

**40 MILE PARK MEETING
JUNE 5, 2008
SMRID OFFICE, BOW ISLAND**

1. Larry Weatherhead called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Rob May, Doug Dent, Steve Forbes, Vern Beck, LeRon Torrie, Ron Lane, Larry Weatherhead, Brenda Hallett, Blair McNeely, Len Varjassy & Mike Janzer.

2. Minutes: The minutes from the May 1, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

One correction, the letters concerning the Foundation were actually letters about the STEP program, one saying we were approved and one saying we weren't.

Business from the minutes: Len moved that we invite the SMRID Board and the County to the park for a tour and a barbeque on June 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Brenda is to send written invitations to the County and SMRID.

Rob May will take care of deleting sensitive information from last month's minutes and submit them to John Fyke to put on the website

Motion: Steve Forbes moved we accept the minutes as corrected.

Seconded: Rob May seconded.

Carried.

3. Financial Report – Mike Janzer

Mike handed out the 2007 Year End Financial Statement; he will also be forwarding a copy to the County and to SMRID. Although we had a fairly large surplus last year, Mike stressed that a lot of the extra income had come from transactions like 85/15 payments, which we can't depend on getting every year

Motion: Rob May moved to accept the 2007 Year End Financial Statement.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded the motion.

Carried.

Mike Janzer presented the 2008 Operating Budget

We reviewed the budget; Mike has projected a small surplus this year.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved that we accept the 2008 Operating Budget

Seconded: Steve Forbes seconded.

Carried.

Mike Janzer presented the Financial Statement to May 20, 2008

Mike has transferred the earnings from the Special Events held last year into a separate account. For any donations made to the 40 Mile Park Foundation, we will now be able to issue a tax deductible receipt.

Quite a few of the amounts on the Accounts Receivable list have been collected since the Statement date of May 20th. Any of the receivables still showing in Area F will be deleted next month as Mike has rented those sites to other people.

Motion: Rob May moved that we accept the Financial Statement as presented.

Seconded: Blair McNeely seconded.

Carried.

4. Committee Reports

Marketing and Public Relations – Rob May

Advertising will be put in the Commentator for the fireworks on the July long weekend; the ad will also state that donations will be accepted for the fireworks.

Rob thinks that the bulletin board at the Oliver Hodge Viewing Centre is not used as much as it could and that a better place to put it would be at the park gate. Len Varjassy will have Jake move the board. Rob also thinks we should have a Firewood For Sale sign over the firewood, as some people do not seem to realize that we sell it.

Joyce, our park host, says things are going pretty well, except for occasional vehicle line-ups at the gate.

Rob is going to check to see if the park's pamphlets need to be updated; he is also going to see how many there are at the park and he will order more if needed.

Rob suggested we supply a sign for the convenience store operators to advertise on. Len Varjassy said he knows of a place that rents the signs for \$150 per month; he will check into getting a sign.

Rob would like to get some names engraved on the Recognition Plaque purchased last year and post it in the Viewing Centre. Some names suggested were the County of Forty Mile, SMRID, the Town of Bow Island, the Village of Foremost, Mike Melham and Spitz. It was also thought we should also have a Recognition Page on the website.

An email was received about Darlene Emard; she would like to put in a bench or picnic table in memory of her husband Duane. Rob will get a pamphlet sent to her with the items available for purchase for the park.

Rob noticed that someone in Area F had planted some trees, is that allowed?

A. Area F is a temporary site and absolutely nothing like that is allowed in there. All has to be removed in the fall. Trees that run along the existing tree line (east to west) may be permitted; nothing running north to south is permitted and must be removed.

Operations – Len Varjassy

No further work has been done on the beach, as it has been too wet. As soon as it dries up, Eric Lodders will be brought in to try to clean some of the rocks and clay out of the sand. There is a machine available to rent for \$175 per hour that can shoot sand quite a distance. If we have to add more sand to the beach that might work well.

Len would like to get at least one truckload of good sand brought in for the volleyball court for the July long weekend. The cost will be \$275.00.

