

## **Roberts Creek Community Association**

### **Minutes of the General Meeting – September 23, 2015**

Committee Members Present: Scott Avery (President), Ian Thomas (Vice President), Kathleen Hudson (Treasurer) Sarah Bradley, Emily Cooke, Douglas Fugge, Steve Bethune, Peggy Martin (Recording Secretary)

Also Present: Heather Gatz (Hall Manager), Charles Ennis and Michael Bradley of The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Sunshine Coast Centre), Michelle Morton (SCRD alternate director), and members of the public

**MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2015 BY IAN/KATHLEEN. CARRIED.**

### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Kitchen Upgrades** – As soon as we have a couple of electrical quotes, we'll begin the renovations. When quote comes in, T-Bar comes down and lighting goes up.

**Hall Manager's Report** – September was slow but October looks good with six rentals booked so far. The dehydrator is not starting until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. Wiring must be done by then.

**Treasurer's Report** – We are a little bit to the good. We received both grants, the pathways and kitchen improvements. Creek Daze almost broke even. **MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AUGUST 31, 2015 BY DOUGLAS/STEVE. CARRIED.**

**SCRD Directors' Report** – Michelle Morton is replacing Chris Hergesheimer as Mark Lebbell's alternate.

We're listed in the Community Heritage Register, thanks to the hard work of John Dykes. This will not limit the hall use but heritage status enables us to apply for other grants. Perhaps a plaque?

The Sunshine Coast Conservation Association is applauding the Sechelt Band – acknowledging all their hard work over the years. There was lots of good will built on Canada Day at the ceremony – huge contingent from Roberts Creek.

The park property behind the hall – the SCRd is looking at access, the engineering/technical aspects, and possible uses. More info to come about that later.

The Roberts Creek Fire Department has named a new chief – Mr. Pat Higgins.

**Library Report** (Elaine Seepish) New volunteers continue to emerge. She thanks the RCCA and SCRd for their assistance. The Library will continue its monthly book sales & is lucky to have a portable at the school to store extra books. The Library will continue to support Santa in the Creek and Halloween. A volunteer is planning a spooky story-time on the day of Halloween.

**Halloween Zombie Walk** – Ian described 3 Halloween events:

**Zombie Walk:** 2:30 pm- the zombie hoard gathers at the pier. On Facebook, 30 people have committed to attending. Those registered will receive a numbered toe tag, a certificate of ambulation and a photo in the Ghoul's Gallery on the RCCA web site. Also prizes in the Boo-ty Pageant – all for a \$5 registration fee. 4 pm - gather at the Gazebo for prizes.

**Graveyard decorating contest** on the Gumboot lawn. Judging happens just after dark.

**Community Story Project** – the preface is on the website. There will be 3 separate stories running simultaneously. Writers submit a chapter each week & the winning chapter will be added to the story & posted on the website. Zombie Mugs and T-shirts can be purchased on the website.

**Wickerman procession** - On Nov. 7 there will be a procession down Roberts Creek Road. A wickerman will be burnt once a permit has been issued.

**Christmas Potluck** - Mary Degan and Lisa Christine will co-ordinate the dinner. Mary and Heather will get together and work out the logistics re: website & facebook.

**Santa in the Creek** – Dec. 6 at the Library. Scott will play Santa. We need a co-ordinator elf.

**Other Business** – Protest of a proposed cut-block. There was a 6 week long checkpoint that allowed public access but blocked road-building. The block has now been taken off the logging slate. Douglas is working on a Forestry committee to develop alternative logging that would be sustainable & emphasize community use, value added, no raw logs for export.

**SC Astronomy Club** – Charles Ennis made a Dark Skies presentation which was both interesting and informative. The RCCA will compose a letter addressed to the Sunshine Coast Astronomy Club for use in their campaign to designate Sechelt as Canada's first Dark Skies community.

Next general meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm