

**40 MILE PARK MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2008  
SMRID OFFICE, BOW ISLAND**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:03

**Present:** Tom Thacker, Blair McNeely, Bruce Vine, LeRon Torrie, Steve Forbes, Vern Beck, Ron Lane, Dale Brown, Doug Dent, Larry Weatherhead, Brenda Hallett

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

Nothing to add

**Motion:** Bruce Vine moved we accept the agenda

**Seconded:** Doug Dent seconded.

**Carried**

**3. Minutes:** The minutes from the January 3, 2008 meeting were distributed.

**Motion:** Steve Forbes moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

**Seconded:** Bruce Vine seconded.

**Carried.**

**Business arising from the minutes**

We've had no word from Mike on whether the one past due account has been paid.

Randy has decided he is not interested in doing the Development Permits; Bruce Vine will take over the duty.

No sand has been hauled for the beach yet because of the weather. Randy says he will stay with the project until it is finished, as long as no one on the committee has any objections. He also asked that some Committee members be involved as well.

**4. Financial Report – Mike Janzer**

Mike was absent, but he sent a note with his report. The January financial statement has not been done, because he has asked the accountant to make the Year End report a priority. There was very little activity in January but wages and utilities. He will present the Year End Report at the next meeting.

He has sent a letter to all the leaseholders with unpaid property taxes from 2007.

The accountants have started to process the lease payment invoices for 2008. He has instructed them not to seal the envelopes, as we will be inserting the first newsletter of the year in with them. They will be mailed in March.

He has the 2008 operating budget 2/3 complete, but needs feed back from the committee on operating projects and dollar amounts.

He would also like ideas from the committee about capital projects to be undertaken this year.

**Motion:** Doug Dent moved to accept the financial note from Mike.

**Seconded:** Bruce Vine seconded.

**Carried.**

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Public Relations and Marketing – Rob May**

Rob was absent, but he sent a note asking for some feedback on 4 items.

1. Newsletter - The first item was his draft of the newsletter to go out next month. He wanted to know if we needed to acknowledge anyone for donations or services. We decided that everyone that needed to be mentioned was in the last newsletter of 2007. He also wanted to know what events were planned for the long weekends. The Fishing Derby is not being held on the May long weekend this year, do we want to hold an event that weekend? The consensus was that the Committee keep the events that we do on the July and August long weekends, and leave the May and September long weekends open for other groups to hold events if they so choose.

He wanted to know who should be named as contacts in the Newsletter. We thought the park phone number, as well as a phone number for Brenda, and Park's cell phone that Larry carries should be in there. We should also have in the Newsletter that Bruce Vine is the contact person for Development Permits and he asked that we use his work number – 548-3161. Doug Dent offered to talk to Rob about the contacts.

It was suggested that we stress in the newsletter that we need volunteers to help out at the park to make it better for everyone. Perhaps a Mission Statement could be put together.

He also asked if we wanted to give Oliver Hodge a lifetime pass to the park?

**Motion:** Blair McNeely moved that we give a lifetime pass to Oliver Hodge

**Seconded:** Steve Forbes seconded the motion.

**Carried.**

2. Host Responsibilities – Rob had done up a draft of the Host Responsibilities and was looking for some feedback on it.

Vern Beck suggested we could try to get some volunteers to help the hosts. They would be unpaid, but could given a free campsite, etc for the season. To be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

3. Ads for the Hosts – Rob had a draft of an ad to put in the paper for the Park Hosts. It was thought we should simplify the ad. Doug Dent offered to talk to his Personnel Department concerning help wanted ads; he will contact Rob after.

4. Ad for the Convenience Store Operators –Rob also had a draft of the ad for the Convenience Store Operators. We decided we should run both ads together as soon as possible. The contact person to be put in the ads should be Rob; he can forward any applications to Larry.

### **Operations – Lenny Varjassy**

Lenny was absent, but he sent a report with Blair McNeely

Jake has been working on the gate office at the Pavilion, the picnic tables, and framing the new washrooms; they should be ready by April first.

Lenny has received a quotation for trenching in the water line in Area F for \$1750.

Quentin Pahl has offered to put in the waterline for free if the Park gets the trenching done.

Some of the members have the necessary equipment, so that we could probably do the trenching ourselves.

Lenny has also received some quotes for a storage shed for picnic tables, etc to be built behind the shop.

