

**40 MILE PARK MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2008  
SMRID OFFICE, BOW ISLAND**

1. Chairman Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Doug Dent, Blair McNeely, Rob May, Bruce Vine, Steve Forbes, LeRon Torrie, Ron Lane, Larry Weatherhead, Mike Janzer, Brenda Hallett, Lorne Buis

**2. Minutes:** The minutes from the February 7, 2008 meeting were distributed.

**Business arising from the minutes:**

The ads for the hosts and convenience store operators are in the local papers.

Steve Forbes checked with the RCMP in regards to allowing quads in the park. He was told the roads in the park are public and the police would not allow quads on them, unless the County tells the RCMP that they are okay in the park. They did not say what their feelings towards golf carts would be.

Tom Thacker told us the County would definitely not tell the RCMP that ATV's would be okay to use in the park.

**Motion:** Mike Janzer moved we adopt the minutes as presented.

**Seconded:** Blair McNeely seconded the motion

**Carried.**

**3. Financial Statement – Mike Janzer**

Mike reviewed the financial statements from January and February.

Business from the financial statements:

Mike has moved \$61,409 from the Capital Recovery Fund to the Operating Account.

A demand letter was sent to (a delinquent lease holder) for unpaid taxes and lease fees from 2007. Mike has received a phone call from (the lease holders) wife and she said she has sent a cheque in the mail.

The Year End Financial Statement is finished. Copies will be sent to everyone next week.

The Operating budget is almost done, he just needs some input on the projects to be done this year.

The Lease Invoices for 2008 are done and have been inserted into envelopes. As soon as the printers are done with the Newsletter, they will also be inserted into the envelopes and mailed out next week.

The Seasonal Rental Agreements will be mailed out next week to the Renters who have indicated they would like to renew their agreements.

The Gate Passes should be ready by April 1<sup>st</sup>; they are being printed in a different color from last year's passes.

We received a thank you card from the Foremost Grad Class for allowing them to have their Grad Party at the Park.

We have received a letter from Sunset Fireworks, asking for confirmation of booking for the July long weekend.

We've also received a \$269.03 dividend from Jubilee Insurance.

**Motion:** Doug Dent moved to accept the Financial Statements from January and February, as presented.

**Seconded:** Bruce Vine seconded.

**Carried.**

Mike brought up the fact that the only weekend event that we made money on last year was the August long weekend. He suggested that we only hold the August event along with the raffle and let the Our Last Resort Club take over the events on the other long weekends if they wish. Gerry Fode is the contact person of the club.

**Motion:** Blair McNeely moved that we drop the weekend events for this year, except for the August long weekend in conjunction with the raffle.

**Seconded:** Doug Dent seconded.

**Carried.**

#### **4. Report from the County of Forty Mile – Tom Thacker**

The County and SMRID will be meeting on March 14. The County feels the park is losing an opportunity to raise considerable funds by not charging enough for our dock fee. They feel we should be charging in the area of \$200.

#### **5. Report from SMRID – LeRon Torrie**

The spraying of weeds below top of dam will be settled at the meeting next week.

SMRID agrees with the County that the dock fee should be higher.

LeRon wanted to clarify SMRID's position on mowing grass below top of dam. They are not opposed to the mowing of vegetation, just to individuals doing the mowing. If the Park Committee requests permission and receives it, SMRID is fine with them mowing the grass.

### **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **40 Mile Park Foundation – Larry Weatherhead**

Larry handed out copies of a letter that we received from the government. It is our formal notice that our accounting statements have been accepted for the CFEP grants and that no more documentation is required.

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

The Newsletter is finished and is at the printers.

We have some changes to the events put in the newsletter after tonight's meeting; they will have to go in the next newsletter.

Rob has been working with John Fyke to get the website updated.

The ads for the Park Hosts and the Convenience Store operators have gone in several Southern Alberta papers and they are also posted on the website.

#### **Special Events – Steve Forbes**

Steve has talked to Barbara Kenworthy and she says have a verbal agreement with the Bamboo Guppies for them to play at the park on the July long weekend. Mike Janzer offered to talk to the Our Last Resort Club to see if they want to hold the July cabaret and if they want to have the fireworks in conjunction with the event.

Barbara also says the Chevelles are standing by for booking. Steve will book them for August 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was suggested that when we apply for the permit, that we get it for 700 people.

#### **Development & Administration – Bruce Vine**

We have refunded Scarpino's development deposit.

Bruce has had no new development applications sent to him.

There have been no more Advisory Committee meetings.

#### **Operations – Blair McNeely**

We have moved a large quantity of sand onto the beach area. The county trucks and equipment worked on and off for 4 or 5 days. They hauled in 88 truckloads or 1056 cubic yards of sand. At the \$4 per yard we agreed to pay Derald Geldreich, the total for the sand will be \$4224. Mike Janzer will check to see if there was any money left in last year's budget for the work on the beach. The total cost of the County's trucks and equipment will be \$6000, which will use up last year's and this year's \$3000 contribution from the County. Blair thanked the County and Randy Garrecht for all their help with the beach project.

