed for the following:

- Bingo callers – Peter Aven / Curt Watts (To Be Confirmed)
- Table pickup - ??
- PA system – Nancy Marion
- Coffee – Barb
- Dessert Tables – Aven/Watts/McKenzie
- **Children's races – Saturday morning.** Elise McGrenera and Angela Marion. Time - TBA
- **Sandcastle contest – Sunday August 2nd** at 11:00am start. Judging starts at 12:00

ADDITIONAL THANK-YOU'S:

Richard Landahl expressed the thanks of the Community to Don Rathborne for stepping in and chairing the committee for the past year (again).

Charlotte Goelz noted that Dave McKenzie again stepped up with the needed Raccoon Roundup. Owners of small dogs (and many others) are thankful!

ADJOURNMENT – moved by Phil King, that the meeting be adjourned.

Next meeting Saturday 9th July 2016 10:00am