The irrigation upgrade is complete except for the beach area.

The new washrooms in Area H are done and the washrooms at the beach are almost done.

We still need to install new septic tanks at Jake's house. It will take two 2000 gallon tanks, each costs \$4400 plus all the plumbing and installation.

Motion: Steve Forbes moved that we spend \$16,000 on new septic tanks for Jake's house.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded.

Carried.

The Our Last Resort Club has purchased 2 Commercial Barbeques on sale for \$700 each and they asked if the Park Committee would like to match the funds on them. The barbeques will not be for personal use. If someone wants to use them they will have to rent them.

Motion: Doug Dent moved that we match funds with the Our Last Resort Club to purchase the barbeques.

Seconded: Rob May seconded the motion.

Carried.

Someone has offered to donate a security system to the Park.

With the new equipment we have been purchasing, we should do a review of the assets list, for insurance purposes.

The convenience store operators have incurred some expenses in the Viewing Centre. They have had to repair the windows at a cost of \$26, they have purchased some material to put on the windows to block the sun for \$350, they need a larger sink and a new faucet costing \$180 and \$90 respectively and the air conditioner quit; a replacement costs \$418.

Motion: Blair McNeely moved that we reimburse the convenience store operators for their expenses.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded.

Carried.

Blair McNeely has drawn up an agreement with Elizabeth for cleaning the washrooms in the park. Her duties, and the areas that she will be responsible for, are specified in the agreement.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we accept the agreement with Elizabeth; we will pay her \$1600 per month, less deductions.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded.

Carried.

There is a lot of paper towel being wasted in the washrooms; it was thought we should look into changing to a linen towel dispenser or blow dryers. Len and Blair will check into the options. An ATM has been installed in the Viewing Centre.

Development and Administration – Bruce Vine

Bruce was absent, but had forwarded a proposal from Corona Electric for a new water system.

The cost of the project would be \$33,542.25 and would include everything but the 6” pipe.

Corona Electric could also put a variable speed motor on our existing pump for this season if we want them to. Estimates had also been received from a couple of other outfits.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we go ahead with the proposal for the water system.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded the motion.

Carried.

Bruce has received 4 Development Permits Applications; 3 have already been sent to the County for approval. One is from Adam, Denise and Velvet Reiling for a new construction, one from Murray Miller for a new construction and one from Jim Fuller for a deck and septic tank

installation. The last is from Paxton and Scott MacDonald for a new construction and it will be sent to the County as well.

Motion: Steve Forbes moved that we accept the Development Permits as brought forward by Bruce.

Seconded: Rob May seconded the motion.

Carried.

Bruce had gone to Foremost for a meeting with the County and he had sent his notes from the meeting, which we reviewed.

Special Events – Steve Forbes

Steve wondered what time the fireworks would be set off on June 29th, so he could tell the Fire Department. Steve was told that they are usually set off at approximately 11 p.m.

We also need to set a date in case it is raining on the set date. The consensus was to have the fireworks on the August long weekend, if we are rained out on June 29th.

We have budgeted \$6000 for the fireworks and any donations will be gratefully accepted.

5. Other Items for Discussion

May long weekend

There was some minor vandalism and thefts in the park on the long weekend. There were also some noisy parties that went well into the night. Why did the security not shut them down? The Committee needs to give the security service some guidelines as to what we expect of them.

Letter from Doug Hancock

A letter from Doug was distributed to everyone. Everyone felt we were already trying to address the issues he raised. Mike Janzer will send a response to Doug telling him our position.

Assessment Concerns

Some leaseholders feel the assessments on their property are far too high. Others have an issue with having to pay taxes on the increased assessments on their property, when they only get to keep 15% of the increase when they sell, because of the 85/15 rule. If anyone has issues with their assessments they can send an appeal to the County.

Weed Spraying

An initial spraying of the dandelions has been done but more spraying will have to be done this fall. We need a motor and a pump for the sprayer that is pulled behind the tractor. Len will look into it.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Mike Janzer moved for adjournment at 9:45 p.m.