

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

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

Present: LeRon Torrie, Bruce Vine, Vern Beck, Tom Thacker, Larry Weatherhead, Len Varjassy, Steve Forbes, Doug Dent, Rob May & Brenda Hallett.

Guests: Darlene Emard and Alan Meroniak

Darlene Emard presented a proposal to the Committee on some Memorial Benches. What she proposed is that the Park Committee purchase 12 cement benches to be placed at strategic points in the park. If someone would like to use one of the benches as a memorial, they would buy the right to do so from the Park. A cement bench plus the cement blocks for underneath would cost approximately \$200; the Committee could charge \$500 for the bench, thus the benches would not cost the Park anything. The Memorial Plaques would have to be purchased by the persons purchasing the rights to the bench. Larry thanked Darlene for her presentation and told her we would discuss her proposal later in the meeting.

2. Minutes: The minutes from the June 5, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

Business from the minutes:

Bruce Vine questioned whether we really need two septic tanks at Jake's house; couldn't the tank just be emptied more often instead of spending \$4400 for a second tank. After some discussion it was decided to put in the 2 septic tanks as it was passed at the last meeting.

Some of the Committee members have been questioned about who has priority for dock placement. Bruce told everyone that leaseholders always have priority; seasonal renters will not be guaranteed the same site next year.

Someone has questioned whether we could have a third party operate a marina. If someone wanted to run a marina, it would have to be approved by SMRID first.

Bruce was questioned about when the new water system would arrive. The equipment has been ordered and should arrive in late August. The new system will be installed in the fall.

Motion: Doug Dent moved we accept the minutes as presented.

Seconded: Len Varjassy seconded.

Carried.

3. Report from the County of Forty Mile

The fireworks were great on the long weekend.

4. Report from SMRID

They are looking forward to the Tour and Barbeque on July 10th.

5. Committee Reports

Marketing and Public Relations – Rob May

Rob will be putting the information for the August long weekend on the website

He has received quite a few inquiries about the washrooms that were promised in Areas A & B years ago. What are we going to do there? Also a permanent washroom between C & D similar to the one constructed at the beach. Rob was told the washrooms are on hold until a long term plan is in place.

Special Events – Steve Forbes

The Chevelles will be playing on the August long weekend.

Steve has applied for a liquor license for 400 people for the August cabaret. He has also ordered 15 port-a-potties to be brought in.

Steve needs quite a few volunteers; he needs 8 supervisors, 4 bartenders per shift, and also a few people to sell tickets and wristbands at the gate office.

It was thought we should get a stamp or a punch to mark our drink tickets, as some people try to pass off their own tickets for liquor. We will be getting the liquor from Kerner's in Bow Island.

Operations – Len Varjassy

We used the landscape rake on the beach for 3 days and removed 12 truckloads of rock. The beach looks better, but we could still use some more sand on top. It was decided to have everyone look at the beach on the Park Tour next week to see what we want to do.

Len mentioned that we had rented the landscape rake this time, but the owner has offered to sell it to us for around \$6500. Len thought he might be able to negotiate a better price with the owner.

Len thought it would be handy to have one, to clean up the beach periodically.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we buy the landscape rake for a maximum of \$6500.

Seconded: Bruce Vine seconded.

Carried.

Vern Beck told us he had checked the sand out at Lane's and it looked like very nice sand. He offered to check with Terry on the pricing of the sand.

Development and Administration – Bruce Vine

The bylaws that were sent out to Bruce last month, are the bylaws that the County has passed. We discussed this at the Advisory Committee meeting and we will be meeting with the County in the fall to go over them. The County advises that we need to put together our own Rules and Regulations to operate under the bylaws.

It does not specifically say in the new bylaws that golf carts will be allowed in the park; Lynden Hutchinson suggested we state in the Park Rules and Regulations that they are allowed.

Motion: Len Varjassy moved that we allow the use of golf carts in the park.

Seconded: Rob May seconded.

Carried.

The County has taken over the Development Permits. We need to work on a better communication process with the County on them. The Park will still be handling the Building Permits.

5. Correspondence

We received a letter from a lease holder complaining about vehicles driving in front of their cabin and blocking their view of the lake. They would like us to put in a parking lot to the west of their cabin to stop people from driving by their place to get to their docks. We also received a rebuttal letter from a lease holder. They would like a copy of the letter to be placed in their file, in case of possible problems in the future. Bruce has talked to both parties, and hopefully things are ironed out.

We received a letter from a lease holder. They would like to lease the property directly behind lot H11. Len has looked at the spot in question and says it can't be done. Brenda is to send a reply to the lease holder.

We received a letter from a lease holder complaining about dogs running loose at the park.

We also received a letter from a lease holder's lawyer about the 85/15 rule. He says the rule was not in their original lease, so they don't feel they have to pay it. Larry had a draft of a response letter from Ron Baba, the park's lawyer. In it, he tells the lease holder that the lease will not be transferred to the new owners until the fee has been paid. LeRon told us that SMRID has had similar challenges in other places and that we should talk to Ron Renwick about it.

6. Other Items for Discussion

Security

Doug Dent suggested that instead of putting together a written list of what we expect of the Security Service, that we just phone the Management and tell them what we expect. He will phone Mike Janzer and see if he wants to phone them himself, or let Doug do it.

July Long Weekend

We had many comments on how well everything went on the weekend.

We had some suggestions that more speed bumps are necessary at the west end of the park.

Dust Control in the Park

We watered the roads in the park on the long weekend, but a more long term solution is needed. It was suggested, that if we put Calcium Chloride down and then watered well, it would keep the dust down for the long weekend in August. Tom was questioned about what it would cost to pave the roads in the park. He will check into it for us.

Park Manager

Bruce handed out a job description for a Park Manager that he had downloaded off the internet. He thinks we should start advertising this fall so we can have a manager in place for January 1st. Rob will have it placed in the news papers.

Benches

We discussed the proposal for the benches. The consensus was that it was a good idea.

Motion: Rob May moved that we accept the proposal for the benches as long as the committee has final approval of the placement of the benches.

Seconded: Doug Dent seconded.

Carried.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Doug Dent moved for adjournment at 9:20 p.m.