

PRRA EXECUTIVE MEETING

Minutes 8th October 2013

Attendance: Bev Dickson, Pauline Williamson, Kim Harder, Magdalena Sidl, Kevin Lewis & Julie Hancock

Apologies: Mike LaRock, Cathe Egan, Pam Blake, Peter Gee

MIA: Steve Allen, Roderick Lane & Darren Dean

1. Meeting was called to order @7pm, 8th October 2013
2. Bev distributed the minutes from the 9th Sept 2013 meeting and asked for a motion to approve them:
Decision: Minutes Approved - Pauline W, second - Julie H
3. Bev requested some suggestions / updates to the previous paperwork handed out at the last meeting in respect to how we are supposed to run our meetings, write our minutes and hold our AGM etc. After a brief discussion it was suggested that one amendment could be that members of the Executive be allowed to vote on agenda items by proxy using the communication methods of the 21st Century: email, text, signed notes etc. It was further suggested people take the time to read over the paperwork and think about anything else we can propose to the AGM next year. This subject will be an ongoing agenda item for each meeting.
4. Bev has received an email from Brian of the CVRD noting that the money in our budget for the conversion of the Nymph Falls parking lot has been returned and he gave 5 suggestions as to our way forward as BC Hydro has rejected the proposal of extending the current parking area on BC Hydro lane. Those 5 proposals are:
 - 1) Expand parking in park
 - 2) Continue to allow roadside parking
 - 3) Create off road parking outside the park
 - 4) Offer a summer shuttle service to the park from Courtenay
 - 5) Put money for parking expansion in reserves and continue to seek approval to use BC Hydro land**Decision:** Place the money into the reserves to be used at a later date - approved by all members present: Mover - Bev, second - Kevin
5. Brian has given Bev the budget for 2014 which has increased by approx. 10% from last year.
6. Al Hopwood has given the PRRA a letter to consult on his proposal to harvest individual trees in some riparian reserve zones, on a single tree selection basis, harvesting 10-25% of an excessively overcrowded/dwarf mistletoe and disease infected area. A copy of that letter is attached for reference.
7. In another communication from Al Hopwood, he wanted the PRRA to be aware that he is still petitioning the Courtenay Fire Department to gain fire coverage for properties after #5200 Forbidden Plateau Rd. **Noted** by Directors.
8. Bev advised that Mike LaRock has had his arm twisted into a 'near breaking point' canine special manoeuvre and has finally agreed to take over as President at the next AGM in 2014.

Bev further advised that Steve Allen will not be standing as Secretary again next year and volunteers are requested for that position. Kevin moved his hand so it was thought he volunteered!

9. Bev has received an email from CVRD advising that a family has requested a memorial bench to be placed @Nymph Falls. Pictures of the location were discussed and the only stipulation was that it NOT be placed upon the current path, it must not hinder anyone's ability to walk on the pathway.

Decision: Approved with Stipulation - Kim H, second - Pauline W Further suggestion was if family could be given Kevin's details for the making of a bench in keeping with the Park?

10. Bev advised that Brian (CVRD) has forwarded a list of 27 repairs to be completed on the various bike paths throughout Nymph Falls and the Twister trails. Bev will ask Brian exactly which features fall under the PRRA's jurisdiction to maintain in order to comply with insurance regulations. Therefore it was discussed and agreed that PRRA should utilize up to \$2,000 from our current budget to repair the 5-6 'faults' that are within Nymph Falls and the other repairs be resourced from CVRD. It was further agreed that Bob & his crew undertake the repairs via the communication and management of Mike.

Decision: Agreed for 5-6 repairs in Nymph Falls only - Bev, second - Magdalena

10. A discussion was held about the garbage bin sign (Entrance to Barbours Hole area) that still hasn't been erected (June minutes) so Kevin agreed to meet the \$50 budget and make one in wood. **Action:** Bev will email Kevin the wording asap.

Decision: Agreed - Pauline, second - Julie.

Pauline reminded the meeting that residents in rural areas A, B & C are being asked to vote on whether or not they want to have their garbage collected on a weekly basis and pay for that collection via their annual taxes as imposed by CVRD. **This referendum vote is Saturday 16th November 2013.** There is more information and links on the PRRA website but could you please remember to tell your neighbours and vote whichever way you feel.

7.45pm Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2013, 7pm @4666 Forbidden Plateau Rd
(few days before referendum vote)