Blair had an estimate of \$3750 for the installation of a new septic tank at Jake's. This included \$1600 for the tank, \$1000 for the sand and gravel, \$500 for the fittings, and \$650 for 2 new low flush toilets.

In discussions with Jake about him becoming a contractor to the park, it was discovered he has no liability insurance or Worker's Compensation coverage, so that idea will not work.

In regards to the money we pay him for the use of his tools, Mike Janzer had already sent Jake a cheque for \$500. In addition to paying Jake that amount each year, we also replace or fix any tools that are damaged. Jake is looking for an increase to \$1200 per year.

**Motion:** Doug Dent moved that we pay Jake \$1000 per year for the use of his tools, with the stipulation that he replaces any broken tools himself.

**Seconded:** Steve Forbes seconded

**Carried**

Bruce Vine will write up a letter of agreement to those terms, once Jake has signed it, he will give Jake the cheque for the remainder.

Jake is also requesting a petty cash fund for items he buys at places where the park doesn't have an account set up. Mike Janzer said that Jake was given a \$200 petty cash fund last year, and Mike hadn't seen a single invoice for any of the funds. It was suggested that we give Jake a credit card with a reasonably low limit for incidentals. Mike Janzer said he would prefer that Jake pay for anything like that out of his own pocket and send in an expense account to get re-imbursed; that way Mike is sure to get the invoices. It was decided that would be the wisest course of action.

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

Blair requested to get approval for a couple of projects. The first project is the water line into Area F. The cost of the materials to put in the water line will be approximately \$4,000. Larry Weatherhead has offered to supply a skid steer and trencher at no cost, and Quentin and David Pahl have volunteered to put in the line.

**Motion:** Bruce Vine moved that we spend \$4,000 for materials to install a water line into Area F.

**Seconded:** Steve Forbes seconded.

**Carried.**

The second project is upgrades to the irrigation system. Blair estimated the cost of the upgrades would be \$16,000.

**Motion:** Blair McNeely moved that we spend \$16,000 for irrigation upgrades.

**Seconded:** Mike Janzer seconded the motion.

**Carried.**

Len Varjassy has looked into the cost of latches to lock out the sani-dumps until payment has been made to use them. The cost of the mechanism is \$500 each and we would need one for both dumps. Mike Janzer questioned who would have to pay to use the dumps; the leaseholders or the overnight campers? It was decided that we could decide on that later.

**Motion:** Bruce Vine moved that we purchase 2 latches for the sewer dumps for \$500 each.

**Seconded:** Doug Dent seconded.

**Carried.**

When the sand was hauled into the park, there was some clay in it. Blair will inquire with Eric Ladders, about coming in and cleaning some of the clay out of the sand with the implement he used to clean up the stalls in Area B.

Wayne Gilbertson has quoted us \$3,200 for a variable speed motor that can be put on the large pump that we already have. This motor would keep the pump running all the time, but it would slow down at times when there isn't as much demand for water, and speed up when there is a larger demand. Since the pump draws a large amount of power when it first starts up, it would help keep operating costs down. D & A Electric would charge approximately \$500 to install the motor. We will do more investigation into various options for the pump.

Doug will look into contracting power through Enmax.

Larry distributed the plans he had drawn up for a Facility Building he visualized putting in Area B. It would have washrooms, showers, storage rooms, an office and a conference room. It would also have a large area in the middle of the building that could be used for group functions or for storage of picnic tables, etc in the winter. The estimated cost of the building was \$150,000.

Some members thought that we should decide on where the park is going before investing so much money. After much discussion, everyone was asked to bring a drawing to the next meeting of what their long term vision of the park is. We will try to have some time allotted to every meeting to discuss long term plans for the park

**10. Additional Business**

**Volunteer Hosts** – Vern Beck told us that the Town has volunteer hosts for the park in town and that their role is mostly PR; welcoming campers and helping them find facilities and so on. The town has installed a septic tank for their hosts, so they don't have to keep moving their RV to empty their tanks. The volunteer hosts also receive their site and power for free.

**Dock Policy** – Bruce Vine has received a letter from SMRID in regards to our Dock Policy. SMRID requested a few changes and some clarification to the Policy and stated that they feel

we should be charging \$200 for the dock fee. SMRID liked that the dock sites would be allocated by lottery, because that ensures open access to everyone. The Committee decided that \$75 would be a fair price for a dock fee. John Fyke has said he is willing to chair the Dock Committee. Doug Dent and Lorne Buis both said they would sit on the Committee as well. We reviewed the dock policy with the suggested changes made.

**Motion:** Rob May moved that we accept the Dock Policy

**Seconded:** Blair McNeely seconded.

**Carried.**

**11. Adjournment** – Doug Dent moved we adjourn at 10:33 p.m.