Mike Melham at the Lawn Shop sent a quotation for mulch.

Lenny has also received 3 quotations for firewood.

Lenny is looking in the cost of a coin-operated system for the Sani-Dump.

John Fyke has agreed to be on the Dock Enforcement Committee.

Lenny has talked to Jake about working at the Park this year. Jake has offered to contract to the Park for his present salary plus \$500 per year for the use of his tools. This would save us approximately \$5000 per year, as we wouldn't have the Employer's share of CPP and EI to pay. It was suggested that we talk to Jake to make sure he knew what the ramifications of being a contractor would be, such as not being eligible for EI. We would also have to make sure he had Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation coverage. If we don't go with contractor status with Jake, he wants \$100 per month for the use of his tools.

### **Development & Administration - Bruce Vine**

Bruce will be taking over the Development Permits from Randy.

He has sent in the paperwork to give Scarpino's their deposit back, as their work is now done.

We need to make a decision about a water line into Area F. Since the Area is a temporary site, Bruce asked the County if they would allow us to put a water line into there. Tom Thacker said he didn't think there would be a problem; the line could always be taken out or abandoned if we stopped using the area.

### **Park Advisory Committee – Bruce Vine**

There have been no more meetings, so nothing to report.

### **Special Events – Steve Forbes**

He needs some direction as to what events the Committee wants to have this year. Also we need to check with Barbara Kenworthy to see if she booked any bands for the July and August long weekends.

### **6. County of Forty Mile – Tom Thacker**

Tom has committed the County to spray the noxious weeds in the park. Nuisance weeds, like dandelions will have to be sprayed by the park.

Doug Dent offered to look into whether we actually need a licensed applicator to spray products like Par 3.

Tom says we still need some clarification as to who is responsible for spraying weeds below top of dam, the County or SMRID.

### **7. SMRID – LeRon Torrie**

There are some leaseholders that have pulled their docks up on the side on the embankment and left them there. This is a practice that has to stop.

Instead of imposing a Dock Policy on the Park, SMRID has decided to ask the Park Committee to come up with a Dock Policy and submit it to SMRID for approval. A meeting was held at the park and a draft policy was put together.

Bruce Vine distributed a copy of the Draft Proposal as well as a draft of the Policy it self. We reviewed the documents and it was noted that although the policy says there should be a limit of 80 docks, there is a clause in the sub-lease Agreement that says the Lessee is entitled to put in a

boat dock if desired; so we may not be able to enforce a limitation. A Dock Committee is to be set up with some members of the general public as well as a few of the Park Committee members. This committee will allocate docks to Park Users and will ensure that all regulations of the Dock Policy are enforced. The consensus of the members was that \$40 per year was a fair price to start; and that it could always be increased next year. Bruce will get the suggested changes put into the documents and will submit them to LeRon for presentation at the next SMRID Board Meeting.

#### **8. 40 Mile Park Foundation**

We have finally received verbal approval of the documentation sent in to account for the grant money used by the Park. The official documents will be sent out soon. This means our Foundation can be re-instated and we can again apply for grants.

#### **9. Projects and the 2008 Budget**

##### **Capital Budget**

Waterline into Area F – Blair and Len to get a proposal put together for the next meeting.

Need to get a price for installing new septic tank and toilet at Jake's Trailer.

We need an estimated cost for the beach project.

Pump for the water system – Wayne Gilbertson is to go out to look at the system to see what we require.

LeRon suggested we look into contracting electricity through Enmax Easy Max for \$.08.

Larry will try to get some prices put together for a facility building in Area B, with showers, washroom, a meeting room and office for a manager

##### **Operating Budget**

Most of the road work and speed bumps are done, so that amount should be less. Otherwise we can probably use the same budget as last year.

#### **10. Additional Items**

It was asked again why quads aren't allowed in the park.

It was thought that quads would have to be licensed to be on the park roads. Also there is some concern about the quads doing environmental damage to the hillsides. It was thought that golf carts wouldn't be such a concern.

**Motion:** Doug Dent moved that we allow golf carts in the park on existing roads, subject to further discussion.

Dale Brown suggested we talk to the RCMP about the legalities of allowing golf carts on the roadways before passing the motion.

**Motion Rescinded.**

**11. Adjournment** - Blair moved that we adjourn at 9:55 p.m.