

**40 MILE PARK MEETING
APRIL 3, 2008
SMRID OFFICE, BOW ISLAND**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Blair McNeely, Rob May, Lorne Buis, Bruce Vine, Vern Beck, Steve Forbes, LeRon Torrie, Ron Lane, Larry Weatherhead, Mike Janzer, Brenda Hallett, Len Varjassy

2. Minutes – The minutes from the March 6, 2008 meeting were distributed.

Motion: Bruce Vine moved the adoption of the minutes as presented.

Seconded: Rob May seconded.

Carried.

Terry Partis from Lot C66 was present. He was wondering if he would be able to have his dock in the same place as last year. Bruce Vine told him he would get the same spot as last year, but he couldn't promise the same in future years. Terry also wanted to know if he would have to fill out an application for a Development Permit to build a fence around his lot. Bruce Vine told him that he would have to apply for a permit for any changes to the lot.

3. Financial Report – Mike Janzer

Mike handed out copies of the Financial Report from last month and we reviewed it.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved to adopt the Financial Report.

Seconded: Len Varjassy seconded the motion.

Carried.

We have only 1 past due account from last year. Mike has turned it over to a Collection Agency. Mike has given credit cards with a \$500 limit to Jake & Helen to buy small items, rather than having them pay for items out of their own pocket and getting reimbursed for them. We've received a \$1500 donation from Ener-Plus Resources to be put towards new playground equipment.

Mike Janzer also distributed a quotation from Dragon Security for security services this year. Their price has not gone up from last year.

Motion: Mike Janzer moved that we hire Security Guards from the May long weekend to the September long weekend.

Seconded: Rob May seconded

Carried.

It was thought that after the May long weekend, that security probably wouldn't be needed until the July long weekend, but if we start having problems, Mike can bring the guards in before the summer.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing and Public Relations – Rob May

Ads have been running in several newspapers in Southern Alberta for the Host job and the Convenience store operator position.

Rob had an old 40 Mile Park pamphlet he received from Mike Melham. He would like to get it updated and print off a new batch.

Rob also showed us a pamphlet that Mike Melham made up last year, to be given to individuals or groups wanting to donate something to the Park, such a playground equipment or park benches, etc. He had some of the pamphlets available to be given to anyone looking to make a donation to the park.

The 40 Mile Park Foundation has received verbal approval; we are just waiting for formal reinstatement.

Rob suggested that if new Convenience Store operators can't be found that we could put several types of vending machines in the store. That way Jake could unlock the doors in the morning and lock them at night so we wouldn't have to worry about vandalism or theft during the night.

There are grants available from the government, but we need to pick a project or two to start things rolling. Playground equipment is something everyone agreed is needed at the Park. Steve Forbes and Bruce Vine will contact Verna Scott at S.F. Scott Manufacturing to get some information on playground equipment and the grants available.

The resumes received for the Park Host position were passed around. Mike Janzer told us he has talked to Joyce and Frank Nesbitt and they would be willing to take the Host Position. This would work great, because Joyce is already trained for the job, and everyone seems to like her. Possibly we could waive their lease fee for the year as part of their compensation.

Motion: Steve Forbes moved that we hire Joyce and Frank Nesbitt for the Host position. Wages to be negotiated.

Seconded: Rob May seconded.

Carried.

Mike Janzer will offer them the position and negotiate their wages.

Operations – Len Varjassy

Jake is busy getting things ready for the spring at the park. He is still working on the new washrooms for Area H and various other projects.

Jake knows a couple of guys who can help with building the washrooms and a few other jobs before spring. Larry said it is up to the Operations Committee to make sure they have enough staff to get the jobs done, so if they think Jake needs help to hire them.

We will soon be doing the trenching to put the water line into Area F.

When we hauled in sand for the beach, there was some clay and rocks mixed in with the sand. This weekend Emil Spangler is bringing his rock picker and Larry Weatherhead will bring a rock rake to see if we can clean up the sand a bit. Once that has been done we will assess if we need to haul in some good sand to put on top. Laidlaw's will charge \$250 a load to haul the sand and we will probably need 14 to 15 loads.

Bruce has checked with Tarpon Energy to see what they would charge to upgrade the water pump to a variable speed pump. He is waiting to get more information from Wayne Gilbertson to see what equipment Wayne quoted us on. LeRon suggested we try Corona Energy out of Lethbridge, to see what they would charge.

Our Last Resort Club would like to purchase a projection unit and a blow up room (16' X 16' X 25'). The cost of the projector would be \$1699.99 and the room will be \$4800.00 and they have asked the Park Committee to match the funds that the Club contributes to the 2 items.

Motion: Rob May moved that we match the funds with the Last Resort Club up to a maximum of \$4000 to buy the projection unit and the blow up room.

Seconded: Steve Forbes seconded.

Carried

Development & Administration – Bruce Vine

Bruce received his first development permit tonight.

A form has been created to apply for a dock permit; it will be posted on the website.

The Dock Committee will be allowing for 30 feet per permit for the time being. After the docks are removed this fall the Dock Committee will be surveying the lakeshore area and deciding on how the docks will be placed and allocated in the future.

John Fyke won't be back from the south until the end of April, so nothing will be done as far as the docks are concerned until then.

We have been trying to arrange a meeting of the Advisory Committee; hopefully we will be able to get everyone together soon. Bruce wanted to know if anyone had anything they would like brought up at the meeting.

Special Events – Steve Forbes

Steve hasn't had any luck getting a hold of the Chevilles to confirm they will be playing at the park on the August long weekend. Len said he would try to get a hold of them.

5. Report from SMRID – LeRon Torrie

SMRID has checked with their lawyer and he says the County is definitely responsible for the spraying of weeds below top of dam.

6. Long-Term Planning for the Park

Bruce Vine told us how he envisions the Park in the future. He would move the campground from Area B to the area above the beach. He would put a playground by the beach and extend the beach around the corner. He would take the sites in B that used to be the campground and make them into residential lots that would be leased. He would attach a facility building onto the north side of the Viewing Centre. Instead of the Seasonal Rental lots in Area F, he would put a loop by Area G, make nice campsites and install water, sewer and power.

7. Other Items for Discussion

Some people complained last year that the angle of the lots in Area F made the sites difficult to back into. Mike Melham will come out if we wish and re-stake the sites.

Lorne Buis said he is still planning to do a controlled burn at the park; he is just waiting for the weather conditions to be right.

Blair wondered if before we do too much long term planning for the park, we shouldn't consult a park planner. After some discussion, it was thought that after we have some plans in place, we could bring in a consultant to see if our plans are feasible. LeRon said he would check to see what consultants are available.

Lorne Buis has made up a board to help keep track of which campsites are being used. He will put it up in the gate office soon.

We received a quotation from Sanatec for their sewage disposal services this year. According to other the other quote we received for the service; they are giving us a great deal; so we will be going with them again. It was asked if Sanatec has to pay to dump the sewage in Foremost and Mike said no, the Park is responsible for the cost of the dumping.

Rob told us that we can get a good size pickup load of firewood for \$50 from the Correctional Facility in Lethbridge. It won't be tied or wrapped in plastic for ease in selling, but we should be able to find a container to measure the amount of wood we want to sell to each person.

8. Adjournment – Len Varjassy moved for adjournment at 9:05 p.m.