

Protection Island Neighbourhood Association

Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday, April 18th, 2012

Museum Board Meeting Room

Present: Brenda Henderson, David Carter, David Essig, Janet Estes, Fred Schloessinger, Veronica Zehntner  
Absent: Andrew Homzy

Meeting called to order @ 7:15 p.m. by Brenda Henderson, President

Minutes read of meeting October 20, 2012.

Approved Veronica Zehntner, David Carter

Correspondence: Letter of resignation of PINA Board Member Christine Firth

Treasure's Report:

Veronica reported balance in Dock Account = \$4,517.66, General Account = \$583.64 Dock dues received to date: \$5,464.00. Spent \$3,000.00 on Spring work project. \$4,154 spent since June of 2011.

Approved by consensus.

Committee Reports:

Dock: Cathy Pearson is back taking dock dues. With projections of rising costs of construction, user fees will be increased October 2012 from \$130.00 to \$140.00/boat. People will be reminded of dues outstanding for the present year.. David will post sign.

Community: Fred reported we have had no further clarification from VIHA regarding service to PI.

Access/Emergency: David Carter reported he is working with the City and had proposed drawings on wheelchair and emergency access at Gallows Point.

Off Leash Dog Area: Janet Estes reported that surveys have been completed and waiting further notice of areas that will be approved.

Signs are up for pilot project.

Roads: Veronica reported no spring touch up because of there being no barge. March 29th she met with City Foreman and his assistant and they walked the whole island examining each area requiring repairs. On the whole roads have held up very well, even some previously chronic areas are in good shape

April 3rd & 4th gravel mix was barged over, bringing twice the amount of material as last year. Savings from liquidating the backhoe in favour of leasing has gone toward extra material for the roads. This is the 3rd year of our road reconstruction programme and there should be enough material to bring the roads up to the desired level and 4% grade discussed last year. Work on roads should start the end of May or early June, pending weather and barge. Dust suppression will follow using a different contractor this year. A work party is needed to clean the eco-grid of fir needles, leaves etc. A blower would be required.

Parks: Brenda reported that date for a work party to cut Scotch Broom will be announced when broom is in bloom.

Committee Reports approved by consensus.

Old Business:

A solar light was placed at end of Mud Bay Dock by Ross Somerville

General discussion following reports:

David Essig and Veronica Zehntner spent considerable time corresponding with The City and MLA's to have barge service by Larry Wardill restored. Presently Larry has been given a 60 day variance while negotiations for a permanent solution with Transport Canada continue.

Veronica represented PINA at the joint Island organizations meeting at Beacon House with reps from PINA, Block Watch, TPICHS, Digs and Lion's Club. Harbour Watch, who are dedicated volunteers patrolling our harbour regularly, would appreciate donations to help cover their costs. Presently it is only The Lion's Club that contribute.

Dave Carter mentioned that DIGS might be interested in getting a chipper from the city a couple of times a year for garden waste and they were wondering if PINA might be interested in investigating the project.

Concerns and future plans for Mud Bay dock were discussed.

AGM June 10th. Linda Irvine has graciously offered to produce the PINA newsletter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by David Essig. Seconded by Veronica Zehntner. Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brenda Henderson