

40 MILE PARK MEETING
August 13th, 2009
Bow Island Town Office

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

Present: Vern Beck, Bruce Vine, Doug Hancock, Rob Fyke, Larry Weatherhead, Ron Hunt, Len Varjassy, LeRon Torrie, Tom Thacker, Rob May

2. Minutes:

The minutes from the June 11th meeting were reviewed.

Business from the Minutes: None

Motion: Len Varjassy moved the minutes be adopted as amended.

Seconded: Rob May seconded.

Carried.

3. Financial Statement – Bruce Vine

The Financial Statement as of July 20, 2009 was distributed and reviewed. Bruce advised the board that any further capital purchases will have to be submitted to the Foundation for funding allocation.

A letter of engagement from Michelle Winger was read, discussed and it was determined that further clarification was needed.

We received a bill from Polycore for the trucking of top soil which was supposed to be a donation. Rob Fyke will check with Randy and get clarification.

Motion: Rob May moved that the Financial Statement be adopted as presented.

Seconded: Ron Hunt seconded.

Carried.

4. Committee Reports

Operations – Len Varjassy

Area A picnic area has been completed as far as top soil, sod, electrical and irrigation system. Larry has donated a fire pit for the area. We are working on a donation of bricks from IXL to place for the fire pit. Cliff Janzer Ron Hunt, Len Varrjassy and Randy Garrecht worked very hard on the area and are commended for their efforts.

The old John Deere lawn mower is broken down and we sent it to the shop for repair, and the cost of repairing the mower are not worth it. We would like to purchase a new/used Z-Trac mower but we will leave it until next spring for approval. Rob Fyke will research a unit during the winter.

Len would like to see a sponsorship board created and sponsors approached for matching funds for the yearly fireworks display. Rob Fyke will look into it.

Rob May asked what the status is of the construction of the Area F washrooms. Rob Fyke said that we have had some issues with the framing that was done last year by Jake. The framing did not incorporate handicap accessibility and the framing would have to be changed. There have also been some timing issues that have held up the project. All other washrooms must be looked at for accessibility. Rob May would like to see them proceed this year.

Marketing and Public Relations – Rob May

No further advertisement is required for the park this year with exception of the September long weekend cabaret. Rob suggested that we put together a page on the website to advertize private lots for sale within the park. Rob Fyke and Rob May will work on this with John Fyke.

Special Events & Fundraising – Kim Dosman – Reported by Rob Fyke

Rob Fyke presented a report of the fundraising BBQ that made \$610.00 for the new playground. The Board gave its appreciation for Kim's efforts and thanked the volunteers.

Development – Doug Hancock

Doug thanked Bruce for his work on the cost estimate for the Pavilion. Doug spoke with Dale Brown about the Park Planner and Dale told Doug that a park planner would be in place by the end of August. Doug feels that we should put together a group of the Board to start discussing Area E so we will have something together to give the park planner. The Board agreed with this idea.

40 Mile Park Foundation – Vern Beck

Vern introduced the newly appointed Foundation Board as the following:

Chairman: Vern Beck

Vice Chairman: Randy Garrecht

Secretary: Ron Lane

Treasurer: Mike Janzer

The Foundation is now working with the bank to change over the signing authorities.

Park Manager - Rob Fyke

Rob presented a proposal to purchase a used vacuum truck and a business plan for sanitation removal from the park. The Board wished for a further marketing plan in-order to evaluate the business model further.

The County sent correspondence thanking us for the BBQ and tours.

5. Report from the County – Tom Thacker

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Report from SMRID – LeRon Torrie

LeRon conveyed SMRID thanks for the BBQ put on by the Board. All the attendees commented on how great the park looked and appreciated the tour and the boat and wagon rides. Great time had by all.

SMRID has a new manager, Tom Crooks and he will start on August 17th, 2009.

The Board members are invited to the retirement party for Ron Renwick on August 27th at the Lethbridge Lodge. The Board discussed sending a gift for Ron's retirement.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we purchase a gift card in the amount of \$120.00 for Ron Renwick.

Seconded: Doug Hancock seconded.

Carried.

7. Other Business – Over-crowding at cabarets

Doug raised the subject that the cabarets maybe getting to crowded and more security maybe needed and accountability be held against unruly patrons. Doug would also like to see more security in the park on long weekends. Conversations ensued about going to a alcohol ban on long weekends. The issue was tabled for further discussions.

8. Adjournment: The next Committee meeting will be held on September 10th, 2009.

Len Varjassy moved for adjournment at 10:07 p.m.